

## Intimations

*Abundant Baptismal Blessings* recently bestowed on *Hollie Andrea Brown*. “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour” [cf. Lk 1: 46-47].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** If you would like someone put on the list, you must receive their permission (or that of the next-of-kin) to comply with GDPR... Rosemary Harris, Dorothy Starkey, Jim Reilly

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

**Recently Dead:** Rev Sr Mary Elizabeth [*Waterside Carmel*], Robert Harris [*Gloucester*], Andy Hilton [*Edinburgh*], Patrick Shields, John Tannock [*Greenock*], Marie Spiers, Vera Rooney [formerly *Condorrat*], Eddie McKinley [*Dunblane*], Catherine McGurran, Patricia Coleman [Mother of *Fr Andrew Coleman*], Michael McCafferty [*Cumbernauld*], Ann (born Smith) Fisher, Henry Casey [*Kilsyth*], Isabell Wilson, John Hyland [*Falkirk*], Eileen (born Reilly) Stewart

**Month's Mind** Tim Buckley, Mary (born McLaren) Carrick

**6 Months' Mind** Catherine Caffrey

**Anniversaries:** Rev Canon McDonough, Sarah Jane Forsyth, Winifred Griffin, Annie & Hugh Gallagher, John McMahon (2<sup>nd</sup>), Dan Cranie, Esther Cranie, Bridget Law, James McDonald, Danny McKay [formerly *Ballymoney*], Stan Kos, Edward Brady [40<sup>th</sup>], Mary Ellen (born Farren) Twigg, Mary Dennington, Tommy Dennington, Margaret Campbell, Margaret McCarroll, Catherine McAtee, Edward McAtee, Patrick McCarroll, Thomas Rafferty, Catherine Rafferty

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Rose of Lima, St Eugene*; Tuesday: *St Bartholomew*; Wednesday: *St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz*; Thursday: *Our Lady of Czestochowa, Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Barberi)*; Friday: *St Monica*; Saturday: *St Augustine*; (Sunday: *Twenty-second 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

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

Josh 24: 1-2, 15-17,18; Ps 33 “Taste and see that the Lord is good;” Eph 5: 21-32;

Jn 6: 60-69



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

**COVID- 19** Masks to be worn; “Track & Tracing” still required; please follow directions; *social distancing* is not required. Receiving *Holy Communion* (*low Gluten Hosts* available): you may receive *Holy Communion* on the tongue at the very end of the *Communion Procession*. We may sing, and with *Hymn Books*. No Kneelers yet 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 (in an emergency anyone can Baptise- usually Midwife/ Doctor)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession:** on Saturdays 10.30am- 11am and 6.40- 7pm at Wheelchair Access Door of Church Building. Please stand.

**Anointing of & Holy Communion to the Sick/ unable to attend Mass** contact the Chapel House. Care Homes & Hospitals have own Protocols to be followed. Ask Staff to Contact the RC Chaplain.

**Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** on Tuesdays & Prayer to St Joseph on Wednesdays

**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](mailto:holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk)

**Hall Bookings:** Maximum at present, 100 persons. At present only allow ONE Hire per day is permitted- to allow for good “airing.” email: [holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk) (other contact via the Chapel House at present)

Welcome to Fr Javier Alvarado and to Fr Billy Harrison who will be covering at this time (& others house- sitting). Fr Joe will be (partly) at Nunraw Cistercian Abbey.

World Apostolate of Fatima - Scotland Newsletter may be accessed: <https://www.facebook.com/793733930655198/posts/4699836623378223/?d=1>

**(Fair copy of) Recent Letter to Pope Francis:** “Your Holiness, Pope Francis,

Filial Greetings from the RC Parish of *Holy Cross, Croy* in Scotland. We pray that the affairs of office will weigh lightly on Your Holiness’ shoulders, and that we in our turn be faithful to the Catholic faith, lived and loved in the light of Your Holiness’ own good example.

We hear from various Media Sources that Your Holiness intends to attend the *COP26 Conference* here in Scotland. This parish is part of the *Archdiocese of Glasgow*. In case *Your Holiness* requires hospitality then please be assured that you would be welcome at the Chapel House or indeed many houses in *Croy*.

Along with my signature on this letter you will see many signatures from Parishioners who are over 80 years of age and are conscious of how important hospitality is to others, not just to *Your Holiness*. *Your Holiness* is showing tremendous concern for *God’s Creation* and the over 80s would like to associate themselves with such concern.

In sending this sincere Invitation, the whole Parish, appreciates that it would be most unlikely that *Your Holiness* would be able to accept. Nevertheless, we considered it even to make this proposal would prove our devotion and esteem for *Your Holiness’* leadership in the *Care for Creation*.

Finally, regardless of the outcome please be assured of our continued prayers for your *Petrine Ministry* and we shall carry, in our hearts, our love for *Your Holiness*.

I, and the whole of the Parish look forward to hearing from *Your Holiness*, or one of *Your Holiness’* kind Assistants. Yours in Christ, through whom all things were made...”

**Queenship of Mary Vespers, Rosary & Benediction** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 5- 6pm at *St Peter’s, Bellsmyre, Dumbarton*.

**The Wife of Lot (cf Gen 19: 1-3)**



**Change of Confessional** The “normal one” isn’t airy enough. So the *Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession* will be held at the *Wheelchair Exit*, with low music as interference. Please stand. This is a difficult Sacrament, if anyone has a helpful good idea, please pass it on.

Earlier this year Pope Francis praised the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*: “The good confessor always points out, alongside the primacy of love, the indispensable love of neighbour, as a daily gymnasium in which to train love for God.”

The Pope also emphasized the importance of frequent *Confession* as “a way of sanctification, a school of faith, of abandonment, of change and of correspondence to the Father’s merciful Love.” It is reported that *St Thérèse of Lisieux* used to “dance” when leaving the Confessional!

**¿Thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic?** *RCIA Group* will meet on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm on the grass at the *Chapel House*. If the weather is inclement we will meet (spread out) in *Parish Hall*.

If you know of someone who is thinking about becoming an RC, please bring this notice to their attention (& come with them?).

**Bereavement Group** meets on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Main Section of the Parish Hall. New volunteers welcome. This is NOT a professional service. The Bereavement Team do offer a Card with or without a visit at the *Month’s Mind*. They also assist at the *Masses for the Dead of the Past Year* and the annual visit to *Eastfield Cemetery* in November. They may well be asked to source details of professional/ trained help (eg Counselling, CRUSE etc)... but offering such assistance is NOT the task of the *Bereavement Group*.

**Holy Cross Ladies’ Guild** begins again Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7- 9pm. There will be *Track & Trace*; extra sanitising of “touch areas” and Seat Covers removed and (anti-bacterially) washed (when required).

**“The Scottish Catholic”** A former editor (Ian Dunn of the *Scottish Catholic Observer*) with others, are launching a new publication called *The Scottish Catholic* this autumn. They have the backing of all the *Bishops of Scotland*. It will be published every two weeks= £2 from October. A sample edition of the magazine: Contact details 07908871858 or [ian.ScottishCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:ian.ScottishCatholic@gmail.com)

**National Pilgrimage** at the Shrine to *Our Lady at Carfin* on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The Pilgrimage this year will be in honour of *St Joseph*. The Celebrant and Homilist will be *Rt. Rev. Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles*.

**Nunraw Abbey Guest House** has now re-opened. Bookings can be made by: Telephone- 01620 670096 at 10- 11.30am or 2.30- 4.30pm or via [guesthouse@nunrawabbey.com](mailto:guesthouse@nunrawabbey.com)

