

Intimations

Of your charity please pray for:

Sick: Baby Lily Jean Atkinson, Baby Fergus Heenan, Margaret Millar, Mary Dillon, Robert Sims, Donna McKie, Patricia Power, Billy Kerr, Alastair Rennie, Sandra Cavanagh, Vera Devlin, Jim Ruddy, Beth McFite, Kate Hogan, Francis (Frank) Brady, Denis Deenay, Marie Rafferty, Anna & Rena McDonald, Noel & Mary Brady, Kaylan Curtis,

Congratulations on the Baptism of Erin Keavy McNeill and of Anthony James Cardle. May they always seek *Christ the Bread of Life*.

Banns of Marriage are called for the second time for Martin Smith (*Millerston*) and Patricia Johnston (*Eastfield*).

Wedding Bells rang out for Lauren Gray and Christopher Francis Sheridan. "Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same." (cf. Col 3)

And for the happy repose of the souls of:

Recently Dead: Hugh Forsyth [*Blackwood*], May (Clarke) Brown [formerly Croy], Betty Scanlan, Jim Mooney [*Condorrat*], May Carrick, Patsy McFadden

Month's Mind Peter Dragoomis, Patricia Lafferty, Margaret (Reid) Christie

6 Months' Mind Grace Lafferty **9 Months' Mind** James Cairns

Anniv: May Differ, Sarah Boyle, Mrs Mary Nash, Margaret Armstrong, Brian Doherty (jnr), Margaret Fowler, Owen O'Brien, Barry Maley, Pat Christie, Suzanne Gormley, George Dailly, Michael McCann, Alice Christie, Mary McWilliams, Agnes Reid

In Good Company

Feast days Tuesday: *St John Vianney*; Wednesday: *Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*; Thursday: *The Transfiguration of the Lord*; Friday: *St Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, St Cajetan*; Saturday: *St Dominic*

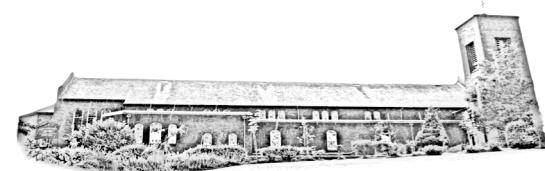


Holy Cross

1st / 2nd August 2015

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]


Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Ps 77; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35



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Holy Mass

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession Saturday after 10am & 6pm Mass

Holy Rosary daily at 9.30am

Novena in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* at the end of Mass on Tuesdays. *Tea & Toast* after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Day Visits the Church building is open during the day.

Additional Support Transport to 11.40am Mass please 'phone: 07946 610381

Wheelchair- access ramp begins halfway down *Our Lady's Shrine* side of Building

Wheelchair- accessible Toilet: ask a Pass-keeper for a key to the Parish Hall

Large print Bulletins available on request from a Pass-keeper

Low Gluten Hosts (or reception from the *Chalice*) available: see Fr Sullivan

Hearing: *Loop System* is present

Hall Bookings See Website for details, then email: hall@holycrosscroy.com or *Booking Secretary*, Tel 07910 532605, Mon- Thursday between 8-9pm

Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*: 10. I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that attractive & compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide & inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study & work in the area of ecology, & he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic & a pilgrim who lived in simplicity & in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature & with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.

11. Francis helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics & biology, & take us to the heart of what it is to be human. Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise. He communed with all creation, even preaching to the flowers, inviting them "to praise the Lord, just as if they were endowed with reason". His response to the world around him was so much more than intellectual appreciation or economic calculus, for to him each & every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection. That is why he felt called to care for all that exists. His disciple Saint Bonaventure tells us that, "from a reflection on the primary source of all things, filled with even more abundant piety, he would call creatures, no matter how small, by the name of 'brother' or 'sister'". Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour. If we approach nature & the environment without this openness to awe & wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and & in our relationship

with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety & care will well up spontaneously. The poverty & austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used & controlled.



Congratulations on the *Golden Jubilee* of *Solemn Profession* of Sr Mary (Nan) Friel MMM (originally from *Croy*). This Month's *Flourish Newspaper* has an article on the *Jubilee* and the *Medical Missionaries of Mary*.



Portiuncula Indulgence The faithful may gain a *plenary indulgence* from Midnight 1st August until Midnight 2nd August, under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, & prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff), by devoutly visiting the parish church, & there reciting at least the *Lord's Prayer* & the *Creed*. To gain this, as any *plenary indulgence*, the faithful must be free from any attachment to sin, even venial sin... otherwise the *indulgence* is *partial*.

Justice & Peace Group meets on Wednesday 5th August at 7pm in the Parish Hall. The Meeting includes a discussion of the status of *Fairtrade Products*.

Holy Cross 2- Yearly Pilgrimage to Rome direct from Glasgow: Thursday 14th- 21st July 2016. Approximate cost= £730- £760.

We require strong interest *asap* with the deposit of £150 by 24th August. If there are not 25 names then the Pilgrimage will be postponed to some future year. For full details and *Booking Form*, please speak to *Jane Dugela McFarlane* (07763 142698) or contact Anne Marie at *Alba Tours* on 01698 262941.

Used Rosaries to the Third World If you would like to assist the *Catenians* in this Initiative, please see Fr Joe asap.

Recent Collections See *Porch Area*. One (Parish) Collection this weekend.

Tea & Toast on Tuesdays Recent amounts raised= £61+ £78+ £42+ £53+ £50. Well done to those who organize and run this so solid initiative.

C McEwan on behalf of *St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group* (who work with the *Sick & Handicapped* at *Lourdes* & whom we helped financially recently) writes: "...we couldn't do it without your support. [Here at Lourdes] we have kept you & all our parish in our prayers."