Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on Brennan Thomas James Bolan. “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy…” [cf. Lev 19: 2].

Wedding Bells recently rang out for Michael Joseph Martin Anthony Lilly and India Yasmin Gray. “My beloved is mine and I am his” [cf Song of Songs 2: 14]… and many thanks for their flowers which decorated the Sanctuary last Sunday (although now we are in the desert with the Lord, hence the cactuses!… but the wedding flowers decorate Altar of Sacred Heart and of Our Lady).

Diamond Wedding Celebrations for Peter & Margaret Hackett who married here Sixty Years ago on 27th February… Congratulations and every blessing!

Your charitable prayers are requested for…

Sick: Doreen Briggs, Angela Differ, Baby Noah Edward Preston, Frances Lynch, Janeke Campbell, Noel Brady, Gillian & Janie Martin, Robert Martin, Eileen Reilly, Ted Riley [Canada], Jim Curry,

And for the happy repose of the souls of…

Recently Dead: Rose (born O’Donnell) Dempsey [Croy; Receive: Sunday at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Monday at 10am], Stephen Kiernan [Camberraunl; Receive: Saturday at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am Saturday], William Campbell [Balloch- Eastfield], Annie (born O’Donnell) Waters [Croy], Robert Lally, John Higgins, Tom Ross, Tommy Mulholland [Father of Fr John Mulholland P.P. of Our Lady & St Helen’s, Condorratt],

6 Months Mind Eileen Forsyth, Anne (Rants) Rafferty

Anniversaries: Peter (“Peachy”) Cairns, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, Mrs Mary Dillon, Mrs Isabella (born Dailly) Friel, Mrs Mary (born Brownlow) Currie, Alice Burns, Betty (born Gribben) Taggart, Hugh McCann, James Dickie (Senior), Maggie (born O’Donnell) Paterson, Susannah Csombo, Charlie Csombo, Baby Tyler Stephen Farrell, John Meechan, Catherine Taggart, Tommy Taggart, Ina Scott, Alice Boyce Burns, Mary O’Donnell, Sadie Quail, Annie & John Bolan, Denis Hackett, Patricia Ross

In the Good Company of…

Feast days Monday: St Chad; Tuesday: St Katherine Drexel, St Vignal; Wednesday: St Casimir; Thursday: St Kieran; Saturday: St Perpetua & St Felicity (Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent [A]).

Pope Francis’ Intentions for March Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Holy Cross

29th February/ 1st March 2020

First Sunday of Lent [A]

Gen 2: 7-9, 31-7; Ps 50, R: “Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned”; Rom 5: 12-19; Mt 4: 1-11

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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 Friday: 8.15am; 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- usually at 9.30am
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 - halfway down Our Lady’s Shrine side of Building
Wheelchair- accessible Toilet: ask a Pass-keeper for a key to the Parish Hall
Low Gluten Hosts (or Chalice reception): see Fr Sullivan
Hearing: Loop System is present
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Hall Bookings See Website for details, then: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk or Hall Booking Secretary, Tel 07555 983 418, Monday- Thursday between 8-9pm.
**First Reconciliation/ Confession** for Holy Cross Primary, on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm. Please keep these P3 children… and their parents in your prayers. St Andrew’s Primary 3 pupils will celebrate theirs on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm (Lenten Devotions will begin the following week, 17th March, apologies for any inconvenience).

**Flourish Newspaper** for March is on sale in Porch Area. It includes Archbishop Tartaglia’s concerns regarding the devotion to & the understanding of the Holy Eucharist. On a cheerier note, the Flourish reports that a Primary 2 Pupil from St Bartholomew’s, Castlemilk has produced a fine App for following the days of Lent: lentime. Free from App Store and Google Play.

**Pioneer Total Abstinence** please consider taking the Short Term Pledge for Lent, see porch for details. “I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart & with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday.”

**Cumbernauld Churches Together** meets Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm, Church of the Holy Name.

**Finance** Next weekend the Second Collection will be taken up for Sick & Retired Clergy. We do not forget those who support the parish in non-financial ways: prayers, guarding, odd-jobs etc.

**Lentfest 2020** Leaflets by Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project from the Porch Area.

**World Day of Prayer** Service on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm in Cumbernauld Old Parish Church, Cumbernauld Village, G67 2SB. Theme: “Rise, take up your mat and walk.”

**Date for your Diary** Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal have agreed to lead a Parish Mission around the parish Feast day. The Sisters will arrive on Friday 11th and depart on Thursday 17th September. The Friars were here a couple of years ago for our Sixth Anniversary (of the Church Building). “Anything you can do, I can do better”… Anything the Friars can do, the Sisters can do better...

**E W T N Schedule in porch Area**

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**Lent** The 8.15am Mass continues during Lent (Monday to Friday): Readings (normally) by Pupils from Holy Cross Primary. A Lenten “Count-down Calendar” has been purchased, one per household.

**Way of the Cross** A Plenary Indulgence is available to all who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross: here on Fridays and Saturdays after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral). The Stations of the Cross on Saturdays will be led by Pupils from St Andrew’s Primary. The Sick or Housebound or Prisoners can gain the same Indulgence, in spending one half an hour in pious reading & meditation on the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Normal conditions apply: be free from all attachment from sin; receive the Sacraments of Penance & the Eucharist; pray for intentions of the Pope. The Indulgence may be plenary or partial. Please do not get “hung up” on Indulgences. Whilst bearing the heat & the burden of the day, you raise your mind & heart to God… already grants an Indulgence.

**Readings of Sunday Mass during Lent** Come to discuss and share one’s understanding of the Readings from the following Sunday’s Mass. These encounters will assist Fr Joe in preaching the Best Homilies this side of the Mississippi. More importantly simply sharing the Scriptures together will help our faith, hope and love. Please understand this Initiative to be a response to Pope Francis’ call to root the Bible in our lives even more. Thursdays of Lent (not Holy Week) at 7.30pm in Committee Room of the Hall. Copies of the Readings (& starter questions) will be provided.

**Lenten Devotions** on Tuesdays at 7pm. THIS year, however on the first two Tuesdays we have P3 First Reconciliation/ Confession. Hence Lenten Devotions will begin on Tuesday, 17th March.

**Justice & Peace Group** meets Monday 2nd March at 7pm in Parish Hall. Please note new day.

**The Wee Box** The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund begins its Lenten Campaign. Please uplift the materials from the Porch Area. SCIAF Quiz Night: Friday 13th Mar. at 7.30pm Parish Hall. Tickets on sale after each Mass this weekend; Donations for prizes gratefully accepted.

**Mary’s Meals** will make their annual Appeal for Textiles on 7th/ 8th March. Textiles include Clothing/ belts/ bags/ shoes but NO duvets/ NO pillows/ NO Bric-à-brac

**Parent Council Meetings** EGM for Holy Cross Primary on Monday 16th March at 6pm in Parish Hall. This Meeting will discuss NL Council’s Budget proposals & their potential impact. St Andrew’s Primary will have their normal Meeting on Monday 2nd March in St Andrew’s Primary, 7-8pm

**Croy Entrance Features** Opening: Saturday 7th March. Begin at the Kilsyth end of Croy at 11am. Theme for the event: beginning with mining at the miner’s hutch and figures; then community at the middle corner; and ending with the quarry at the station end of Constarry Road. After the end around 11.30/11.45am, North Lanarkshire Council hopes to offer Tea etc in the Hub.

**Guardian Angel** from Heaven so bright, watching beside me to lead me aright, fold thy wings round me; O guard me with love, softly sing songs to me of Heav’n above Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.

Angel so holy whom God sends to me - sinful and lowly - my guardian to be, wilt thou not cherish the child of thy care? Let me not perish - my trust is thy care. Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.