

## Intimations

*Abundant Baptismal Blessings* recently bestowed on *Harry James & Ella Rose Clyde* and on *Sam & Mya Meechan*. “*What can bring us happiness?*” many say. *Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord*” [Ps 4].

*Your charitable prayers are requested for...*

**Sick:** Rosemary Harris, Marie Wall, Eileen Reilly, Michael Griffin, Pat Brawley, Bridget Dickie, Pat Lafferty, Gena Caddle, Hugh McDade, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Christine Lynch, Frances Lynch, Dorothy Starkey, Helen McGarry, Paul Magarr, John McDonald

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

**Recently Dead:** Hugh (“Shug”) Rae [*Croy; Receive: Wednesday at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am; Family decide 50 in Church Building and requested that the Mass not be streamed/ recorded*], Cathie Gray, William O’Donnell [*Coatbridge*], Paul Sullivan, Rev Sr May Higney *Our Lady of the Missions [Preston]*, Mr Eddie McGinlay, Winnie Shades, Corine McAtee, Donna Camillo [*Airdrie*]

**Month’s Mind** Siobhan Kelly

**3 Months’ Mind** Cathy Carberry

**6 Months’ Mind** Rev Sr Roberta McLaren, Tommy Slaven

**9 Months’ Mind** Sarah Anne (*born Clark*) Mellon

**10 Months’ Mind** Jean (*born Rees*) Nash

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

**Anniversaries:** Fr Sabatino Tedeschi (former *Parish Priest*), Sammy Waters, Denis Honan (1<sup>st</sup>), Bridget Christie, Brian “Buff” McCarrol, James Weldon, Matt Weldon, John Higney, Peter Waters, Kathleen O’Donnell (Rafferty), James (Jim) McGady (1<sup>st</sup>; Mass on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am; Family choose 50 to attend, extra parishioners in *Parish Hall*), Patricia Ramsay (8<sup>th</sup>), Edwin Curtis, Jimmy Quinn, Issie (McLaren) Scott, William Crainie (1<sup>st</sup>), James (“Jim”) McCondichie, Thomas Graham, Mary (*born Bell*) Christie (10<sup>th</sup>), Peter Waters, Elaine Burns, John Harvey, David McCarroll

*In the Good Company of...* **Feast days** Monday: *Blessed Robert Anderton & William Marsden*; Tuesday: *St Asicus, St Maughold*; Wednesday: *Dedication of St Andrew’s Cathedral, Glasgow, St Peter Chanel, St Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort*; Thursday: *St Catherine of Siena*; Friday: *Pope St Pius V, Our Lady, Mother of Africa*; Saturday: *St Joseph the Worker; (Fifth 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

24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday [B]

Acts 4: 8-12; Ps 117 “*The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone;*” (1Jn 3: 1-2;)

Lk 10: 11-18



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**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

**COVID- 19** Maximum 55 or more if in “strict bubbles”; Masks to be worn; please follow directions; no Public Singing but an *Organist* & a *Soloist* are allowed; from Monday, exit via *Side Aisles* and *Main Door*.

**Holy Mass Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm.** No *Sunday Mass Obligation*. To Register for *Sunday Mass* (55 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* 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/ unable to attend Mass** 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 50; 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*- use sanitised hands.

**Parish Safeguarding:** Tel: 07707868421/ 0759897660 or email: [holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk)

**Hall Bookings:** 2 Households, Maximum 6 persons; email: [holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk) or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, Monday- Thursday between 8- 9pm.

**Global Prayer Marathon** for the entire month of *May*, praying for the end to the pandemic has been requested by *Pope Francis*. Each day in *May*, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 5pm BST on all *Vatican Media Platforms*.

**Finance** Contact the *Chapel House* for Bank Account: [holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181) 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*. Father Joe is deeply grateful for any help you can offer to keep the parish afloat.

**Sacraments** Well done those who received recently Sacrament of *First Confession/ Reconciliation*-the Primary 3 Children at *Holy Cross Primary* (well done *Mrs Murphy, Mrs Shaw & Class Teachers: Mrs Lewis & Miss Moran*) and those at *St Andrew’s Primary* (well done *Mrs Fiddler, Mrs Tracy & Class Teacher Mrs Edie*). *Comboni Missionary* Fr Javier Alvarado kindly assisted Fr Joe.

**Corpus Christi Procession** Processions are not allowed, even in *June*. Unless permitted numbers change the *P4s* and *One adult* will be able to gather to have *Outside Rosary & Benediction* (with Fr Joe and Track & Tracers etc), at which the Parish will receive *Benediction*, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

**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](mailto:safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk) Spaces are limited for each session & joining instructions will be sent to those who book. *Induction Part 1*: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 10am; *Induction Part 2*: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm; Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm; Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm.

**Peter’s Cat**



**Good Shepherd Sunday** is Sunday when, among other things, we will pray for *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*. At Mass this weekend the *Chalice* which is being used belonged to *Fr Peter Clinton* (deceased member of *Archdiocese of Glasgow*, brought up in this parish- *Auchenstarry*). Each day a page of a *Vocations Novena* will be published on Parish *Facebook* page.



**Annual Walk for Vocations** to the *Priesthood & Religious Life* will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Departing (each Group of 6 Pilgrims) at 12.30pm (then at 12.40pm, then at 12.50pm etc) to arrive at 3.30pm etc at *Carmel Monastery, Waterside, Kirkintilloch*.

The terrain involves mostly paths so bring appropriate footwear (& it may be raining!). No unaccompanied children or vulnerable adults. Non-walkers and non-cyclists are welcome to arrive before 4pm. Mother Prioress hopes to greet us outside/ under a *Canopy*. *Sisters* will join us for *Holy Rosary* (for *Vocations*) around 4pm & explain something of the *Charism of Carmel*. There is an added poignancy to the *Walk* this year, as Holy Seminarian *Frank McKendry* is due to be ordained *Deacon* in *Rome* on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**Parish Website** is to undergo a revamp/ renewal [www.holycrosscroy.com](http://www.holycrosscroy.com) Any suggestions re how the new format should be styled, please Contact the *Chancellor* [holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk) this week or phone *Chapel House*.

“**Sign-up Sunday**” a date for your *Diary* where, *COVID-* permitting, we will re-launch and reset *Parish Life*. After *Masses* on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September (weekend before the *Parish Feast Day of Exaltation of the Cross*) we plan to have the various *Parish Groupings* staff a *Table* outside where each *Group* may explain their work/ distribute flyers etc... and sign-up to join! Also *BBQ* planned!

**Scottish Parliamentary Elections** The *Scottish Bishops* have produced advice. Between now & the election we hope to publish the remainder of the text. Full text available in *Porch* area or visit <https://rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2021/> These are some of the issues you may want to consider in the forthcoming election:

*Beginning and end of life* It is the duty of parliamentarians to uphold the most basic & fundamental human right to life. Elected representatives ought to recognise the existence of human life from the moment of conception and be committed to the protection of human life at every stage. Caring for the unborn and their mothers is a fundamental measure of a caring and compassionate society; a society which puts human dignity at the centre.

We ought to be mindful of a further attempt to legalise assisted suicide in *Scotland*, likely to happen in this parliament. Legalising assisted suicide or euthanasia suggests that some lives are not worth living, contrary to the *Christian* belief that every life has equal dignity and value. It is incumbent upon our parliamentarians to show compassion for the sick and dying. This is not achieved by assisted suicide or euthanasia but by ensuring support is provided through caring and attentive politics, including investment in palliative care.

*Family and Work* Society relies on the building block of the family to exist and flourish. The love of man and woman in marriage and openness to new life is the basic, fundamental cell upon which every society is built. The wellbeing of *Scotland* and its future depends on the flourishing of family life and government should respond to this reality with policies creating economic and fiscal advantages for families with children.

The pandemic has placed immeasurable pressure on businesses and many people have lost their livelihood. The state has a duty to sustain business activities by creating conditions which will ensure job opportunities, especially in times of crisis. This must be accompanied by a just wage to provide a dignified livelihood for the worker and their family.

*Poverty, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery* Sadly, poverty remains a scourge for too many people. The marginalised, the homeless, and the lonely and isolated have been cast further adrift because of the pandemic. And poverty now affects 24% of children in *Scotland*. We need elected representatives who respect a preferential option for the poor, who are willing to prioritise their need and respect their human dignity.