

Intimations

Amazing Administrator our very own “Croy Boy” Mons Hugh Bradley has been appointed Administrator of the *Archdiocese of Glasgow* until such times that *Pope Francis* appoints a new *Archbishop*. We will keep *Hugh* in our prayers.

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: A fresh list has begun. If YOU would like to have someone mentioned here, first ask permission from the person (or next- of- kin) in writing [cf *General Data Protection Regulation*], and hand in to *Chapel House*. Rosemary Harris, Marie Wall, Eileen Reilly

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

Recently Dead: Most Reverend Archbishop [of *Glasgow*] Philip Tartaglia, Right Reverend Vincent Logan [Bishop Emeritus of *Diocese of Dunkeld*], Alice (born Cassidy) Douglas [Balloch- Eastfield, Monday 25th January at 9.55am; *Funeral Mass*: 10am; Family decides 20 to be present], John Lennon, Billy Ryan, Jim Johnson, Jim McKenna, Clarry Knox, Tineke Payne [Lytham St Annes], Joe Durkin [Campsie, formerly Croy], Jordan McGinty, Lawrence W. Schneider [Bethany Beach, U.S.A.]

7 Months' Mind Jean (Rees) Nash

Special Remembrance Deceased Members of the McCourt Family, Deceased Members of the McGrath Family, Mary “McCann” Waters, Peter “Junior” Waters

Anniversaries: Isabella Aitken Brady, Margaret Nash Livingstone, Kathleen McDaid Livingstone, George Brady, Agnes Barnes, Catherine Foley, Mostafa Elbana, Annie Jess, Tracy Wilson, John Gribbin, William Morrison (*Senior*), David Reid, Arthur McKell, Andrew Killiard, Alicia Killiard, John Fitzsimmons, John Leach, John Hamill, James Csombo

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Margaret of Hungary*; Tuesday: *St Faolan (Fillan), St Wulstan, St Henry of Uppsala*; Wednesday: *St Fabian, St Sebastian, Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi*; Thursday: *St Agnes*; Friday: *St Vincent, St Publius*; Saturday: *St Marianne Cope (or Koob)*; (Sunday: *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]* and *Sunday of the Word of God*)

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 *Holy 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

16th / 17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

1Sam 3: 3-10,19; Ps 12 “Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will”; (1Cor 6: 13-15,17-20);

Jn 1: 35-42



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Church buildings are now closed to the public, at least until the end of January.

Baptisms only in emergencies, in which case anyone can baptise (usually *Midwife/ Doctor*) or see Fr Sullivan asap

Holy Mass Normally Streamed at 10am each day on *Parish YouTube Page* and *Parish Facebook Page* or via *Parish Website*

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession when urgent: at front door of *Chapel House*, through the window at the side (hopper window will be open & curtain down) after 10.30- 11am on Saturdays.

Anointing of & Holy Communion to the Sick, in emergency, contact the *Chapel House*.

Hospitals/ Care Homes have their own protocols, follow Instructions of Staff.

Weddings Maximum 5; Masks must be worn and may be *live-streamed*.

Funerals Maximum 20, but please note: 20 in Hall is *not* allowed at this time.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after streamed *Mass* on Tuesdays

Prayer during Year of St Joseph- to 8 Dec 2021: at the end of Mass on Wednesdays (*Indulgence*)

Bulletins & LARGE PRINT Bulletins safest to view on-line; either *Parish Website* or *Facebook Page*; also available at Door of *Chapel House*- use sanitised hands for uplift.

Parish Safeguarding: Tel: 07707868421/ 0759897660 or email: holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk

Hall Bookings Closed at present but see Website for future, email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, Monday- Thursday between 8- 9pm; (in the “probable” Medium Term: 2 Households, Maximum 6 persons)

Bereavement Group meets on Tuesday 19th January at 7.30pm. If willing & able to assist their work please contact the *Chapel House* for the Video- Conferencing I.D. & Code.

Covid- 19 As we re- enter Lockdown, Fr Joe would like particularly to mention those who really stepped up during these past months, July 2020- January 2021. He refers to BOTH the “Normal Volunteers” who regularly assist, AND those who had kept a low profile until now but realised that the parish NEEDED their help. Many also would really like to help but for various reasons have been unable. At this moment he cannot *not* mention *Holy Cross Stream Team* who have really enriched our lives and from whose work we will continue to benefit in the weeks, and months ahead! What has been so remarkable has been the way parishioners who have never spoke to one another have blossomed in these new connections. As *Pope Francis* said recently: do not just seek a “network” but a “fraternity”... and as *Fr Sullivan* has said since coming here: “I could’t ask for better parishioners.”

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? Contact the *Chapel House* for Bank Account: 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.

Justice & Peace Second Collection for *Work of Bishops’ J & P Commission* = £200 (about half of what was raised last year).

Quarterly Collection (to fund *Ecclesiastical Students*) raised £200 (amount was double that of last year).

Crib Donations raised= £500 for *St Margaret’s Children & Family Care Society*.

Parish Bulletins are available from the front door of the *Chapel House*. Items to be published should reach the *Chapel House* by Thursday evening.

EWTN TV Schedule at front door of Chapel House.

Peter’s Cat (cf Gospel for this Sunday)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to the 25th January) prepared by the *Monastic Community of Grandchamp* in Switzerland. The theme chosen: “*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses *Grandchamp Community’s* vocation to prayer, reconciliation & unity in the Church and the human family.



Specific Daily Prayers etc for 2021 are available free at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

You may wish (at some point during the *Week*) to read John 15:1-17 and then recite (as a household or on one’s own) the following *Prayer*:

“*Lord, you invite us to abide in you who are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you and one another is lost. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. That as one family we may praise your name. Amen.*”

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons comes into force on Friday 22nd January 2021. This is a historic milestone on the path to nuclear disarmament and an opportunity to refocus on genuine peace-building rooted in dialogue, justice, respect for human dignity, and care for our planet. The *Bishops of Scotland and of England & Wales* “...urge support for the Treaty and repeat our call for the UK to forsake its nuclear arsenal. The resources spent on manufacturing, maintaining and upgrading these weapons of mass destruction, should be reinvested to alleviate the suffering of the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society, for the Common Good of all peoples.”

Some *Churches/ Places of Worship* plan to ring their *Bells* at 12 noon on Friday. Fr Sullivan is looking for someone who was say, born in 1945 (the year of *Hiroshima & Nagasaki*) to have the honours. If YOU are suitable and willing please see Fr Joe asap.

St Jude & St John Ogilvie Parish Justice & Peace Group is holding a Joint Meeting with ours on Monday 25th January at 7.30pm. The Topics will include *Sharing- of- Initiatives* and the (*forgotten*) *War in Yemen*. If willing & able to join them please contact the *Chapel House* for the Video Conferencing I.D. & Code.

Sunday of the Word of God is next Sunday (*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*) has been instituted as the *Sunday of the Word of God*, devoted to its ‘celebration, study and dissemination’.

Perhaps in anticipation of this *Pope Francis* recently decided: “...a doctrinal development has taken place in recent years which has highlighted how certain ministries instituted by the Church are based on the common condition of being *baptised and the regal priesthood* received in the *Sacrament of Baptism*; they are essentially distinct from the ordained ministry received in the *Sacrament of Orders*. A consolidated practice in the Latin Church has also confirmed, in fact, that these lay ministries, since they are based on the *Sacrament of Baptism*, may be entrusted to all suitable faithful, whether male or female...” cf Apostolic Letter “*Spiritus Domini*” on the access of *female persons* to the instituted ministries of *Lector* and *Acolyte*, 11th January 2021 (emphasis added).

That is, a female (not just a male) person may now be *formally instituted* as a *Lector* (kind of “*Ordinary Reader*”) and as an *Acolyte* (kind of “*Ordinary Extraordinary Minister*”).