

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Jake Thomas Anthony Hamilton*. “*This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent*” [cf. Jn 6: 29].

Wedding Bells recently rang out for *Sean Harkness* and *Kelsey Brown*. “*Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you*” [cf Col 3:16].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Those whose names were on the List last week and others we know and ask for the Lord's healing touch. A new list begins today. If you would like someone put on the list, you must receive their permission (or if unconscious, that of the next of kin) to comply with GDPR.

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

Recently Dead: Rev Fr Denis (Gus) Hurley [formerly *Holy Family & St Ninian's, Kirkintilloch*], Janneke (*born* Kleiberg) Campbell [*Kildrum* formerly *Broadwood*; Receive: (Good) Friday 13th August at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am], Mary Margaret (*born* Buchanan) MacLeod [*Carrickstone*, formerly *Benbecula*; Reception & Funeral Mass: Monday 16th August at 10am], James Doherty [*Croy*], 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 [*Ardrossan*, formerly *Croy*], Deborah Fisher, Jean Miele [*New York*]

Month's Mind Tim Buckley

3 Months Mind Pat Lafferty

6 Months' Mind Josephine (*born* Noonan) MacDonough **9 Months' Mind** Michelle Taggart

Special Remembrance Rev Sr Mary Higney, Nora & Frank Flynn, Barbara (*born* Doherty) Gaffney, Robert Carr

Anniversaries: Michael McCann, Nessie Hamilton, William Gavin, Danny McKay, Margaret Armstrong, George Dailly, 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*), Brian Doherty (*Junior*), Elizabeth Cairns, Owen O'Brien, Barry & Jack Maley, Pat Christie, Sam Cassidy, Michael McDade, James McGoldrick, Helen Carr, James Meighan, Lizzie Brannan, Alice (*born* Doherty) O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Deceased Members of the O'Rourke & Doherty Families

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*; Tuesday: *St Lawrence*; Wednesday: *St Clare*; Thursday: *St Blaas* (or *Blane*), *St Jane Frances de Chantal*, *Blessed Isidore Bakanja*, *St Attracta*; Friday: *St Pontian* and *St Hippolytus*; Saturday: *St Maximilian Kolbe*; (Sunday: *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* [B])

Holy Cross

7th / 8th August 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

1Kings 19: 4-8; Ps 33 “Taste and see that the Lord is good;” (Eph 4: 30- 5:2);

Jn 6: 41-51



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 From Monday, Masks to be worn; “Track & Tracing” still required; please follow directions; *social distancing* is not required. 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, and with *Hymn Books* but only from behind a mask. Those who are exempt from wearing a mask should not sing out. 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.

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: Maximum 100 persons email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, Mondays- Thursdays 8- 9pm.

COVID-19 As you are aware from Monday, there is no requirement to socially distance in the Church Building or Hall. However we still require to *Track & Trace* and to *Sanitise*.

Hymn books may be used. Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession will be held in the Parish Hall (Confessionals are too enclosed... require more fresh air).

Kathleen Cleverdon has decided to end employment as the Cleaner of the *Parish Hall*. Her dedication and reliability over these past nearly 8 years (& time with Fr Friel) has been exemplary. We wish Katie all the very best. Fr Joe is taking advice on the way ahead.

Good News We were partially successful in Cumbernauld CAN Project's Small Grants PB Fund Round 3. An award of £250 is being made to help re-launch the Parish Hall to help make it more COVID-19 safe. Well done the organizers, especially *Cornerstone House Centre*, Cumbernauld.

General Cleaning Required after weekday Mass and for more *Sanitisers* to contact Andrea Campbell: email address campbell.andrea@icloud.com.

Hall Matters: 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*.

Flourish for the month of August is free to take away this weekend. You can view the online edition: www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk Feel free to take an extra copy home for anyone you know who may be unable to get to Mass.

World Apostolate of Fatima - Scotland Newsletter mat be accessed: <https://www.facebook.com/793733930655198/posts/4699836623378223/?d=n>

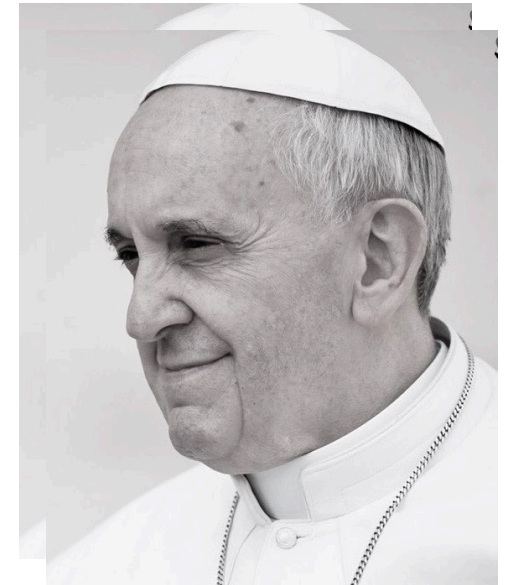
EWTN TV Schedule available in Porch Area

Quote of the Week: "It's great to hear the (regular) sound of children at Mass again."

Peter's Cat



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.



If willing & able, please attend to this before next Friday.

Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 9th 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 areas" and Seat Covers removed and (anti-bacterially) washed (when required).

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.

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*.