

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on Noah Edward Preston. “The Lord is close to all who call him” [cf Ps 144: 18].

Confirmation Regarding this year’s *P7 Confirmation*, the Archbishop has decided to await *Covid-19* developments before making a decision.

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, Susan Broom, Infant Riley Roper, Jim McLaren, Damian Devine, Anne Falloon, Mary Taggart, Owen Higney [*Bonnybridge, formerly Croy*], Mrs Anne Lawler, Alice Crainie, Cathie Carberry, Isabel Cairns [*Canada*], James Christie, Catherine Caffrey, Alice Douglas

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

Recently Dead: Eamon O’Brien, Jim Donnelly [*Cumbernauld*], Tommy McAteer, Beryl Ronney, John McCorkell [*Surrey*], Andy Davidson

Special Remembrance: Sarah and Thomas Martin

3 Months Mind: Jean (*born* Rees) Nash, David Millar

Anniversaries: Gerald Martin & all those who perished in the *Auchengeich* Pit Disaster, Margaret Mulholland, Hannah McLaren, Rose Murray, Margaret (*born* Conn) McIntyre, Elizabeth McMahan, Pat Waters, Mary Smart, Frank & Ada Sullivan, Isobel Shanks, Terry Sweeney, Mark Jones, Jessie Pender, John Pender, Mary Hay, Eileen Starky, Margaret McCann, May (*born* O’Raw) Differ, Jeanie Friel, Patrick (“Tosh”) Weldon, Helen (Nellie McCann) Gilchrist

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions*; Tuesday: *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)*; Wednesday: *St Jerome*; Thursday: *St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)*; Friday: *The Holy Guardian Angels*; Saturday: *Blessed Columba Marmion*; (Sunday: *Twenty- seventh 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

26th / 27th September 2020

Twenty- sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

Ezek 18: 25-28; Ps 24 “Remember your mercy, Lord.”; (Phil 2: 1-11); Mtt 21: 28-32



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Maximum 50; Masks to 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 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). Low Gluten Hosts available.

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

Holy Sinners: 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

Hall Bookings See Website for details, email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, Monday- Thursday between 8-9pm; (2 Households, Maximum 6)

Season of Creation encourages prayer & action for our common home ends 4th October, (normally) the Feast of *St Francis of Assisi*. Visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>. To mark the day, and as a treat for us, the *Sisters at the Poor Clare Monastery* in Bothwell have recorded a version of *St Francis' Prayer Laudato Si'* nearer the end of the live-streamed 9.30am Mass on 4th October.

SCIAF Impact Magazine is available at www.sciaf.org.uk/resources/361-2020-sciaf-impact-magazine. It has a piece by parishioner *David McKendrick* who fundraised by *Playin' Favourites* via our parish Facebook page & raised £3,989 and a piece by *Lorraine McIntosh* (of *Deacon Blue*) who tells of a couple from *DR Congo* who have named their first child "SCIAF."

First Holy Communion were postponed due to COVID-19. They are now planned for each & every Saturday morning Mass (10am) for the whole of October. This means that other parishioners should make OTHER ARRANGEMENTS on Saturday mornings throughout October as ALL the places are "booked" by *First Holy Communicants* and members of their family. We hope you understand. *D.V.* each Mass will be live-streamed via *YouTube & Facebook*, courtesy of *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

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? Please Contact the parish for Parish Bank Account details: holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk. To Donate "on-line" (via the *Archdiocese*) please visit 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 the parish afloat.

Statistic of the Week Last weekend, for the first time since before the March "Lockdown," the Parish Collection had over £1,000 (excluding on-line donations / Standing Orders etc). Well done!



DO YOU WANT ME FULLTIME GUARDIAN ON THIS ONE OR SHOULD I FOCUS SOME OF MY EFFORTS ELSEWHERE

Something to ponder ... Traditionally there are *Twelve days of Christmas*, perhaps each of us may be pleased to be able to attend ONE of these 12 days (& not just aim for 25th Dec itself). "*The good is not the enemy of the better.*"

EWTN see porch

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Comboni Missionary Fr Javier Alvarado will be offering 2021 Calendars for sale this weekend: £1.



World Day of Migrants & Refugees is Sunday 27th September. Pope Francis writes: "...I have decided to devote this Message to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis has impacted on many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives... In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization & rejection as a result of COVID-19..." Full text www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html

Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm through video- conferencing. Please email johnlmcdonald@hotmail.com for the Code & Password.

October Devotions Normally we have October Devotions on Monday evenings. However to allow these we would require: Track & Trace, extra *Ministers of Welcome & extra Sanitisers*. As a consequence/ compromise the *Litany of Our Lady/ of Loretto* and the *Prayer to St Joseph* will be recited at the end of 10am Mass on "October Mondays" (barring a funeral). This would then allow families & households simply to recite the *Rosary* itself at home (or before *Mass*).

Please note that in recent years, a number of Invocations have been added to the *Litany of Our Lady/ of Loretto*: So after "*Mother of divine grace*" comes "*Mother of hope*;" after "*Mother of our Saviour*" comes "*Mother of the Church*" & then "*Mother of mercy*;" after "*Refuge of sinners*" comes "*Comfort of migrants*;" and after "*Queen of the most holy Rosary*" comes "*Queen of families*." [Privately, at the end of the *Litany* you may also add "*Protectress of the People of Holy Cross, Croy*."]

Parish Youth Ministry Training ONLINE! Are you interested in finding out more about parish-based youth ministry? Join RCAG Youth online for various training sessions that cover what a youth night looks like with younger youth & young adults and how to speak to & pray with young people. There are four sessions but you are free to attend as many as you want. For more information and to register, check out PYM Training events on www.rcagyouth.eventbrite.co.uk See Fr Joe also

Quote of the Week "*I've been made so welcome here... and I'm so pleased to be part of the parish of Holy Cross, Croy.*"

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.*