

Intimations

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

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

Recently Dead: Hugh ("Shug") Rae [Croy], Cathie Gray, Paul Sullivan, Rev Sr May Higney *Our Lady of the Missions* [Preston, formerly Croy; Funeral Mass live on *YouTube* on Tuesday at 11am there; search: "St Mary's Bamber Bridge Preston." In addition we will celebrate a *Mass of Commemoration* on Saturday (8th May) at 10am here; Family will choose 55 to attend, normal Parishioners welcome in *Parish Hall*; also live-streamed on *Youtube & Facebook* courtesy of *Holy Cross Stream Team*, Mr Eddie McGinlay, Winnie Shades, Corine McAtee, Donna Camillo [Airdrie], Maureen Kenny, Michael Fleming, Mary Crawford

Month's Mind Siobhan Kelly

3 Months' Mind Cathy Carberry

4 Months' Mind Alice Douglas

6 Months' Mind Rev Sr Roberta McLaren, Tommy Slaven, Michelle Taggart

9 Months' Mind Sarah Anne (born Clark) Mellon

Anniversaries: Jimmy Quinn, Issie (McLaren) Scott, William Crainie (1st), James ("Jim") McCondichie, Thomas Graham, Mary (born Bell) Christie (10th), Peter Waters, Elaine Burns, John Harvey, David McCarroll, Jimmy Douglas, Peter Keenan, Davie Gribben, Betty Gribben, Jim Bowman, Ellen Duffy, Ellen Boyle, Helen Taggart, Joe Murphy, Thomas Murphy (*Jun*), Veronica Murphy Martin, Laurence McGuire, Martha Morrison, Thomas Malone

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Philip & St James*; Tuesday: *The English Martyrs, St Conleth*; Wednesday: *St Asaph*; Friday: *St John of Beverley*; Saturday: *Blessed John Sullivan*; (*Sixth Sunday of Easter* [B])

Pope Francis' Intentions for May *The World of Finance*: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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

1st / 2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter [B]

Acts 9: 26-31; Ps 21 "You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly;" (1Jn 3: 18-24;) Jn 15: 1-8



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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.
Weddings & 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

Hall Bookings: 2 Households, Maximum 6 persons; email: 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. To Donate “on-line” (via the *Archdiocese*) please visit 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 grateful for any help you can offer to keep the parish afloat.

Corpus Christi Procession Processions are not allowed, even in *June*. Unless permitted numbers change the *PAs* 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, 6th June* at 4pm.

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Zoom training dates for volunteers for both *Induction Part 1 & Induction Part 2*. Those who have applied or already have *PVG* must attend this mandatory training. To book, submit your name, parish & voluntary role: safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk Spaces are limited for each session & joining instructions will be sent to those who book. *Induction Part 1*: *Saturday 8th May – 10am*; *Induction Part 2*: *Monday 10th May – 7pm*; *Thursday 27th May – 7pm*.

Parish Website is to undergo a revamp/ renewal www.holycrosscroy.com Any suggestions re how the new format should be styled, please Contact the *Chancellor* holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk or phone *Chapel House* asap.

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Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life You may wish to follow *Vocations Novena* on Parish *Facebook* page.

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Thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic? *RCIA Group* will meet on *Tuesday 18th May* at 7.30pm through video- Conferencing. If you know of someone who is thinking about becoming an *RC*, bring this notice to their attention (& join them?). Contact *Chapel House* for Code & Password.

Justice & Peace Group meets on *Monday 10th May* at 7.30pm. Agenda includes: *Questionnaire to Constituency Candidates- Scottish Parliamentary Elections, Racism?* and *COP26*. If willing & able to join them please contact the *Chapel House* for the Video Conferencing *I.D. & Code*.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (*9th May*) is the *Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians* when Eastern and Western Christians come together in communion through prayer. During the Prayers of the Faithful, we shall pray for Eastern Christians. If you wish to support them through the projects of the Eastern Catholic Churches, please donate by: giving online at www.facecharity.org/give; texting DAYOFPRAYER to 70450 to donate £10 (*Texts cost £10 donation plus 1 standard rate message) *Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East* is launching a prayer group to receive a monthly prayer intention for Eastern Christians. To join visit: www.facecharity.org/prayergroup

Annual Walk for Vocations to the *Priesthood & Religious Life* will be on *Sunday 13th 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*. No unaccompanied children or vulnerable adults. *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*.

Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK before 31st December 2020 have until 30th June 2021 may apply to the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their right to live and work in the United Kingdom. Access to such services as healthcare could also be denied. It should be noted that the requirements of this scheme do not apply to Irish citizens. More info: U.K.Government. www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families or European Commission www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know or The Charity ‘Settled’. www.settled.org.uk

Scottish Parliamentary Elections The *Scottish Bishops* have produced advice. Full text available in *Porch* area or visit <https://rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2021/>: (continued from last week)...

Environment The next group of *MSPs* will be tasked with protecting our neighbours at home and abroad from the poverty and climate crises which continue to rage on. In *November Glasgow* will play host to the *COP26* international climate change summit. We should listen to *Pope Francis’* call to ‘hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor’ by lifting up the voices of the global south and coming together to rebuild our Common Home in a way that leaves no-one behind. *Scotland* can also demonstrate global leadership by strengthening its commitment to becoming a carbon neutral country.

Free speech, free expression, and freedom of thought, conscience and religion If *Scotland* is to be a tolerant, open, diverse country then we must be free to discuss and debate ideas, even those which are deemed by some to be controversial. Whilst being mindful of the need to protect citizens from hate, government must not overstep into the realm of unjust restrictions on free speech, free expression and freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This must include, among others, the freedom to express belief in the biological reality of sex & gender.

Catholic schools The right of parents to choose a school for their children which corresponds to their own convictions is fundamental. Public authorities have a duty to guarantee this parental right and to ensure the concrete conditions for its exercise. Thus, parliamentarians ought to continue to support an open and diverse state education system which includes Catholic schools.

