

## Intimations

*Of your charity please pray for:*

**Sick:** [If **you** would like someone prayed for then, after checking with person, please hand in the name] Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll, Tom McLaren, Patricia Power, Gavin Canavan, Dorothy Stokes

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

**Recently Dead:** Annie Lang McNelis (Croy), Anne Campbell (Craigmarloch), Margaret Gribbin (Croy), Jeannie Rae (formerly Croy)

**Month's Mind** Maisie Reid, Tommy Kelly

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

**Special Remembrance** James Graham

**Anniv:** 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, Margaret Armstrong, George Dailly, Mary McWilliams, Elizabeth Stokes, Alice Christie, Mary Anne Byrne, Joe McGoff

*In Good Company*

**Feast days** Tuesday: *St Martha*; Wednesday: *St Peter Chrysologus*; Thursday: *St Ignatius of Loyola*; Friday: *St Alphonsus*; Saturday: *St Eusabius of Vercelli*



*New Shrine at Nethercroy*

# Holy Cross

27<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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

*Readings:* 1Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8: 28-30; Mtt 13: 44- 52



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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

**Welcome to Fr Billy Harrison**, a *Salvatorian Priest* retired, but now living back in Coatbridge (his home town). He will bear responsibility for the parish while Fr Joe is with the Parish Rome Pilgrimage *ad limina apostolorum* and then on holiday. The day-to-day parish business will be covered by various kind parishioners but if you need a priest in an emergency, to arrange one of the Sacraments or indeed a funeral, telephone *Fr Harrison*: 07927 614427

**St Bonaventure** To help us understand last week's Reading from St Paul to the Romans, Fr Joe read out a passage from *"The Journey of the Mind to God"*. Some parishioners (including one Teacher!) asked for a copy, so here it is: *"In this passage, if it is perfect, all intellectual operations should be abandoned, and the whole height of our affection should be transferred and transformed into God..."*

*...If you should ask how these things come about, question grace, not instruction; desire, not intellect; the cry of prayer, not pursuit of study; the betrothed, not the teacher; God, not man; darkness, not clarity; not light, but the wholly flaming fire which will bear you aloft to God with fullest unction and burning affection. This fire is God, and the furnace of this fire leadeth to Jerusalem; and Christ the man kindles it in the burning fervour of His Passion..."*

**Pope Francis & Politics:** "...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

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YOUR SOCIAL NETWORKING RECORD IS TERRIBLE ... TWO MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO "LIKE JESUS AS YOUR LORD & SAVIOR" AND REFUSAL TO PROVE YOUR FAITH WITH A SIMPLE "FORWARD TO TEN FRIENDS"

"things that don't go well... 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... '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.

*Homily at Daily Mass on 16 Sept 2013*

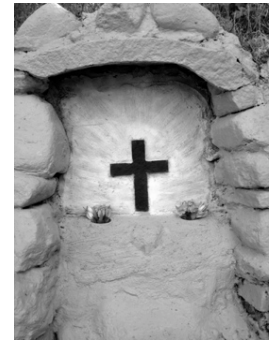
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**Referendum Debate- Moral Choices?** The *Justice & Peace Group* has arranged an "Any Questions"-type evening on Wednesday, 6 August at 7pm. Both campaigns are sending good speakers: *Jamie Hepburn MSP* for "Yes Scotland" and *Cllr. Jackie Burns* 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 will "set a good tone" by presenting the material briefly at the beginning of the debate.

Fr Joe has asked the *Justice & Peace Group* to ensure that the Issues raised by the *Catholic Parliamentary Office* (outlined in previous *Parish Bulletins*) will have a prominence. All welcome.



**Commonwealth Games Quiz** will take place at 10.45am on Tuesday 29 July at the Tea & Toast. Prizes: *Commonwealth Games-logo* Umbrella, cap & water bottle. Thanks to *Barry McLauchlan* as the kind facilitator of the prizes

**Trip to Largs** by *Monday Lunch Club* on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Uplift from "Chapel Gate" at 10.30am.

**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= £1100; this figure does not include the amounts paid by Standing Order. Hall Debt Collection= £435 (to which were added £50 & £37 from the Tea & Toast on Tuesdays). Today's Special Collection goes to pay off the *Hall Debt*. It may be *Gift Aided*.

**Many Thanks** to the Anonymous Donor of £50 for flowers for the Altar (in memory of his deceased parents).