

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Reuben Altay* and *Oscar Allan Dursun*. St Paul encourages us with these words: "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" [1Cor 1: 25].

Banns of Marriage are called for the third time between *Nicholas Burns & Aimee McCullough* and between *Graham Wright & Kirsten Kerr*. If anyone knows any reason why either couple should not be joined in *Marriage*, please see Fr Sullivan asap.

Your charitable prayers are requested for

Sick: Drew Quinn, Paula Elliot, Ian Shand, Pat Sweeney, Catherine (Caffrey) Skinner, John Quigley, Helen Corry, Maureen Divers, Robert (Rab) O'Donnell, Robert Lappin (Canada)

And for the happy repose of the souls of

Recently Dead: Mary (*née* Friel) O'Donnell [*Croy*; Receive: Sunday at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Monday at 10am], Donna (*née* Brady) McKie [*Balloch- Eastfield*; Receive: Wednesday at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Thursday at 10am], Betty Brown, Celene Riley (USA), Peter Duffy, Patricia (Pat) Fearon, Patrick (Pat) Friel (*Broomhill*), John McNeil

Month's Mind Joseph (Joe) Briggs,

Special Remembrance Mary Christie, Annie Gallagher

Anniversaries: Ina Scott, Margaret Malone, Annie Malone, Lily Harkin, Catherine Taggart, Tommy Taggart, Mary Phillips, Denis Hackett, John Gilchrist, Margaret Rogan, Helen Taggart, Bernard McQuillan, Sonny Doolan, Angeline Tomlinson, *Rev Sr* Mary Bernard McCarroll *MMM*, Jane Friel, Frank Lennon, John Robinson, Josephine Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson

In Good Company

Feast days Monday: *St Fina*; Wednesday: *St Matilda*; Thursday: *St Louise de Marillac*, *Blessed John Anne*; Saturday: *St Patrick*; (Sunday: *Fifth Sunday of Lent* [B])



Holy Cross

10th / 11th March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent [B]


2Chron 36: 14-16; Ps 136; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan *PVG Scheme* renewed July 2017

Holy Mass

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession Saturdays after 10am Mass, after 6pm Mass & usually any day on request; *aussi en français, anche in italiano.*

Holy Rosary Monday to Saturday at 9.30am; & after *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays.

Novena in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* at Mass on Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays

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 certified by *USCCB* (or *Chalice* reception) available: see Fr Sullivan

Hearing: Loop System is present

Hall Bookings See *Website* for details, then email: hall@holycrosscroy.com or *Booking Secretary*, Tel 07833 544250, Monday- Thursday between 8-9pm

Enrolment for Confirmation Well done to those who were enrolled last weekend. We now have 64 young people in preparation.

First Reconciliation/ Confession for P4 Pupils from *St Andrew's Primary* on Mon 12th March at 7pm.

Piety Stall has many Gift Items for *Confirmation & First Holy Communion*.

Approval to teach in a *Catholic School*: The Archbishop (or Bishop) is the one who gives the *Approval*. The Archbishop expects anyone who comes to ask (the Parish Priest) to sign his/ her Reference Form be known to him because the priest sees him/ her regularly at Mass. See also www.sces.uk.com

If you assist publicly in Parish life, then this is easy for Fr Joe (eg *Cleaner, Passkeeper, Music Ministry, Reader, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, SVDP* etc). If you do not (for perfectly good reasons), then please consider sitting in one of the front pews or regularly (every couple of weeks?) speak directly to Fr Joe either in the Sacristy or in the Porch area before or after Sunday Mass. (He may well have many talents but "noticing people" during Mass is not one of his strong points.)

The Archbishop may well be open to other ways of addressing this important matter.

HC Bereavement Group meets on Monday (12th Mar) at 7.15pm in Parish Hall.

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WE COULD NOT AGREE ON YOUR GUILT, SO WE ARE COMPROMISING WITH A JUDGEMENT OF STONING WITH PEBBLES

Flourish newspaper on sale for March

Croy Community Choir

Concert in honour of *St Patrick* On Saturday 17th March at 7pm. Tickets= £5. Contact *Craig Brannan* or any other Choir Member. Well done! for their Donation (£400) for the Hall.

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SCIAF Special Collection this weekend. Also Letter from Bishop Toal in Porch area/ on Facebook.



Lent Holy Mass at 8.15am (Monday to Friday) and 10am Mass (Monday to Saturday).

Devotions on Tuesdays at 7pm. *Night Prayer: Making this half-hour last twenty-four*.

Way of the Cross on Fridays and Saturdays after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral).

Dates for your Diary P7 *Confirmation* on Thursday 26th April at 7pm.

First Holy Communion- Holy Cross Primary: Saturday 28th April/ 5th May/ 12th May

First Holy Communion- St Andrew's Primary : Saturday 19th May

Corpus Christi Procession: Sunday 3rd June at 4pm.

More Dates: Sixtieth Year of Church Building *Becoming an Evangelising Parish according to Pope Francis* by Holy Ghost Fathers: Fr Eamon Mulcahy & Fr Philip Marsh. Thursday evening 7th June at 7.30pm

Solemn Dedication by Archbishop Philip: Sunday 9th Sept at 11.40am Mass.

Parish Retreat- Mission by Franciscans of the Renewal: 24th- 30th November

Aspirations for Jubilee Year -Get the rest of the Church Building re-pointed;

-Pray that 6 people hear & heed the Call to *Priesthood or Religious Life* (1 per decade);

-Allow the P7 Confirmation class to *renew the face of the earth (& of the parish)*, by the power of the *Holy Spirit*;

-Celebrate the Centenary Year for *Catholic Schools* even more;

-Commission 5 *Stained Glass Windows* at the Choir Loft, depicting: Jesus on the *Holy Cross*, Our Lady, St John, St Mary Magdalene and either Mary or Joseph of Arimathea

Please be Aware One may go to ANY Registrar's in Scotland to Register a death. So if one Registrar offers you a rather delayed appointment, you may happily try another Registrar's for a speedier appointment.

Festival at *Colzium Lennox Estate*, Sat 17th & Sunday 18th Feb 10am- 4pm. See notice.

Gerard Manley Hopkins A few Parishioners asked for the recently-quoted verses:

...Across my foundering deck shone

A beacon, an eternal beam. | Flesh fade, and mortal trash

Fall to the residuary worm; | world's wildfire, leave but ash:

In a flash, at a trumpet crash,

I am all at once what Christ is, | since he was what I am, and

This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, | patch, matchwood, immortal diamond,

Is immortal diamond.

from "That Nature is a Heraclitean Fire and of the Comfort of the Resurrection"