

## Intimations

*Abundant Baptismal Blessings* recently bestowed on *Mirryn Bennett*. “For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God” [Ps 62: 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*], Liz Higney, Mrs Anne Lawler

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

**Recently Dead:** Anne Parker, Estelle Stromier, Inabord Stewart (“Gran Stewart”), Dugald Lindsay, Robert Paterson, Bill Kerr [*Kilsyth*], Barbara Paterson, Annie Clinton [formerly *Kilsyth*]

**Month’s Mind:** (Sarah) Anne (born Clark) Mellon, Margaret (born Gillon) Fallon

**Anniversaries:** 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, Tom McLaren, James Graham, Tom & Catherine Rafferty, James Roberts, Jim Higney, Helen Clinton, Pat Kelly, Hugh Brown, Andrew Currie

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Cloud*; Tuesday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*; Wednesday: *St Peter Claver*, *St Ciaran*, *St Osburg*; Thursday: *St Egwin*; Friday: *St Deniol*; Saturday: *The Most Holy Name of Mary*, *St Ailbe*; (Sunday: *Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time [A]*)

**Pope Francis’ Intentions** for September *Respect for the Planet’s Resources*: “We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but be shared in a just and respectful manner.”

**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

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Twenty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

*Ezek 33: 7-9; Ps 94* “O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.”  
(*Rom 13: 8-10; Mtt 18: 15-20*)



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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. Please arrive early and wear a *Face-covering* (unless exempt).

*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** see Fr Sullivan at the end of the *Mass* you attend; *face-coverings* to be worn

**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/ Pass- keepers/ Minsters of Welcome** met last week to review. They appreciate the co-operation of parishioners in these strange times: we are all learning. Amongst other things we discussed: with rain (...and snow) it is better to arrive earlier than normal so that people do not stand outside too long; approaching for Holy Communion a pew on one side then the other; Archbishop: if one has no hands then receive *Holy Communion* in one's mouth but wait till the end so that the *Priest's / Extraordinary Minister's* hands are given extra sanitising; a short *pause* after receiving *Holy Communion*/ spending time in *Thanksgiving* either outside the *Church Building* or at home. We take this opportunity to thank the hard work & dedication of *Cleaners/ Infection Control/ Pass-keepers/ Minsters of Welcome*, without whom we would simply not be able to be open!

**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** The postponed *SCIAF Collection* will take place this weekend: 5th/ 6th 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*." To donate directly to *SCIAF*: [www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or 0141 354 5555. Next weekend, 12th/ 13th September, any "extra" to the normal *Collection* will go to *SPRED*.

**September Flourish** ready to read online at [www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk](http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk)

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QUICK ... IF TWO OR MORE GATHER IN HIS NAME THERE WILL BE LOVE!

**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/ 3 households) for Family get-togethers.

EWTN Programme Guide in Porch Area

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**Holy Communion to those who cannot get to Mass** As previously explained, Fr Joe will have to change clothes after each visit to the *Sick & Housebound*. Hence Fr Joe has asked that a practising Catholic from a "Family Bubble" of someone unable to get to Mass, might volunteer to bring the *Blessed Sacrament* to this person in their "Bubble" who cannot get to Mass. Please attend at the *Garage*, at the side of the *Chapel House* for Training (and "PVG-type" & Requests-to-the-Archbishop). Any of the following *Times & Dates*: Tuesday 8th September at 10.30am or 7pm OR Thursday 10th September at 10.30am or 7.30pm.



**Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows** begins Sunday 6th September continues until her Feast on 15th Sept. There are various Forms of the Novena. Perhaps try <http://www.ols.org/prayer-life/community-novenas/novena-to-our-lady-of-sorrows/>

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

**RCIA** meets on Tuesday evening. The hard work of the RCIA Team is bearing fruit this year. Two people are being received into Full Communion with RC Church (having been baptised in another Christian Denomination). They will be *Confirmed by the Holy Spirit* and *Receive their First Holy Communion* next week (d.v.). Please keep them in your prayers (particularly in these Covid times we can't support them quite so joyously). We take this opportunity to *Congratulate* the RCIA Team for their fine & dedicated work.

**Racism** The Bishops of USA suggest to their people: "Considering the violence in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in other cities across the nation, we urge all people of faith to observe... the *Feast of St. Peter Claver* on 9th September as a day of *fasting and prayer*. We urge Catholics to consider attending the *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass* and offer your participation in *reparation* for sins of racism to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*. We invite the faithful to also consider praying the rosary." Here in Scotland we may consider copying them as *Spiritual Reparation* for Scotland's frightening role in the *Slave Trade* and present-day latent & overt *Racism*.

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine to Our Lady** at *Nethercroy* on Sunday 13th September at 4pm. 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).

**Bereavement Group** Meets on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm. New Team Members welcome. Please contact the *Chapel House*.

**Season of Creation** continues (until 4th October, *St. Francis of Assisi*). The *Season of Creation* is an annual event that encourages prayer and action for our common home. Pope Francis said on 22nd 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 2 has as its theme *Climate Change, A Challenge, Our Concern* visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Wk-2-Climate-Change-EveningPrayer.pdf>

**Quote of the Week** (in a recent letter from out-with the Parish): "We can't thank (Fr Joe) and the *Stream Team* enough, for the privilege of joining you all in our adoptive church..."