

Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: 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, Mary Taggart, Catherine Caffrey, Hugh Rae, Michael Griffin, Pat Brawley

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

Recently Dead: Stephen Thornton Black [*Greenock*], Grace Chalmers, Jim Marshall, Josephine MacDonough [*Stepps*]

Month's Mind Tony Weldon

Special Remembrance Jean (*born* Rees) Nash

Anniversaries: Mary Waters, David Robertson [2nd], Annie Waters, William Durkin, Pat & Mary Boyce, Emma (*geborn* Kalss) Shiels [2nd], Edith Marion McKendry, Patrick McMullen [3rd], James McLaren, Margaret Boland, John Carrick, James Kelly, Mary Morrison, May Kos, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, Hugh Bradley, Peter MacArthur, Annie & John Bolan, Peter O'Donnell, Philip Friel, Maggie Paterson, Susannah, Charlie Csombo,

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *The Chair of St Peter*; Tuesday: *St Polycarp*; Wednesday: *Blessed Constantius of Fabriano OP*; Thursday: *St Ethelbert, St Walburga*; Friday: *St Alexander of Alexandria*; Saturday: *St Gregory of Narek*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday of Lent [B]*)

Prayer on this Year of St Joseph (to be recited at end of *Mass* on Wednesdays, barring a funeral):

"Hail, *Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.
To you *God* entrusted his only *Son*; in you *Mary* placed her trust; with you *Christ* became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

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

20th / 21st February 2021

First Sunday in Lent [B]

Gen 9: 8-15; Ps 24 "Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness & love for those who keep your Covenant";
(1Pet 3: 18-22); Mk 1: 12-15



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Church buildings are now closed to the public, except for occasions below

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 Legal Maximum 5; may be *live-streamed*; Masks and *Track & Trace* required.

Funerals Legal Maximum 20; may be *live-streamed*; Masks and *Track & Trace* required.

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* when visiting in necessity- use sanitised hands.

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)

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Zoom training dates for volunteers for both *Induction Part 1* and *Induction Part 2*. Those who have applied or already have PVG must attend this mandatory training, those who volunteer in other ministries which do not require PVG status are welcome to attend. To book: safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk

Spaces are limited for each session & joining instructions will be sent to those who book. *Induction Part 1*: Wednesday 24th Feb- 6pm, Wednesday 10th March – 6pm. *Induction Part 2*: Monday 15th Feb- 7pm; Monday 22nd Feb- 7pm; Thursday 25th Feb- 7pm; Monday 1st March – 7pm; Monday 8th March – 7pm; Monday 15th March – 7pm; Thursday 18th March – 7pm; Monday 22nd March – 7pm; Monday 29th March – 7pm

Vulnerable Groups include those in the womb and those at end of life. During Lent (and at all other times) please be careful about which charities you choose to support. For example *Comic Relief* (*Red Nose Day* and *Sports Relief*) regularly send funds to Groups which support abortion and which promote abortion. Before choosing to support a charity try checking with SPUC at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/News/ArticleType/ArticleView/ArticleID/383589> As human beings, may we respect the right to life of every human person, from conception until natural death

Flourish this month is on-line. It is a *Special Tribute Edition* regarding *Archbishop Tartaglia* <http://flourishnewspaper.co.uk/Flourish-Archbishop-Tartaglia-Tribute-2021.html> This parish's words (agreed by Fr Sullivan, the Chair & Vice-Chair of PPC) are to be found on Page 9.

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.

Schoenstatt Scotland has produced over 30 E-Retreats both small and more lengthy that are available through website schoenstatt.co.uk Visit their Instagram in [schoenstattscotlanduk](https://www.instagram.com/schoenstattscotlanduk), YouTube Channel and Facebook sites.

Statistic of the Week According to “*The (2021) Catholic Directory for Scotland*,” the Parish of *Holy Cross, Croy* was joint- seventh for Baptisms (in 2019) for the whole of Scotland (and second for *Glasgow Archdiocese*). Well done those who wish their families to be part of the life of this parish!

Inside Noah's Ark



Fair-trade Parish we have been for the last 3 years so we (again) highlight *Fair-trade Fortnight* from Monday 22nd February until 7th March. The Covid 19 pandemic has shown more clearly than ever how interconnected everyone is globally- speaking. Choosing the *fair-trade* symbol allows shopping choices to drive change for communities who previously suffered from exploitation. More information available at fairtrade.org.uk



Lenten “*Count-down Calendars*.” The Staff of *Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primaries* have been issued with one per class.

Stations of the Cross *Plenary Indulgence* is available to all who devoutly make the *Stations of the Cross*: here on Fridays after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral). On Saturdays there will be a link/ upload to the “*Children's Way of the Cross*” based on that which was prepared for *Good Friday 2020*

Dedication to St Joseph has begun. 33 Days of the Hymn, then a short Reflection (from a parishioner or Fr Joe) and ending with the *Litany of St Joseph* will be uploaded each day on the parish *Facebook Page* (usually around midday). You may wish to join in a personal manner. If you would like to compose 5- 12 sentences on one of the attributes in *Litany of St Joseph*, please contact Fr Sullivan asap. Some attributes are already in-the-pipeline eg the *Bereavement Group* has chosen “*St Joseph... Patron of a Happy Death*” and the *Ladies Guild*, “*St Joseph... Glory of Home Life*.” The *Dedication* itself will take place on *St Joseph's Feast Day*, 19th March and recorded & uploaded to *YouTube & Facebook*, courtesy of *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

Sacraments of *First Reconciliation/ Confession*, *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*: As Primary 3 returns to class this week we are expecting *Sacramental Preparation* for *First Confession/ Reconciliation* to begin in earnest. An enrolment Form is available from the school for P3 Parents/ Carers. This should be completed and handed in to the school.

Regarding *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*, decisions will be made once it is clear both when P4 and P7 return to Class and also when the Church Buildings are able to open. Thank you for your continued patience.”

Bereavement Group meets Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm. If willing to assist in this important matter, please contact *Chapel House* for video-conferencing Code & Password.

Lenten Devotions No public Devotions due to COVID-19 restrictions. One may well wish to pray the *Holy Rosary* at 7pm on Tuesdays on one's own/ as a family.

Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm. Agenda includes: *Fair-trade Fortnight*, *Annual Report*, *COP26* and the (forgotten) War in *Yemen*. If willing & able to join them please contact the *Chapel House* for the Video Conferencing I.D. & Code.

Men's Acoustic Night Group recently in aid of *Mary's Meals* raised = £8,178. The Group adds “Many thanks to John Higney, Aaron Clinton, Fr Joe, Musicians, Organisers and all who donated.” Next Night: Saturday 3rd April at 8pm on YouTube. Proceeds to *Motor Neurone Disease (MND)*.

Kilsyth Community Board re *Miller Homes*. With regard to a *Proposal of Application Notice* received, the developer has confirmed their intention to hold a *Virtual Public Consultation Event* until 10th March 2021. Visit: www.constarryroad.co.uk