

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Jessica Amélie McNamee*. “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you...” [cf Mtt 25: 34].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Doreen Briggs, Frances Lynch, Janeke Campbell, Noel Brady, Gillian & Janie Martin, Robert Martin, Eileen Reilly, Ted Riley, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Mae Crainie, Infant Riley Roper, Jim McLaren, Damian Devine, Anne Falloon, Mary Taggart, Owen Higney, Cathie Carberry, Isabel Cairns, James Christie, Catherine Caffrey, Alice Douglas, Daniel Dixon, Thomas Taggart, P J Phillips, Daniel McLaughlin, Margaret McKee Murphy, Those suffering from *AIDS*

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

Recently Dead: Elizabeth “Elsie” (born Kiernan) Wilson [*Smithstone* Receive: Monday at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am. *HC Stream Team* kindly plan to have the *Funeral Mass* live on *Parish Facebook* page and *YouTube* page; Elsie’s Family has kindly paid for the *Flowers for the Altar* this weekend... and into Monday], Finbar Harkin [*Warrington*], Philip Spence, Pat Crainey [*Plains*], Ian Walker

Month’s Mind Tommy Slaven, Michelle Taggart, Rev Sr Roberta

9 Months’ Mind Rose Dempsey

6 Months’ Mind Margaret Mellon

Special Remembrance Jean (Rees) Nash, Pat Reynolds

Anniversaries: Lizzie Hadnum, Ian Sinclair, Elizabeth Sinclair, Elizabeth Clinton, James McCondichie, Baby Emily Durkin (5th), Teresa Slaven, Catherine Cassidy, Jim McMahon, Ellen Paton (5th), Anne Anderson, Charlie Clark

Those whose Names are on the November Lists

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Andrew*; Tuesday: *St Ananias, Blessed Charles de Foucauld*; Wednesday: *St Bibiana*; Thursday: *St Francis Xavier*; Friday: *St John Damascene*; Saturday: *St Hedda, St Burins*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent [B]*)

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

28th November / 29th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent [B]

Is 63: 16-1, 64:1,3-8; *Ps* 79 “*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us & we shall be saved*”;
(1*Cor* 1: 3-9); *Mtt* 13: 33-37



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Maximum 20; 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 *Wheelchair Access*.

Holy Mass *Saturday Vigil* at 6pm, *Sundays* at 9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm. No *Sunday Mass Obligation*. To Register for *Sunday Mass* (20 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 For *Weekday Masses*, please choose only one or two *Masses* per week & 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 worn & *Track & Trace*.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession (*aussi en français, anche in italiano*): on *Saturdays* 11am- 11.30am and 6.40- 7pm in *Parish Hall*. The *Chair/ Kneeler* will be disinfected after each *Penitent*. Please consider standing!

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

Day Visits to Church building: 9-10.30am Mon to Sat- unless present for *Mass*, please stand.

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/ sanitised hands.

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)

Covid-19 First Minister has announced that (North Lanarkshire area) has moved into Level 4 of COVID 19 restrictions. Churches can remain open but the maximum attendance at Mass or other acts of public worship is 20 (down from 50). Regarding Weekday (10am) Mass Fr Sullivan asks that parishioners choose one or two days (eg just Monday or say, Wednesday & Friday) to attend Mass. Regarding those who have booked for 6pm Vigil, 9.30am & 11.40am. If your surname starts with the letter "A"- "L" or "N"- "Z" come this weekend (28/29 November). For the first two weekends of December, please book either one or the other.

Sanitisers we now require volunteers for after the Sunday Masses (9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm). If willing and able please contact If willing and able please email one of the *Parish Infection Control Co-ordinators* campbell.andrea@icloud.com or 'phone the *Chapel House*.

November of the Holy Souls We take this opportunity to congratulate the *Bereavement Group*, the *Ministers of Welcome*, the *Altar Server*, the *Stream Team*, *Holy Cross Music Group* and the *Sanitisers* for the recent *Masses for Deceased of Past Year* and the *Service at Eastfield Cemetery*. Finally we cannot forget those who lead the *Holy Rosary* for the families of the Bereaved.

Piety Stall First *Holy Communion Gifts*, *Christmas Cards*, *Advent Calendars* etc are available. The *Piety Stall* is open most mornings (including Saturdays) at Mass- time. Those who can't get to the *Church Building* (i.e. Sick/ Housebound) are welcome to phone 01236 722 861 to hear what is available and a delivery will be made to your doorstep (sanitising/ distancing rules in place)

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

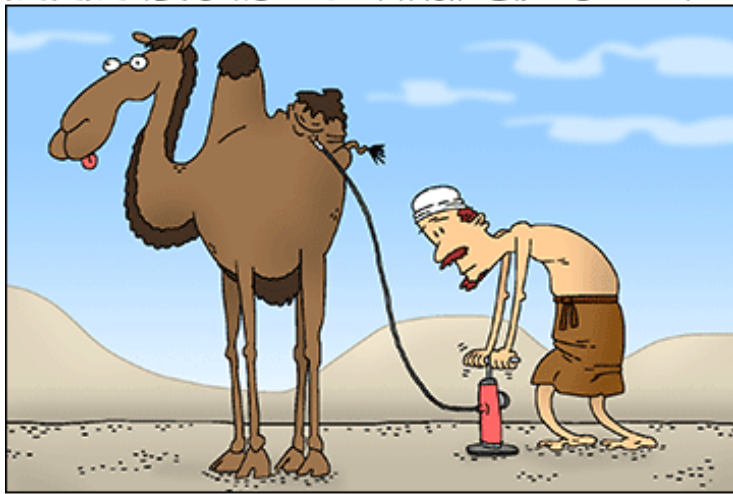
deeply grateful for any help you can offer to keep the parish afloat.

Finance New Gift Aid Envelopes are available. They are placed (safely) A- Z. Parishioners who pay Income Tax may also join the *Gift Aid Scheme*

Parish Accounts 2019- 2020 are available for perusal in the *Porch Area*.

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Holy Cross Stream Team hopes to have fibre-to-the-choir-loft in 10 days time. This should give us a far more reliable *uplink*. The other good news would be the possibility of bringing the *Parish Hall* into use for *Sunday Mass/ Special Occasions*. Those in the Hall would require Track & Trace & be socially- distanced and the chairs to be sanitised afterwards. It would mean, for example that a further 20 or so could gather and, join via streaming and receive *Holy Communion* "at a *Christmas Mass*."



Action of Christians against Torture At this time of year we "team up" with *ACAT UK* to support *Prisoners of Conscience* (none has advocated violence). Due to COVID-19 names/ addresses/ cards are not being offered in *Porch* area but please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/793733930655198/posts/3953962007965692/?d=n> Each week a few different names will be offered.

Catholic Education Fortnight 16th - 30th November- theme for 2020: *Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life in our homes, schools and parishes*. Visit: <https://sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week-2020-jesus-christ-the-way-the-truth-and-the-life/> To donate to the work of *Catholic Education* please visit www.rcag.org.uk and select *Donate*, from where one may choose the *Education Sunday* button to make a donation. *Appeal for Teachers* If you would like information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the *Scottish Catholic Education Service*: mail@sces.uk.com

St Andrew's Primary We take this opportunity to wish Mrs M C Fiddler, all her Staff and the Pupils every blessing for their *Feast Day & Holy Mass* there, on Monday. *St Andrew... Pray for them!*

Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm via video- Conferencing. Please contact *Chapel House* for Code.

Pope Francis has (again) asked all priests to provide "generous" opportunities for the *Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession*. So until Christmas, Fr Joe will increase his time in the *Parish Hall* (more airy Confessional): Saturdays at 10.45- 11.30am and at 6.40- 7pm.

Christmas Presents *Well done!* those who were able to assist at this time.

Used Stamps for the *Missions*: see box in porch area. All stamps will be aired for 72 Hours.

Rosaries for Prisoners *Congratulations* to those who were able to help at this time!

Community Board Meetings Kilsyth Community Board (all Ward 1) Monday 30th November from 6.30pm; Cumbernauld Community Board (Wards 2, 3 and 4) Thursday 3rd December from 6.30pm. will be live streamed on www.youtube.com/c/NorthLanarkshireCouncilYoutubeChannel Any questions for these public meetings email to communitymatters@northlan.gov.uk

World Aids Day on Tuesday, 1st December. We pray for both an end to this scourge and healing for those suffering. UNAIDS recently wrote: "Statistics... indicate that Catholic Church- related organisations provide approximately a quarter of all HIV treatment, care, & support throughout the world & run more than 5,000 hospitals, 18,000 dispensaries, & 9,000 orphanages, many involved in AIDS-related activities."