

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Daniel Alexander Thomson*. “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end” [Ps 117: 1].

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, Pat Lafferty, Gena Caddle, Hugh McDade, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Christine Lynch, Frances Lynch, Dorothy Starkey, Helen McGarry

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

Recently Dead: Noel Brady [*Croy*], Ronald “Ronnie” Docherty [*Balloch- Eastfield*; formerly *Kilsyth*, formerly *Greengairs*; *Receive* Monday, 19th April at 9.55am; *Funeral Mass* at 10am; Family chooses 20 to be present in *Church Building/ in Parish Hall*], *HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh*, Cathie Gray, William O’Donnell [*Coatbridge*]

3 Months’ Mind Alice (*born* Cassidy) Douglas **10 Months’ Mind** Jean (*born* Rees) Nash

Special Remembrance Mary Brady, Nellie & Hugh Finnegan and Deceased Members of Finnegan Family [*Kirkintilloch*]

Anniversaries: James McMillan, Jimmy McDermott, Tommy Mitchell, William Brown, Margaret Brown, Madge McGuire, Barney Clinton, Hannah Caffrey, Sandy Little, George Curtis (*Senior*), William (*Wumby*) Livingstone, Eliza Brady O’Rourke, Ada Equi (5th), Maureen Conroy Divers, Irene (*born* Cunningham) Jones (1st; Family has asked for this Mass to be on Saturday 17th April at 10am; ordinary Parishioners still welcome), Sammy Waters, Denis Honan (*Barlanark*; 1st), Bridget Christie, Brian “Buff” McCarrol, James Weldon, Matt Weldon, John Higney, Peter Waters, Kathleen O’Donnell (Rafferty), James (Jim) McGady (*Kirkintilloch*, 1st; Family has asked for this Mass to be on Saturday 24th April at 10am; Family choose 50 to attend, other parishioners in *Parish Hall*), Patricia Ramsay (8th), Edwin Curtis

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Alphege*; Tuesday: *St Beuno*; Wednesday: *St Anselm of Canterbury/ of Aosta, St Maelrubha* (of *Applecross* and of *Loch Maree*); Friday: *St George, St Adalbert*; Saturday: *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, St Egbert*; (*Fourth Sunday of Easter [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.” *Pope Francis*

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

17th / 18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter [B]

Acts 3: 13-15,17-19; Ps 4 “Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord;” (1Jn 2: 1-5); Lk 24: 35-48



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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) Visit: for Church Building <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-holy-cross-mass-tickets-147110526545> ; for Parish Hall <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-church-hall-live-stream-easter-tickets-148259767957> 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 at Funeral etc. Normally *Mass* is Streamed Live on *Parish YouTube Page*, via Parish’s Website & *Parish Facebook*.

Baptisms Normally at 12.45am, see Fr Sullivan (in an emergency anyone can *Baptise*- usually Midwife/ Doctor)
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!

Anointing of & Holy Communion to the Sick, in emergency, contact the *Chapel House*. Care homes & Hospitals have their own COVID-19 Protocols which must be followed. Ask Staff to Contact the RC Chaplain.

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

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after *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)

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.

Contactless Giving or “Tap & Go” or “Chip & Pin” is available in the *Porch Area*. The *Digital Collection Plate* accepts *Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Apple Pay & Google Pay*. The *Plate* allows parishioners to *Gift Aid* their Donation. Once registered there is no need to re-register each time. *Donors’ Details* will not be accessed except when required for *Gift Aid* by *HMRC*. We take this opportunity to congratulate ALL who are willing & able to support financially the work of the Parish. Last week £64 (of which £42 was *Gift-Aided*) was donated by this electronic Method. Well done!

We take this opportunity to thank the two “volunteers”/ “volunteered” who fitted an electrical socket in the *Porch Area* for the *Digital Collection Plate*.

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. *Comboni Missionary* Fr Javier Alvarado will be assisting Fr Joe. Regarding *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*, we hope to celebrate these in May- June.

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, submit your name, parish and voluntary role: safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk Spaces are limited for each session & joining instructions will be sent to those who book. *Induction Part 1*: Wednesday 21st April – 6pm; Saturday 8th May – 10am; *Induction Part 2*: Monday 19th April – 7pm; Thursday 29th April – 7pm; Monday 10th May – 7pm; Thursday 27th May – 7pm.

Pro-Life Mass is back! On Wednesday, 21st April at *Holy Cross*, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm. All welcome, but remember the maximum attendance is 50.

Donation for Flowers for the Altar by an *Anonymous Donor* = £100. Well done!



History Lesson of the Week One hundred years ago on Wednesday (21st April 1921) *Holy Cross, Croy Church* Building burned down.

In School the Priest asks “Why do you think I wear a Collar?”

Answer: “Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days.”

Parish Pastoral Council meets on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm via video-Conferencing. Items for the Agenda include: “Sign-up” Sunday around the Feast Day (14th September), Celebration of the *Sacraments, Corpus Christi/ First Holy Communicants* “Procession”, Accounts for 2020- 21.



Scottish Parliamentary Elections The *Scottish Bishops* have produced advice. The Preamble to the Bishops’ Letter includes: “...As Catholics we have a duty: to share the Gospel and to help form the public conscience on key moral issues. It is a duty of both faith and citizenship.

This election is an opportunity to be the effective witness our Baptism calls us to be. The new parliament and government will be tasked with leading the recovery from the damage wrought by the current health crisis and to tackle the significant impact it has had on many aspects of life including health care, mental health and wellbeing, religious freedom, and care for the poor. It must also build on the positives arising from the Pandemic, including caring for the most vulnerable, and a renewed sense of respect for human life, human dignity, and the value of community...”

Full text available in *Porch* area or visit <https://rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2021/>

Holy Cross Justice & Peace Group has composed a *Questionnaire to Candidates* (based on the Bishops’ Letter) which is being sent to the *Constituency Candidates*:

1 *Beginning* Pope Francis compares Abortion to “hiring a hit man to get rid of a problem.” Do you support abortion? Do you support the permanent provision of home abortions?

2 *End of Life* It looks as if moves are afoot to address similarly “end of life issues.” Would you agree that “showing compassion for the sick and the dying” is *not* achieved by assisted suicide or euthanasia but by ensuring support is provided through caring & attentive politics, including investment in palliative care?

3 *Family* The Poverty Alliance, Child Poverty Action Group, Aberlour, Save the Children and One Parent families Scotland have all warned that the lives of families have been turned upside down by Covid 19. This, when even in pre Covid times 1 in every 4 children were living in poverty in Scotland. How does your party intend to support families facing precarious employment, with attendant low wages, unemployment or sickness. All factors which give rise to poverty. What policies will you bring to bear to support the family unit faced with Universal Credit delays and the two child tax credit limit? And how will you maximise equality of opportunity in the education sector?

4 *Work* Do you think the state has a duty to ensure job opportunities especially in times of crisis as well as a commitment to a just wage? How would you help to achieve this?

5 *Poverty* Combating Poverty continues to be an issue demanding action from elected members. The independent think-tank Resolution Foundation suggests that due to the pandemic Scottish child poverty rate will be 29% by 2023-24. How would you prioritise those most affected?

6 *Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery* Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 exist to protect the most vulnerable in society who may be victims of Modern Slavery. Despite this human trafficking is on the increase in Scotland not only from those brought to Scotland from overseas but there are a growing number of British victims trafficked within Scotland. If elected how would you address the conditions that foster trafficking and exploitation.

7 *Environment* As we head towards the International Climate Change Summit, in Glasgow (COP 26). The current evidence indicates that global temperatures are accelerating at an unprecedented rate. Which policies in your party’s manifesto do you believe, set out to achieve Scotland’s emission target?

8 *Free Speech, free expression, and freedom of thought, conscience and religion* If you agree that Scottish society should be tolerant, open and diverse, which policies would you pursue to enable this?

9 *Catholic Schools* Do you agree that parliamentarians ought to continue to support an open and diverse education system which includes Catholic schools?