

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Freya Catherine McKendrick*. “(The Lord) is close to all who call on him, who call on him from their hearts” [cf. Ps 144].

Fruits of the Spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity) in the *Sacrament of Confirmation* were recently conferred on *Cara Catherine (St) Martha McKendrick*.

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Rosemary Harris, Marie Wall, Eileen Reilly, Michael Griffin, Pat Brawley, Bridget Dickie, Gena Caddle, Hugh McDade, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Christine Lynch, Frances Lynch, Dorothy Starkey, Helen McGarry, Paul Magarr, Damian Devine, Nicola Blake, Kathleen (born Bolan) Brady, James Reilly, Charlie Fearon, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Susan McGuire, Nora Macdonald, John Carberry, Janneke Campbell

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

Recently Dead: Morag (born MacLeod) Campbell, Kevin Daly, Shirley Stevenson, Mary Murphy McCormack [Condorrat], Tommy Devlin [formerly Condorrat], Margaret Gray [Cambuslang], Margaret Gallacher [Luton], Joseph (Joe) Madden [Condorrat], Mary (born McLaren) Carrick [Ayrshire, formerly Croy], Deborah Fisher

9 Months' Mind Rev Sr M Roberta (Rena McLaren) *Franciscan Sister Minoress*, Michelle Taggart

Special Remembrance Rev Sr Mary Higney

Anniversaries: Sarah Anne (born Clark) Mellon, Margaret Fallon [Coatbridge], Margaret Fowler, Margaret Weldon, May (O'Raw) Differ, Elizabeth Stokes, Sarah Boyle, Kathleen O'Hara, Michael McCann, Nessie Hamilton, William Gavin, Danny McKay, Margaret Armstrong, George Dailly, Rena MacKinnon, Fr Calum MacLellan [Eriskay], Marie Rafferty, Suzanne Gormley, Denis & Margaret Hackett and Denis Junior, Thomas & Margaret Murphy and Deceased Members of the Murphy Family, Michael & Mary Murphy and Thomas Junior, Jessie Robertson, Tony, Janey & Allen Robertson, Roy Christie (5th), Mary Devine, John Morrison (Jnr)

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard, St Peter Faber*; Tuesday: *St Germanus of Auxerre, St Oswald, St Aethelwold*; Wednesday: *St John Mary Vianney*; Thursday: *Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*; Friday: *Transfiguration of the Lord*; Saturday: *St Sixtus II & Companions, St Cajetan*; (Sunday: *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]*)

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

31st July/ 1st August 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

Ex 16: 2-4,12-15; Ps 77 “The Lord gave them bread from heaven;” (Eph 4: 17,20-24;)

Jn 6: 24-35



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Masks to be worn; “Track & Tracing” required; please follow directions; *social distancing is reduced to 1 metre* At present: no *Gloria or Second Reading or Creed*. Receiving *Holy Communion* (low *Gluten Hosts* are available): if you have, for example, no arms, you may receive *Holy Communion* on the tongue at the very end of the *Communion Procession*. *We may sing, but only from behind a mask. Those who are exempt from wearing a mask should not sing out. Hymn Books are not allowed.* No *Kneelers* in use- you may bring your own cushion.

Holy Mass Saturday Vigil at 6pm, *Sundays* at 9.30am & 11.40am. No *Sunday Mass Obligation*. *Mass* is Streamed Live on *Parish YouTube Page*, via *Parish’s Website & Parish Facebook*, courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

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 200 (depending upon “*Bubbles*”); may be *live-streamed*; *Masks and Track & Trace* required.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after *Mass* on *Tuesdays*

Bulletins & LARGE PRINT *Bulletins*: safest to view on-line; either *Parish Website* or *Facebook Page*; also available in *Porch Area & at Door of Chapel House*- use sanitised hands.

Parish Safeguarding: Tel: 07707868421/ 07598976603 or email: holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk

Hall Bookings: 4 *Households*, Maximum 10 persons at a table; Approximately 12 “*Bubbles*” of 4 people OR 6 “*Bubbles*” of 8 People; Maximum 50 in *Hall* email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, *Mondays- Thursdays* 8- 9pm. *Hall Rules:* <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-0/>

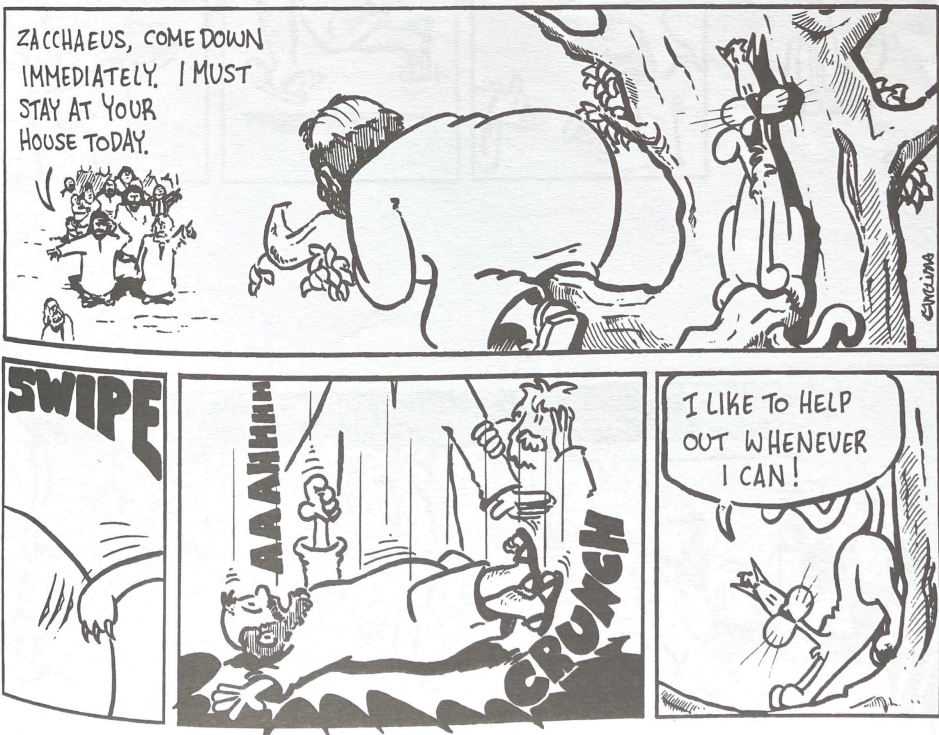
Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Mr Lawrie Cordiner writes: "It is with regret and for health reasons I must step down from preparing the Rotas. I wish to thank all *Readers & Ministers*, both past and present for their support and co-operation over the years. Father will be arranging for someone to take over from me... *Lawrie*"

Fr Sullivan adds: "On behalf of the 5 Parish Priests with whom *Lawrie* has worked, I would like to express our deep gratitude for his years of faithful service. As a Parish Priest his reliability (& the reliability of so many others like him in this parish) is especially treasured." True to form, *Lawrie* has completed the Rota until the first weekend in September.

Hall Matters: For an event: 4 Households, Maximum 10 persons at a table; Approximately 14 "Bubbles" of 4 people or 6 "Bubbles" of 8 People or...; Maximum 60 in Hall. No moving between Tables. There will be extra Sanitising of door handles etc. There are Chair Covers which will be (anti-bacterially) washed after each occasion (when required). Doors & Windows kept open as far as possible. The Hall now has Guest Internet access. Bar will accept Cash or Card: *Visa, MasterCard, American Express, ApplePay and GooglePay.*

Hospitality Rules to be followed: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-0/>

Peter's Cat



New Slats for the 2 Fixed Benches at the *Memorial to the Fallen*. Slats purchased in fond memory of Mr R Docherty RIP. This was followed by the fine work of Mr J Docherty, Mr J Mead and (especially) Mr F Lavery. We hope you like them... and enjoy a seat thereon.



Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm. Agenda includes: *COP26 & Hospitality* for its Delegates; Lorna Gold (*Focolare*) *Action Plans*; Line Dancing for *Aid to the Church in Need*; Becoming an *Eco-Congregation*. If willing & able to join them please contact the *Chapel House* for the Video Conferencing I.D. & Code.

Holy Cross Ladies' Guild begins again Thursday 26th August 7- 9pm. There will be *Track & Trace*, "Bubbles" at 1 metre; extra sanitising of "touch area" and Seat Covers (anti-bacterially) washed

Pope Francis plans to attend the COP26 Conference in Glasgow in November. In case His Holiness doesn't get a "bed for the night" *Holy Cross, Croy* would like to offer him hospitality, especially as we do not have a Bishop. Fr Sullivan conferred with the Office-Bearers of the *Parish Pastoral Council*. To that end, all over- 80 year-olds are invited to co-sign a letter of Invitation (with your parish priest). *Pope Francis* is 85 years old and it was felt that other four-score-year Parishioners would wish to mirror *Pope Francis' Care for God's Creation*. A fair copy of the Letter is available for perusal in the Porch area. Would any over 80 year old consider handing in a piece of paper with your signature to the *Chapel House* to be (sanitised &) added to the Letter.

Scottish Bishops' recent Pastoral Letter on the *Sixth Anniversary of Laudato si'* may be accessed: <https://www.bcos.org.uk> The Letter includes: "This is an issue of both environmental and social justice. It is not only that we must stop polluting the atmosphere, we need to recognise the right of all humanity to the world's resources. The Christian message, that we are all part of one human family and that we share a common home, means that our earth's resources must be shared and used for the benefit of all and are not to be claimed as the exclusive property of any people or nation in whose territory these resources happen to be located..."

Not just as individuals but also as a Church we must discern what changes we have to make to the way of life we have taken for granted but which we now recognise to be unsustainable... The dioceses of Scotland are in the process of divesting from fossil fuel investments. The *Bishops' Conference* is aiming for carbon neutrality for its agencies, as are the dioceses in as sustainable and timely a way as possible." The Scottish Bishops also ask Parishes to become "*Eco-Congregations*." This encouragement will be considered at the next *Parish Pastoral Council*.

Pope Francis' Intentions for August: *The Church Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

Statistic of the Week Last weekend, at one Sunday Mass, over 80% of those present, were male.