

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on Cillian Sprunt. "I entreated and the spirit of Wisdom came to me... her radiance never sleeps..." [cf Wis 7: 7-10]

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Dorothy Starkey, Jim Reilly, John Carberry, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Eileen Reilly, Mark Conner, Paddy Murphy, Nicola Blake, John Myles, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Gena Caddle, Margaret McLaren, Helen (born Shaw) McGarry, Edward Deerin

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

Recently Dead: Charles "Charlie" Fearon [*Balloch- Eastfield*], Peter Robertson [*Croy*], Mr Jim Doolan [*Kilsyth*], Nicholas Kilmurray [c/o *Balloch- Eastfield*], Billy Young [*Seafar*], John Brady, Mrs Martha McIvor, Mons Peter Smith [*St Paul's, Whiteinch; Receive: Friday 22nd October at 7pm; Funeral Mass: Saturday at 12noon*], Anne Marie McCarthy [*Florida, USA*], Annie (born Feeney) Conway

Month's Mind Cecilia & Tom McGrath

3 Months' Mind Timothy Buckley

6 Months' Mind Hugh Rae

9 Months' Mind Alice Douglas

Anniversaries: Daniel Hughes Taggart, Patrick Taggart, Francis Taggart, John & Catherine Maley, Edward & Kleen Egan, Peter Waters, Thomas Shiels (*senior*), Patrick Malone, James and Hugh Differ, James "Jim" Bradley, Jean McCann, John Scott, Richard "Dick" O'Raw, Tom Devine, Denis Mellon, Hugh & Agnes Brown, Cissie Brown, Michael Waters, Betty Rooney, Frank Caffrey [5th], Tom Murray [8th], Baby Ellie- Claire Rose [13th], Sean Murray [20th], Betty & Peter Tobin and Deceased members of their family

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Luke*; Tuesday: *St John de Brébeuf, Isaac Rogues and Companions, St Paul of the Cross*; Wednesday: *Blessed Daudi Okeli & Blessed Jildo Irwa*; Thursday: *St John of Bridlington*; Friday: *St John Paul II*, Saturday: *St John of Capistrano*; (Sunday: *Thirtieth 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

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*

Holy Cross

16th / 17th October 2021

Twenty- ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

Is 53: 10-11; Ps 32 "May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you;" Heb 4: 14-16;

Mk 10: 35-45



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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 etc.

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" and for the Seat covers to be changed (where necessary) email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1- 2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716)

COVID 19 At present the *Risk Assessment* allows for no *Track & Trace* while there is the system of “pew, miss- a- pew, pew, miss- a- pew.” If and when, the cords have to be removed then we will (probably) also re-commence *Track & Trace*.” In addition, *QR Codes* (for smart phones) have been produced (courtesy of *NHS Scotland Test & Protect*) for both the *Church Building* and for the *Parish Hall*. The *Risk Assessment* does not oblige their use but it may well be necessary again in the future.

The Scottish Catholic Newspaper Free copies available. Visit: <https://www.scottishcatholic.com>

Pope Francis’ Synodal Pathway see <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-09/text-read-in-english.html>, especially n 30). 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

Over the next few weeks, in the Bulletin and on Youtube & Facebook members of the PPC will present each of these Ten “Nuclei” in a few sentences. Parishioners are invited to respond by Comments or by email (holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk) or by post (to the *Chapel House*). We are asked to consider, “When we say: “our Church”, who is part of it?”. Previously this could perhaps be easily answered in terms of the boundaries of our Parish and those who regularly attend our Masses from other Parishes. Over the last year this has increased to include those who regularly ‘attend’ Mass via our online options on the Parish website, Facebook and YouTube. However, it also includes those people who live within the boundaries of our Parish who no longer attend Mass for whatever reason. We are also asked to think of the people or groups who are left on the margins. Could we do more to help or reach out to those that ‘are left on the margins’ (eg those who are new to the Parish, those who may need encouragement to come back to Mass, the refugee community, the homeless, etc – the list goes on)?

III. Speaking Out All are invited to speak with courage and *parrhesia*, that is, integrating freedom, truth, and charity. How do we promote a free and authentic style of communication within the community and its organizations, without duplicity and opportunism? And in relation to the society of which we are a part? When and how do we manage to say what is important to us? How does the relationship with the media system (not only Catholic media) work? Who speaks on behalf of the Christian community, and how are they chosen?

At the dawn of human free- will (see Gen 2)...



Theological Opinion re Cartoon It has been postulated that the Angels DO have *free- will* but their use of *free- will* leading to salvation/ damnation (eg the Devil, bad angels & demons) was instantaneous on their creation.

Mission Sunday is THIS weekend, 16th/ 17th Oct. Given its importance, whatever is raised this weekend will go to the the *Missions* (unless the envelope has “*Parish*” or “*Holy Cross, Croy*” etc thereon). Mission “Stuff” in Porch Area. Visit www.missioscotland.com



Texting MISSIOSCOT to 70085 will donate a default £3, while MISSIOSCOT with any number between 1- 20 after it will donate your desired amount (For example MISSIOSCOT10 will donate £10).

October Devotions 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*). Fr Joe suggests that for those with a young family a decade would be a great starting point. A *Plenary Indulgence* is granted to those who reverently recite the *Rosary* in a church building or public oratory, or with their family, religious community or pious association. A *partial Indulgence* is granted for the recitation of the *Litany of Our Lady*, and *Prayer to St Joseph*.

Justice & Peace Group meets on Wednesday 20th October at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. New Members made very welcome (socially-distanced of course). Agenda: COP 26 & Hospitality; Prisoners of Conscience; J & P and the *Synodal Process*; *Laudato Si’ Parish* and *Eco- Congregation Update*.

Bereavement Group meets Tuesday 26th October at 7.30pm. If willing to assist in this important matter, please attend *Parish Hall*.

November Lists are available on the *Altar Rails*. Please complete & return before November.

COP 26 SCIAF & parish Justice & Peace Group are providing assistance to a group of pilgrims from Poland, Sweden and elsewhere who are making their way to COP26 in Glasgow. The COP Visitors arrive from Falkirk on Thursday 28th October and then walk to Glasgow on Friday 29th along the Forth & Clyde Canal. Sleeping space in our hall and some hospitality is being provided. More details to follow on how to join the pilgrims as they walk. The pilgrims aim to speak out in support of the most vulnerable in our world who will be most affected if our common home is not better cared for.

Parish Youth Ministry online Training & Support: If you would be interested in starting a youth group or would like some more information and training, RCAG YOUTH are offering the following sessions via Zoom: *How to Put a Youth Night Together* [19th October]; *How to Put a Young Adult’s Night Together* [2nd November]; *How to Speak to Young People* [16th November]; *How to Pray with Young People* [30th November]. Regarding *Holy Cross Croy Parish*, please also see Fr Joe.

Foundation Stone of the present Church Building was laid 64 years ago on Sunday (The parish itself was founded in 1902.) A translation of the Inscription reads: "To the Best and Greatest God, To the perpetual memory of things: On 17th October in the year of reparation of salvation 1957, Pope, by the providence of God, *Pius XII*, Governing the Universal Church, The Most Excellent and Most Reverend *Donald A Campbell* Archbishop of Glasgow placed the auspicious stone of the foundation of the church, under the invocation of the *Holy Cross*. Praise God always”

Year of St Joseph A Statue outside at the south nave of Church Building is proposed. Comments to *Fabric & Finance Group* (c/o *Chapel House*).... Perhaps given the history of Croy, one of *St Joseph the Worker*.