

## Intimations

*Banns of Marriage* are called for *Stephen Lally* (formerly Condorrat) and *Debbie Scullion* (Kilsyth).

*Of your charity please pray for:*

**Sick:** [a new list begins. If **you** would like someone prayed for then, after checking with person, please hand in the name to Fr Joe.] Tom McLaren, Patricia Power

*And for the happy repose of the souls of:*

**Recently Dead:** Annie Lang McNelis (Croy), Mrs May McGugan, Andrew Laird

**Month's Mind** Elizabeth (Byrne) McKeen, Maisie Reid, June Anne McKechnie

**6 Months Mind:** Joe & Lynne Weldon

**Anniv:** Cardinal Gordon Gray, Cathie Rafferty, Sheila Taggart, John Crainie, Mae & Willie Crainie, John Campbell, Katie Meechan, Mae MacDonald, Mary McNamee, John McNamee, Rose Conway, Winifred McDonald, Mrs Mary Nash, Nan Kerr, Alice Hagan, Robert Smith, May Differ, Canon McDonagh, Charles Shaw, Mary Devine, John Morrison

*In Good Company*

**Feast days** Monday: *St Lawrence of Brindisi*; Tuesday: *St Mary Magdalene*; Wednesday: *St Bridget (of Sweden)*; Thursday: *St Sharbel Makhlef* and *St Declan*; Friday: *St James*; Saturday: *Sts Joachim & Anne*;



*New Shrine at Nethercroy*

# Holy Cross

20 July 2014

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year [A]

*Readings:* Wis 12: 13, 13-19; Ps 85; Rom 8: 26-27; Mtt 13: 24- 43



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**Holy Mass**

Saturday Vigil: 6pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.40am

Monday to Saturday: 10am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confessn:** Saturday after 10am & 6pm Mass

**Holy Rosary** daily at 9.30am

**Novena** in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* on Tuesdays at the end of Holy Mass (followed by *Tea & Toast* in the Hall)

**Day Visits** the Church building is open during the day.

**Hall Bookings** email: hall@holycrosscroy.com or Tel 07505 336892, Mon-Friday between 8-9pm

**Pope Francis & Politics:** These, then, are “the two virtues of a leader”: *love for the people* and *humility*. “You can’t govern without loving the people & without humility! And every man, every woman who has to take up the service of government, must ask themselves two questions: ‘Do I love my people in order to serve them better? Am I humble and do I listen to everybody, to diverse opinions in order to choose the best path.’ If you don’t ask those questions, your governance will not be good. The man or woman who governs – who loves his people is a humble man or woman.”

From another point of view, Saint Paul exhorts those who are governed to lift up prayers for those who have authority, so that they might be able to lead a calm and peaceful life. Citizens cannot be indifferent to politics: “None of us can say, ‘I have nothing to do with this, they govern...’ No, no, I am responsible for their governance, & I have to do the best so that they govern well, & I have to do my best by participating in politics according to my ability. Politics, according to the *Social Doctrine of the Church*, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good. I cannot wash my hands, eh? We all have to give something!”

There is a tendency, the Pope observed, to only speak ill of leaders, & to mutter about “things that don’t go well.” “You listen to the television and they’re beating [them] up, beating [them] up; you read the papers & their beating [them] up. . . .” He continued, “Yes, maybe the leader is a sinner, as David was, but I have to work with my opinions, with my words, even with my corrections” because we all have to participate for the common good. It is not true that Catholics should not meddle in politics:

“A good Catholic doesn’t meddle in politics.’ That’s not true. That is not a good path. A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern. But what is the best that we can offer to those who govern?

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(See Genesis 6-8)

TWO ANTS? YOU HAVE ONLY TWO ANTS?!? MY WIFE AND I EAT LIKE 100,000 PER DAY EACH!

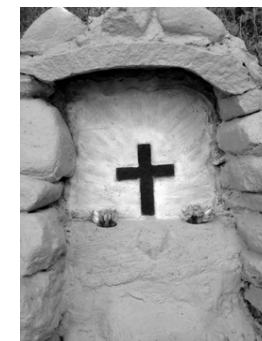
Prayer! That’s what Paul says: “Pray for all people, and for the king and for all in authority.” “But Father, that person is wicked, he should go to hell. . . .” Pray for him, pray for her, that they can govern well, that they can love their people, that they can serve their people, that they can be humble.” A Christian who does not pray for those who govern is not a good Christian! “But Father, how will I pray for that person, a person who has problems. . . .” “Pray that that person might convert!”

Homily at Daily Mass on 16 Sept 2013

**Referendum Debate- Moral Choices?** The *Justice & Peace Group* has arranged an “Any Questions”-type evening on Wednesday, 6 August at 7pm. Both campaigns are sending good speakers: *Jamie Hepburn MSP* for “Yes Scotland” and *Cllr. Jackie Burns* for “Better Together”.

The former has been *MSP for Cumbernauld & Kilsyth* since 2011. The latter is currently the deputy leader of *South Lanarkshire Council*.

The *Church of Scotland* has produced some useful material and *Morag Donaldson* (who is a member of the *Church and Society Council*) Hopefully she will to “set a good tone” by presenting the material briefly at the beginning of the debate. All welcome.



**Commonwealth Games Fun Quiz** will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 29 July at the Tea & Toast. Prizes: *Commonwealth Games-logo Umbrella*, cap & water bottle. Thanks to *Barry McLaughlan* as the kind facilitator of the prizes

**Children’s Liturgy** Volunteers required at the 9.30am Mass. Both Training and PVG (*Protection of Vulnerable Groups*) will be arranged. See Fr Sullivan or for re-assurance, speak to one of those already doing this fine work.

**Financial Stewardship** Last week’s Parish Collection= £1090; this amount does not include £50 from the *Sick & Housebound* nor the amounts paid by Standing Order. The Special Collection to offset the *Hall Debt*= £440; while *Apostleship of the Sea*= £150 (*Sea Sunday*, when the Church prays for all those who live & work at sea: the *Royal & Merchant Navies, Fishermen & women & those who work on oil- rigs*. Info: visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)) Today’s Special Collection goes to pay off the *Hall Debt*. It may be *Gift Aided*.

**Liturgical Colours** Observant Readers will have noticed that the colours of the ink for the Bulletin are being varied. Green will be seen during the *Ordinary Sundays of the Year*; Blue (which is as near as we can achieve for Purple) for *Advent and Lent* while Red will be used for *Christmastide, Eastertide & other Solemnities*. Unfortunately our readers “on line” will simply have to imagine these. (May we take this opportunity to greet our on-line Readers, especially those in far- flung places such as *Condorrat* or *Australia!*)

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