

## Intimations

*Abundant Baptismal Blessings* recently bestowed on *Ruairidh James McGarrachan*. “Your love, O Lord, is eternal” [Ps 137: 8].

*Your charitable prayers are requested for...*

**Sick:** Doreen Briggs, Frances Lynch, Janeke Campbell, Noel Brady, Gillian & Janie Martin, Robert Martin, Eileen Reilly, Ted Riley [*Canada*], Jim Curry, Mae Crainie, Margaret Cooper, Susan Broom, Infant Riley Roper, Jim McLaren, Damian Devine, Anne Falloon, Mary Taggart, Owen Higney [*Bonnybridge, formerly Croy*]

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

**Recently Dead:** Sadie Shovlin [*Campsie- Lennoxton*], Anne Parker, Estelle Stromier, Inabord Stewart (“Gran Stewart”), Dugald Lindsay

**Month’s Mind:** Robert McCann, James (“Jim”) Shaw, (Sarah) Anne (*born Clark*) Mellon

**Anniversaries:** James McDonald, Margaret McCarroll, Catherine McAtee, Helen Mulhearn, Samuel Boland, Anne (“Rants”) Rafferty (1<sup>st</sup>), Irene Griffin, Craig Friel (9<sup>th</sup>), Danny Taggart, Eileen Forsyth (1<sup>st</sup>), Hugh Tomlinson (4<sup>th</sup>), Archie Crainie, Helen Archibald, William Hagan

*In the Good Company of...*

**Feast days** Monday: *St Aidan*; Tuesday: *St Giles*; Wednesday: *Blessed Andre Grasset*; Thursday: *St Gregory the Great*; Friday: *St Cuthbert, St Mac Nissi*; Saturday: *St Herbert, St (Mother) Teresa of Kolcatta*; (Sunday: *Twenty-third Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time [A]*)

**Act of Spiritual Communion** When unable to attend *Holy Mass* you may wish to recite:

“My *Jesus*, I believe that you are present in the most *Blessed Sacrament of the Altar*. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart (*pause*)... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

*St Alphonsus Liguori*



## Holy Cross

29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

Jer 20: 7-9; Ps 62 “For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God”

(Rom 12: 1-2); Mtt 16: 21-27



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

**Covid- 19** Maximum 50; Masks must be worn; follow direction of *Pass-keepers* or *Ministers of Welcome*; no Public Singing but an *Organist* & a *Soloist* are allowed; exit via *Emergency Exit*.

**Holy Mass** Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm. No Sunday Mass Obligation. To Register for Sunday Mass (50 Maximum) Visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/113535670246](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/113535670246) OR Tel 07707868421 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6- 8 pm & explain which Mass suits you best.

Monday- Saturday at 10am At present, Pre-Registration is NOT required for *Weekday Masses*, just “turn up” & give the *Ministers of Welcome* your Contact Details... but NOT when there is a Funeral.

Normally Mass is Streamed Live on *Parish Facebook Page*, via Parish’s Website & *Parish YouTube*.

**Baptisms** Maximum 50; Masks must be worn; see Fr Sullivan at the end of the Mass you attend.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession** (*aussi en français, anche in italiano*): On Saturdays 10.30am- 11am (barring a Funeral) and 6.40- 7pm in Garage at side of *Chapel House*. The Chair/ Kneeler will be disinfected after each Penitent. Please consider standing!

**Weddings & Funerals** Maximum 20; Masks must be worn; Funerals are usually *live-streamed*.

**Day Visits** to Church building: 9- 10.30am Monday to Saturday.

**Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** at the end of Mass on Tuesdays

**Bulletins & LARGE PRINT** Bulletins please uplift with your own disposable gloves.

**Parish Safeguarding:** Tel: 07707868421/ 0759897660 or email: [holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk)

**Hall Bookings** (not yet open) See Website for details, then, email: [holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk) or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, Monday- Thursday between 8-9pm.

**Infection Control** after each Mass. If willing and able please email one of the *Parish Infection Control Co-ordinators* [campbell.andrea@icloud.com](mailto:campbell.andrea@icloud.com) or 'phone the *Chapel House*. Similarly *Minsters of Welcome* are also required. As *Minsters of Welcome* will be relating in an enhanced manner to *Children & Vulnerable Adults*, there are Forms to complete. Contact one of the "normal" Pass-keepers or email [holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk) Remember that *we are all learning how best to do this*, please be patient.

**Finance** For those who are able (without putting their own security at risk), could you consider a payment, automatically through your bank, or directly from your electronic banking to the parish account? Select the scheme your bank has for you to be in control. Please Contact the parish for Parish Bank Account details: [holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk) then YOU can set this up. To Donate "on-line" (via the *Archdiocese*) please visit [https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086401&type=2&hidden\\_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181](https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181) Father Joe is deeply grateful for any help you can offer to keep this great parish afloat.

**Special Collections** *Assisted Parishes* last weekend raised= £500. The postponed *SCIAF Collection* will take place next weekend: 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> September. Given the importance of this *Collection* to those in the *Third World*, whatever you place in the baskets will go to *SCIAF unless* it is in a separate envelope marked "*Parish*" or "*Holy Cross*." NB After Lent, this parish sent £1,000 (= £600 Boxes + £400 "Collection") and we well- supported *David McKendrick's SCIAF Fundraising "Playin' Favourites."* *SCIAF* is delighted to share with you that if you still have your *WEE BOX* at home, there is a second chance to hand them in or to donate your *WEE BOX* money direct to *SCIAF* at [www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or 0141 354 5555. Thank you & God Bless.

**Sanitising Benefactor** Well done *UHC Scotland* (Westfield Industrial Estate; 07488342919) for various products donated free to keep *Holy Cross, Croy* virus-free... or at least virus-suppressed!



I HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THIS,  
NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH BEING THIS  
ELECTRICITY BILL

**Parish Hall** is likely to be allowed to open soon with Normal Covid- Prevention Measures in place. We will mirror the activities *allowed / not-allowed* elsewhere. For example: at present no music, no dancing, Maximum of 8 people (or 3 households) for Family get-togethers.

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**Covid-19 Chat** Would Pass-keepers/ Ministers of Welcome/ Sanitisers/ Cleaners please meet after any of the (Sunday) Masses (6pm Vigil, 9.30am, 11.40am or 6pm) this weekend, 29<sup>th</sup>/ 30<sup>th</sup> August to review how things have gone and explore ways of improving "how we do things." Indeed if ANY parishioner has a good suggestion, please pass it on to any person involved in these important ministries (who is able to attend). We will meet standing at the Altar Rails at 2 metres distance! We take this opportunity to Congratulate ALL those who are making it possible to have these Masses/ Services. So far so good, Well done!



**Justice & Peace Group** meets on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm through video- conferencing. Please email [johnlmcDonald@hotmail.com](mailto:johnlmcDonald@hotmail.com) for the Code & Password.

**Interested in becoming an RC?** Join via "Zoom"- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm. To join please Contact Chapel House for the access code.

**First Holy Communion** Planning has begun for the time when *Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primaries* will have completed the *Catechesis*. Remember at present the church is FULL at 50, but we kindly have the co-operation of *Holy Cross Stream Team...* Things however, will be different. At the Mass, there will be no congregational singing, even by the children; though an *Organist* and a *Soloist* (or equivalent) is allowed. There will be no "Offertory Procession." In line with current health regulations, Mass booklets are not allowed; Pupils and families may bring their own personal Missals to use. Photographs should only be taken according to social distancing guidelines i.e. household groups or groups of all children/classmates. Adults must adhere to social distancing and remain 2m apart when waiting to take photographs; due to social distancing rules, the parish priest and teachers cannot be in any photographs. Please do not congregate in groups outside of the Church before or after Mass. Please do not invite anyone along unless there is a space booked for them. Gifts and cards should not be exchanged on the Church premises (including car parks etc.). It is a "happy complaint" that we have so many getting ready to receive *Our Lord* in *Holy Communion* but it does mean that in these Covid-19 times: "the good is not the enemy of the better."

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine to Our Lady** at *Nethercroy* on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. This is part of the Parish *Feast- Day* celebrations (Feast of the *Finding/ Exaltation of the Holy Cross* is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September). Happily the "normal" number of pilgrims is "Covid- Rules compliant" as long as we "socially- distance." We take this opportunity to congratulate those who maintain the *Shrine* so beautifully, especially *James & Cathy McCann*. Nor do we forget the kind co-operation of the *Forestry Commission* (on whose land it lies).

**Season of Creation** from 1<sup>st</sup> September, the *World Day of Prayer for Creation*, to 4<sup>th</sup> October, the *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*. The *Season of Creation* is an annual event that encourages prayer and action for our common home. The celebration of the *Season of Creation* is especially relevant this year, in the light of the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis said on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020: "*As the tragic coronavirus pandemic has taught us, we can overcome global challenges only by showing solidarity with one another and embracing the most vulnerable in our midst.*" Week 1 has as its theme the *Throwaway Culture* visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Wk-1-Throwaway-Culture-MorningPrayer.pdf>

**Parishioner Quote of the Week:** "I love my wife & children to bits... but I miss my 5- a- side football."