

Intimations

Freed from Original Sin and with Abundant Baptismal Blessings bestowed, we congratulate Noah and Ollie Barrie. “(Jesus) let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him” [cf Jn 2: 11].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Dorothy Starkey, Jim Reilly, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Paddy Murphy, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Gena Caddle, Margaret Paterson Jamieson [*Toronto* formerly *Croy*], Eileen Reilly [*Aviemore*], Fr David Lloyd, Mary Thompson, Helen Watson, Nicky Lamb, Mary Johnston

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

Recently Dead: Canon Benedict O’Keefe, Helen (born Shaw) McGarry [*Croy*], Patrick Brady [*Croy*; *Receive:* Tuesday at 6.30pm; *Funeral Mass:* Wednesday at 10am; Family has asked that this be live-streamed], Mrs Mary Bevin [*Cumbernauld*], Mrs Mary Bevan [*Cumbernauld*], Margaret Haining [*Westerwood*], Bill McBride [*Plains*], Margaret Haney [*Westerwood*], Bridget Kavana [*Donegal*], Denise Mullally, Michael McCann [*Condorrat*], Hector Barrie [*Kilmarnock*], Patrick Tracey [*Bonhill*], George Smith [*Cardonald*]

Month’s Mind Kathleen (born Bolan) Brady, Catherine Philips

9 Months’ Mind Rev Sr May Higney, Hugh Rae

Anniversaries: Arthur McKell, James MacDonough [8th], Frank A M Noakes, Annie Blair, Bernard Cairns, John Leach [12th], John Hamill [22nd], Phil Pelosi [9th], Anne Ventisei [1st], Rev Fr Colman McGrath, Alicia Killiard, Andrew Killiard, Joe Weldon [8th], Lynne Weldon [8th], Susan McGhee [3rd], Mary McLaren, Margaret Johnstone, David Quail [4th], Nora Kelly

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Francis de Sales*; Tuesday: *The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle*; Wednesday: *Sts Timothy & Titus*; Thursday: *St Angela Merici*; Friday: *St Thomas Aquinas*; Saturday: *Blessed Archangela Girelli*; (Sunday: *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]*)

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 Croy

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]


22nd / 23rd January 2022

Neh 8: 2-6,8-10; *Ps* 18 “Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life,” *1Cor* 12: 12-30;

Lk 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

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“Holy Cross, Croy” on YouTube & , and is a Fairtrade Parish

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, & with *Hymn Books*. A “fogger machine” has been purchased & will be used between Masses (& windows open). At Weekday Mass, please indicate that someone sat in a certain pew by placing the “Cylinder of wipes” on its side. The Parish Collection is by (*Cash or Chip & Pin*) “plate” in porch area.

Holy Mass Normal Times: *Saturday Vigil* at 6pm, *Sundays* at 9.30am & 11.40am. The *Obligation* to attend Mass on *Sundays* and *Holydays of Obligation* is suspended due to COVID-19. *Morning 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 *Sundays* at 12.45pm (see Fr Sullivan)

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

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*

Bulletins & LARGE PRINT Bulletins: 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 “sanitising fogging” and for good “airing” email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk (or *Tuesday* 6- 7pm or *Friday* 1- 2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716)

Meetings for Parents/ Godparents *St Andrew's Primary*: on Monday 31st January by *WEB-EX* 6pm for P3 *Reconciliation (Confession)*; 6.30pm for P4 *First Holy Communion*. Each school will forward Contact details.

Holy Cross Primary: on Tuesday 1st February by *WEB-X* 6.30pm for P3 *Reconciliation (Confession)*; 7.15pm for P4 *First Holy Communion*.

¿**Thinking about becoming an RC?** meets on Tuesday 8th February at 7.30pm. Contact Chapel House for further details.

Crib Donations will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*. Raised = £400. Well done! The *Society* helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. If you would like to be considered as an adoptive/ fostering parent, contact the *Society* at 274 Bath St, Glasgow; 0141- 332 8371 or try www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

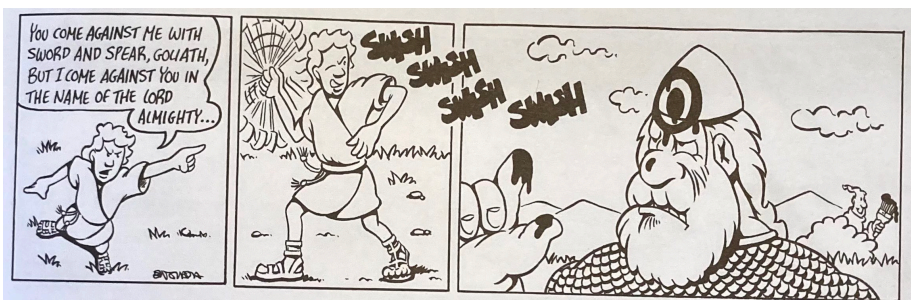
Nativity Banner will remain until the Feast of the *Presentation of the Lord* (2nd February).

The Peace Candle has been placed at the *Altar Rails*. The Candle may well be lit during each Mass for the month of January. The *(Blessed) Wreath of Peace* rests at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.

Call for Artists Are you a visual artist? You could be a painter, photographer, digital artist or sculptor. Whatever media you work in, we are looking for contributions to *Annual Lentfest Art Exhibition*. Reflecting on the theme, “*Always be ready to give an answer for the HOPE that is within you.*” (2Peter 3:15), we are challenging you to come up with something inspirational. It should be an original work to which you own the copyright. To take part, please complete the short application form and upload a photograph of the work for our festival guide when it is completed. By doing so, you give *AGAP* permission to display the artwork publicly during *Lentfest* and to include photographs of this artwork in the virtual Online programme for the festival via the Internet, including our social media channels, as part of *Lentfest* 2022. For full details and to apply, visit: <https://www.agap.org.uk/images-of-hope-lentfest-annual-art-exhibition.html>
Deadline for Applications to take part: Monday 24th January; Deadline for Submission of Artwork: Thursday 24th February 2022

All 18-30 year olds are invited to an evening of discovery, fellowship and faith. Join RCAG Youth on Thursday, 3rd February, 6 - 8.30pm, in *St. Peter's Church Hall*, Partick for “*The Originals*” event. Pizza included. Followed by pub (optional). For more info, website: www.rcagyouth.co.uk We'd love to see you there!” www.facebook.com/316564101586/posts/10158394198036587/?d=n

Cartoon: see 1Sam 17: 45-48



Sunday of the Word of God, this weekend (*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*) has been instituted as the *Sunday of the Word of God*, devoted to its “celebration, study and dissemination.”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th January)
Theme this year is: “*We Saw His Star in the East.*” Materials for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022*. Specific Daily Prayers etc for 2022 are available free at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>



Please consider showing your support for *Christian Unity* by posting unity messages to *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Twitter wall – simply add the #wpcuwall hashtag to your Twitter post. The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the *Middle East*, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The *Christians of the Middle East* offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Bereavement Group meets Tuesday 25th January at 7.30pm. If willing to assist in this important matter, please attend *Parish Hall*.

Parish Pastoral Council meets on Monday 7th February (and not on planned date) at 7pm in Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda by end of month. All the work re the *Synod* will be reviewed then.

Primary school registration (P1) Parents/carers of children who turn five between 1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023 should register by 24th January 2022 for starting Primary 1 in August 2022. *Holy Cross Primary School* and *St Andrew's Primary School*: <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/primary-school-registration-pl> If you wish to contact your local primary school regarding registration you can email or telephone them directly.

Diocesan Priesthood: Thinking about *Diocesan Priesthood* in 2022? Enquiries from those considering applying to seminary. For more information about our *Discernment Evenings* please contact Fr. Ross Campbell (Email: ross.campbell@rcag.org.uk Phone: 0141 339 4315).

Becoming a Laudato Si' Parish The *Laudato Si' Action Platform* is offered by the *Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development* as a service to the universal Catholic Church and to “*all men and women of good will.*” (LS 3) Visit <https://laudatosi'actionplatform.org/> The earth is a Gift from God and Human beings have been commanded by God to both “till” and “care” for the earth [see Gen 2: 15]. This *Action Platform* will be on the Agenda of the next *Parish Pastoral Council*.

New Safeguarding agency Former Judge the *Hon. Lady Rae* has taken up the reins as Board Chair of the new *Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA)* that is now being established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the *Safeguarding Matters* newsletter (available: <https://bit.ly/3tyeln>) provides details of what the agency will do, who it will work with and how it will be governed. Lady Rae is looking to recruit people who can bring relevant expertise to act as Board Directors who will support the important work of the new agency. More details: <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

Scottish Catholic Education Service Newsletter for January available from Porch Area or from www.sces.org.uk