

Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Rosemary Harris, Marie Wall, Eileen Reilly, Mary Taggart, Hugh Rae, Michael Griffin, Pat Brawley, Bridget Dickie, Winnie Shades

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

Recently Dead: Gillian (born Mulhearn) McKeown [Blackwood], Margaret (born McKee) Murphy [Bonnybridge with Relations in Croy], David Bones, Frank Ewing, Cathy Hughes, Dylan Mitchell, Mary Frances Dunese

Month's Mind Margaret Bradley **3 Months' Mind** Julie Anne Johnstone, Tommy Taggart

6 Months' Mind Elizabeth Higney **9 Months' Mind** Jean (born Rees) Nash

Special Remembrance Jay Livingstone, Robert Paterson, Andrew Killiard

Anniversaries: Mary (born Gribbin) Phillips, Rev Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll, Eilish McNelis (20th), Johnnie McNelis (16th), Helen Taggart, Hugh Dempsey, John McNeil, Walter Schmidt, Mary (born Griffin) Waters, Alicia Killiard, Helen "McKay" Higney, Archie Malone, Catherine Taggart, Tommy Taggart (*Snr*), Andrew Brown, Agnes Brady, Stephen Nash (*Jnr*), Agnes McLaren, Joseph Boland, Hannah Waters, Maisie McCann

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Tuesday: *St Turibius of Mongrovejo*; Wednesday: *St Macartan*; Thursday: *The Annunciation of the Lord, St Dismas*; Friday: *St Margaret Clitheroe*; Saturday: *St John of Egypt*; (Sunday: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord [B]*)

Prayer for 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 March 2021


Fifth Sunday of Lent [B]

Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 50 "A pure heart create for me, O God"; (Heb 5: 7-9); Jn 12: 20-30



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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 *Wheelchair Access*.

Holy Mass Saturday Vigil at 6pm, **Sundays** at 9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm. No Sunday Mass Obligation. To Register for *Sunday Mass* (50 Maximum) **Palm Sunday Weekend** visit: Normal mass <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-holy-cross-mass-tickets-147110526545> Parish hall at 9.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-church-hall-video-stream-tickets-147112636857> OR Tel 07707868421 Monday, Tuesday 6- 8 pm & explain which *Mass* suits you best. *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 etc.

Normally *Mass* is Streamed Live on *Parish YouTube Page*, via Parish's Website & *Parish Facebook*.

Baptisms Normally after 11.40am Sunday Mass (& has been sanitised), see Fr Sullivan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession: on Saturdays 10.30am- 11am and 6.40- 7pm in *Parish Hall*. The Chair/ Kneeler will be disinfected after each Penitent. Please consider standing!

Day Visits to Church building: 9- 10.30am Monday to Saturday.

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

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)

First Minister has announced that Church Buildings should be able to open on Friday 26th March. Maximum attendance at Mass will be 50; 20 for *Funerals* and 5 (or 6 with translator) for *Weddings*. *Track & Trace* will return. So, for weekday Mass just “turn up” but for Saturday Vigil/ Sunday Masses an *Eventbrite Link* for Palm Sunday Weekend: see Front Page of Bulletin for details.

Sacraments *First Confession/ Reconciliation* Each P3 Pupil with 2 adults to attend: *St Andrew's Primary*: Tuesday Evening, 20th April; *Holy Cross Primary*: Thursday Evening, 22nd April. Regarding *First Holy Communion and Confirmation* final decisions will be made regarding these according to *Government Regulations*. We hope to celebrate these *Sacraments* in May- June.

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.

Community Grants Scheme (*North Lanarkshire Council*) has awarded the parish £500 to assist with the costs of *Streaming of Funerals etc* during this time of COVID-19. A Message of thanks has been sent. The Request Grant to build a bigger *Dressing Room* for Fr Sullivan was rejected!

No Blessing of Same- sex Relationships: (from the *Vatican*) “These are the motivations... The first regards the truth and value of blessings, which are ‘*sacramentals*’, liturgical actions of the Church which require that what is being blessed be ‘*objectively and positively ordered to receive and express grace, according to the designs of God inscribed in creation.*’ Relationships, even if stable, ‘*that involve sexual activity outside of marriage*’ – meaning, outside ‘*the indissoluble union of a man and a woman,*’ open to the transmission of life – do not respond to the ‘*designs of God,*’ even if ‘*positive elements*’ are present in those relationships. This consideration not only concerns same-sex couples, but also unions that involve the sexual activity outside of matrimony. Another reason... is the risk that the blessing of same-sex unions may be mistakenly associated with that of the Sacrament of Matrimony. For full text visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-03/holy-see-the-church-cannot-bless-same-sex-unions.html>

Fr Sullivan adds: “Remember, in this Parish there is a place for everyone & everyone can receive God's blessing. However, not everything or every situation can be blessed.” In all Moral Matters it's worth recalling the words of *Pope Francis* speaking about himself: “*The best summary... I am sure of this. I am a sinner whom the Lord looked upon with mercy.*”

Peter's Cat



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

Consecration to St Joseph in this *Year of St Joseph* Visit Parish *YouTube Page* or Parish *Facebook Page* for 19th March; type “*Holy Cross, Croy.*”

SCIAF Collection last weekend raised= £1,400. Well done! Any SCIAF Boxes should be handed in asap. All donations will be doubled by *UK Aid Match* funding. Visit www.sciaf.org.uk

Playin' Favourites Well done local Artiste, *David McKendrick* who raised= £1,957 by his recent on-line *Acoustic Night* for SCIAF... and well done those who supported this fine venture.

Stations of the Cross live-streamed on Fridays after 10am Mass (barring Funeral). “*Children's Way of the Cross*” on Saturdays; visit <https://youtu.be/CfZkHel-Ics> or search “*Holy Cross, Croy.*”

Men's Acoustic Night Group music night in aid of *Motor Neurone Disease*. on Saturday 3rd April 2021. Access: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michael-mullin3> Details for access to the event will be published nearer the time.

“**My Day by Day**” available at front door of *Chapel House*. When visiting urgently, please uplift & put £1 through the letter box.

March Flourish online: www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk/downloads/Flourish-March-2021.pdf It has a report that *Pope Francis* may attend the *Climate Change Conference* due to be held later this year in Glasgow. If the *Holy Father* does decide to attend, we will of course invite him to stay here.

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. To book: safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk Spaces are limited for each session & joining instructions will be sent to those who book. *Induction Part 2*: Monday 22nd March – 7pm; Monday 29th March – 7pm

North Lanarkshire Council is proposing to create a “town hub” within every town, which is essentially a new school campus with additional community facilities. The Council is now seeking views from the local communities on their proposals. Short videos explaining the options and links to accompanying surveys available. Please watch the videos and look at the online consultation. You can access the online consultation: <http://www.ironsidefarrar.com/cumbernauld/event.html#intro1>. The videos/ surveys: <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/regeneration-and-investment/towns-and-communities/place-vision/town-and-community-hubs/town-hub-location-survey>

Good News and Bad Good News: The Archbishop agreed, before he died (RIP) that Holy Parishioner *Frank McKendry* should be ordained a Deacon in Rome in June. *Bad News:* due to COVID-19 Restrictions, the Rector of the *Pontifical Beda College* has decided that there will be NO Guests present on the day of Ordination.

Quote of the week A (Funeral) Visitor who works in a COVID-19 Ward “...*The Social- distancing Rules are stricter here than where I work!*”

