

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Emily Mary Smith* and on *Polly Rooney-Kennedy*. “*Jesus took a little child, set him in front of them put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me’...*” [cf Mk 9:36- 37]

Wedding Bells recently rang out for *Billy Corner* and *Jacqueline Agnes Milne*. “*This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body*” [Gen 2: 24].

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... Dorothy Starkey, Jim Reilly, John Carberry, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Eileen Reilly, Mark Conner, Paddy Murphy, Nicola Blake, John Myles, Catherine Curry, Jm Curry, Gena Caddle,

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

Recently Dead: Ethel Guthrie [*Balloch- Eastfield*], Hugh Russell [*Condorrat*], Martin Brady [*Kilsyth*], Michael Smith (*snr*), Agnes Walker [*Straban*], Barbara Kernan [*Cumbernauld*, formerly *Our Lady’s High School*], Nan (born Cameron) Cassidy [formerly *Kirkintilloch*], Margaret McKendrick, Kathleen (born Fitzpatrick) Gibson

6 Months’ Mind Johnny Durkin

9 Months’ Mind Tommy Taggart

Anniversaries: Gerald Martin & all those who died in the *Auchengeich Pit Disaster*, Margaret Mulholland, Tommy Reynolds, John Shaw, Pat Waters, James George Hart, Jeanie Friel, Mary Cowan, Alice (born Nash) Crainie [1st], Pat Kelly, Jessie Pender, John Pender, Terry Sweeney, Mark James, Mary Hay, Patrick “Tosh” Weldon, Kitty & Judy McCarter, Margaret McIntyre, Frank & Ada (born Doherty) Sullivan, Catherine Hart [1st], Eric Wilson [*Croy*]

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Vincent de Paul*; Tuesday: *St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions*; Wednesday: *Archangels Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael*; Thursday: *St Jerome*; Friday: *St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*; Saturday: *The Holy Guardian Angels*; (Sunday: *Twenty- seventh 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

25th / 26th September 2021


Twenty- sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

Num 11: 25-29; Ps 18 “The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart;” James 5: 1-6; Mk 9: 38-43,45,47-48



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Masks to be worn (unless exempt); “*Track & Tracing*” is suspended (after a Risk-Assessment). 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*. Kneelers not 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*, search “*Holy Cross, Croy*” all 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: safer 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
Policy Document available <https://www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2/tabid/131/Default.aspx>

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 (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1- 2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716)

October Devotions It is proposed that the *Litany of Our Lady* and the *Prayer to St Joseph* are recited at the end of Mass on “October Mondays” (barring a funeral). This would then allow families & households simply to recite the *Rosary* itself at home (or before *Mass*).

Pope Francis has replied to the Invitation and assures parishioners of “*his Prayers*” but will not be “spending the night” here when he attends COP 26 in November. This means Fr Sullivan will be the Celebrant at the scheduled *Confirmations*. The letter from the *Vatican* is available in the *Porch Area*.

The Letter reads: “*His Holiness Pope Francis has received your kind letter, and he has asked me to thank you. He appreciates the sentiments which prompted you to write to him. His Holiness will remember you and the parish of Holy Cross in his prayers, and he sends his blessing. Yours sincerely in Christ, Mons L Roberto Cona (Assessor) Secretariat of State, Vatican City.*”

Altar Server Training- P5/ P6 meet 30 minutes before Mass this weekend... and/ or next weekend.

Fr Harrison will be here for Mass on Wednesday & offer *Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession*.

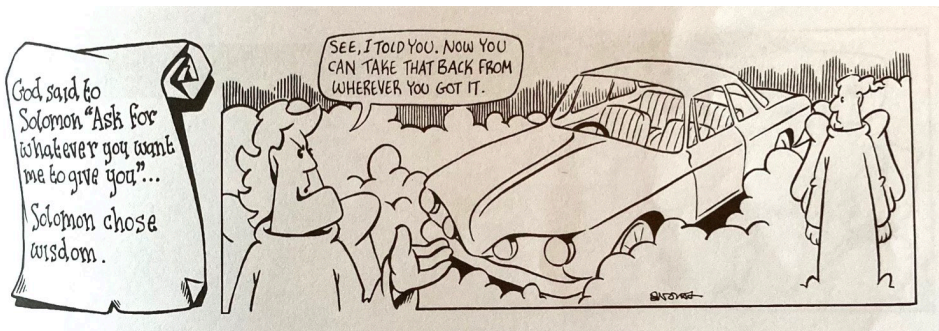
First Holy Communion Once you know your date for P3 *First Holy Communion*, you may apply for the *Parish Hall*. Around 3 Weeks after that, your name will be “put in a hat” and the eventual winner may book the *Parish Hall* on that date.

Season of Creation continues (until 4th October, *St. Francis of Assisi*). 2021 theme “*A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God*” Visit <https://seasonofcreation.org>

Shrine to Our Lady at *Nethercroy* Well done *Ave Maria* by Soloist: *Jean Tullan*. In addition, we take this opportunity to congratulate those who maintain the Shrine so beautifully, especially *James & Cathy McCann* and *Walter Schmidt*. Nor do we forget the kind co-operation of the *Forestry Commission* (on whose land it lies). *Flowing Water* at the *Shrine to Our Lady* at *Nethercroy* is not quite “*Mains Water Standard*” so be aware of this if you choose to drink it. Many thanks to *Westfield Caledonian & J Bowman* for arranging the *Microbiological Test*. Recent *Certificate of Analysis* is available for perusal in the *Porch area*.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees this weekend. *Pope Francis* tells us not to be afraid to dream- rather, we should dream together as a single human family. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kTC4ydEGcE>

Cf 1Kings 3: 4-9



Parish Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*. Items for the Agenda include: Following *Pope Francis' Synodal Pathway* (see <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-09/text-read-in-english.html>, especially n 30); Becoming an *Eco-Parish*, COVID considerations.

The Instruction on “*The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community*” (27th June 2020) quotes Pope Francis: “*How necessary pastoral councils are! ...A Bishop cannot guide a Diocese without pastoral councils. A Parish Priest cannot guide without pastoral councils.*” Later on the Instruction states “*...the Pastoral Council highlights & realises the centrality of the People of God as the subject & active protagonist of the evangelising mission, in virtue of the fact that every member of the faithful has received the gifts of the Spirit through Baptism & Confirmation...*”

Regarding the *Synod: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*; Ten Thematic Nuclei are to be explored: I. The Journeying Companions II. Listening III. Speaking Out IV. Celebrating V. Co- Responsible in the Mission VI. Dialogue in Church and Society VII. With the Other Christian Denominations VIII. Authority and Participation IX. Discerning and Deciding X. Forming Ourselves in Synodality



Justice & Peace Group meets on Wednesday 6th October at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. New Members made very welcome. Agenda: COP 26; Prisoners of Conscience; J & P and the Synodal Process

Mass of Welcome for Primary 1 at *St Andrew's Primary* on Friday.

SCIAF Please consider signing petition urging *Prime Minister & UK Government* as host of *COP26* to be bold & take decisive action to address the climate: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/timeforaction>

Care not Killing Please Support *Care Not Killing's* campaign for proper funding of palliative care and ask Members of the Scottish Parliament to oppose the legalisation of euthanasia or assisted suicide in Scotland. Visit <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>

Croy Community Hub has been up and running at the former NHS clinic since early 2020, offering a food pantry, a credit union drop-in, a gardening group and more. A group of local people is working to develop the building into a permanent Community Hub. To share your ideas for the building, Visit [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Croy_Hub_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Croy_Hub_Survey), or uplift a paper copy at the Hub, or: <https://www.facebook.com/croycommunityhub>.

Peer Support Group for Women of Faith Affected By Separation or Divorce meet in *St. Patrick's Church Hall Dumbarton* on 1st October at 6pm. Contact 'Faith Living' Facebook group, or via email glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com or call Tricia Imrie on 07970928028.

Quote of the Week “*So- and -so is a great support to the parish here... but what do you expect, he came to us from Holy Cross, Croy.*” [from a Parish Priest in the Diocese of *Motherwell*]

Guardian Angel from Heaven so bright, watching beside me to lead me aright, fold thy wings round me, O guard me with love, softly sing songs to me of Heav'n above
Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.

Angel so holy whom God sends to me - sinful and lowly - my guardian to be, wilt thou not cherish the child of thy care? Let me not perish - my trust is thy care.
Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.