

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer has freed Skye Kelly Brown from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name." [cf Jn 20: 31].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** Dorothy Starkey, Jim Reilly, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Eileen Reilly [Aviemore], Helen Watson, Nicky Lamb, Anne Grieg, John Carberry, Rev Sr Jeanette Ward SND, Jean Robertson, May Bowman [Alness], Jim Ringrose, Brian Hughes, Elizabeth Lynagh, Mark Costello, Euan Sutherland

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

**Recently Dead:** Rev Fr Frank O'Rourke [former PP of St Michael's, Parkhead; Reception & Vigil: at Saint Michael's, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.30pm. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30 am], Hugh Connolly [Croy], William Scott, Jim Turley, Joseph and Joan McCrory [New Zealand], Jane McCarroll [Kilsyth], Mamie Leary [Condorrat], Andrew Strachan, Catherine (born McGlynn) Carr

**Anniversaries:** Issie Scott, Jimmy Quinn, James (Jim) McGady [2<sup>nd</sup>], Anne Morrison, Elaine Burns, John Harvey, Rev Sr May Higney [1<sup>st</sup>], Thomas Graham, Peter Waters, Mary Bradley, Jim Bowman, Peter Keenan, Davie Gribben Betty Gribben, Davy McCarroll, Pat Lafferty [1<sup>st</sup>], Helen Taggart, Thomas Malone, Martha Morrison, Cathie Cunningham

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Athanasius*; Tuesday: *Sts Philip & James, St Fumac*; Wednesday: *St Conleth*; Thursday: *St Asaph, St Angelus*; Friday: *St François de Laval*; Saturday: *St John of Beverley*; (Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday [C]*)

**Pope Francis' Intentions** for May *Faith-Filled Young People* We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



# Holy Cross

## Croy

### Third Sunday of Easter [C]


30<sup>th</sup> April/ 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Acts 5: 27-32,40-41; Ps 29: "I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me";

Apoc 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 19- 19

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

**COVID- 19** Re the *Sign of Peace*: in this parish, we will continue to "bow in our bubbles." Receiving *Holy Communion (low Gluten Hosts available)*; at present those distributing *Holy Communion* will continue to wear a mask/ visor; *Holy Communion* on the tongue at the very end of the *Communion Procession*. A "fogger machine" will still be in use and windows open regularly. An area at the front on the *Sacred Heart* side is reserved for those who would like extra space. Parish Collection is by *Cash Bucket* or *Chip & Pin Plate* in porch area. *White- topped Bucket* is for the Parish, *Red- topped Bucket* is for any *Special Collection*.

**Day Visits:** Church Building open early morning till early evening.

**Holy Mass** Normal Times: *Saturday Vigil* at 6pm, *Sundays* at 9.30am & 11.40am. Weekday Mass is at 10am & during Lent also at 8.15am. *Morning Mass* is Streamed Live on *Parish YouTube Page*, via Parish's Website & *Parish Facebook*, search "*Holy Cross Croy*" courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

**Children's Liturgy** by Trained & PVG'd Catechists during both Sunday Morning Masses.

**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** after Mass 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: 07716387645 / 07707868421 or email: [holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk)  
*Policy Document* available <https://www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2/tabid/131/Default.aspx>

**Hall Bookings:** Maximum 125 persons. To Hire Hall email: [holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk) (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1- 2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716)

**Good Shepherd Sunday** is next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a *Holy Hour* to pray for *Vocations to the Diaconate, to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life* at 5pm. The *Holy Hour* will include *Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction*. You may simply wish to “pop in” for a little while (as a family?) and leave.

**Walk for Vocations to the Diaconate, to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life.** Leaving here on afternoon of Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June to reach *Carmel Monastery*, Waterside, Kirkintilloch at 4pm.

**Chastity & Modesty** Your Parish Priest recently had a letter published in the *Herald on Sunday*. He wrote: Your article (The *Herald on Sunday* 17.04.22) rings alarm bells against "normalising" underage sex. The Scottish Government seems to be "normalising" sex separated from children (and marriage). We appear to be heading back to the time where *Roman Orgies* were similarly "normalised." (St) *Mother Teresa (of Calcutta/ Kolkata)* at a *World Day for Young People* had a better vision for young people: "Keep your chastity, chaste; your virginity, virgin; and your purity, pure." Yours sincerely,

Remember, our faith does not want us to be prudish but it DOES encourage modesty. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way: "All the baptized are called to chastity. the Christian has 'put on Christ,' the model for all chastity. All Christ's faithful are called to lead a chaste life in keeping with their particular states of life..."

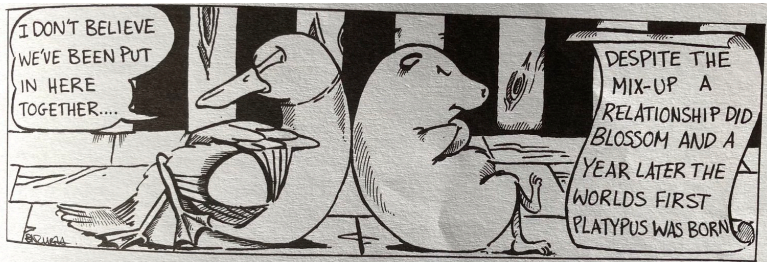
2349 People should cultivate [chastity] in the way that is suited to their state of life. Some profess virginity or consecrated celibacy which enables them to give themselves to God alone with an undivided heart in a remarkable manner. Others live in the way prescribed for all by the moral law, whether they are married or single. Married people are called to live conjugal chastity; others practice chastity in continence...

2523 There is a modesty of the feelings as well as of the body. It protests, for example, against the voyeuristic explorations of the human body in certain advertisements, or against the solicitations of certain media that go too far in the exhibition of intimate things. Modesty inspires a way of life which makes it possible to resist the allurements of fashion & the pressures of prevailing ideologies.

2524 The forms taken by modesty vary from one culture to another. Everywhere, however, modesty exists as an intuition of the spiritual dignity proper to man. It is born with the awakening consciousness of being a subject. Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person."

The *Catechism* offers a difficult teaching particularly in these times of explicit material being "normalised"- even in the *House of Commons*. Happily we have the *Sacrament of Confession/ Reconciliation* when we fail/ fall/ fettered by sin.

**Statistic of the Week** The Parish Facebook page reached 1492 “check-ins” last week... perhaps *Christopher Columbus* (“...who sailed the ocean blue”) was one of them???



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**Responses to Synodal Pathways** are being collated. The Final Reports from *HC Young people* (well done Natalie) and from *Cumbernauld Churches Together*. They will be presented at the *Extended Deanery Meeting* on 17<sup>th</sup> May at *St Flannan's, Kirkintilloch*.

**Justice & Peace Group** meets Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. Agenda includes: *Ukraine, UK Nationality & Borders Bill; Laudato Si Week- 22 May*.

**Croy Silver Band** You are invited to their free Spring Concert on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30- 8.30pm in *Church Building*. The *Blessed Sacrament* will be temporarily removed to the *Sacristy Safe*. This is the first concert the band has held in two years and the programme will include a variety of pieces, new and old. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome. Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/6g7RBF3cG> Although free, there is opportunity to donate to the band at the end.

**Bereavement Group** meets on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*.

**First Holy Communion Dates** *St Andrew's Primary 4*: on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10am; then *Holy Cross Primary 4*: on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am. Materials for Parents/ Godparents: visit: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\\_BSN7sTxyISAG\\_xuYvsfkbJFDDQ5e8vF?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_BSN7sTxyISAG_xuYvsfkbJFDDQ5e8vF?usp=sharing) Those receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to attend Mass with their uniform/ dresses/ outfits on the immediate Sunday following so that other parishioners visibly may join in the celebrations. Indeed the *First Holy Communicants* will have pride of place at *Corpus Christi Procession* on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, at 4pm.

Well done the P6s from *St Andrew's Primary* who, in pursuit of the *Pope Francis Faith Award*, accomplished various tasks around the parish policies in preparation for the *First Holy Communion* of their P4 schoolmates. Well done also Mrs Cairns & Mrs Irving.

**Piety Stall** has many Gift Items for *First Holy Communion*.

**Finance** NO Special Collection THIS weekend. Next weekend *Good Shepherd Sunday*, the *Special Collection* will be for *Ecclesiastical Students' Fund*. The *Easter Quarterly* is now due, please place in *Quarterly Box* in *Porch Area*. The *Special Collection* for *Assisted Parishes* raised = £95

**Fabric & Finance Team** meets on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. Agenda includes: Parish Accounts 2021- 22; Re-decorating the inside of the Church Building; Pricing: Hall; Hall Booking Cancellations; Parish “Welcome” Banner and Notice Board; Wheelchair Access; Wheelchair Toilet; Church Building: Day Alarm/ Security and Night Alarm/ Security.

**SCIAF** The *Boxes* raised £1,000. To this figure is added the Amount raised on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent = £1,700. So the Total from the Parish is £2,700... and if you include what the *Tea & Toasters* raised a few weeks ago for *Ukraine* via *Caritas* via *SCIAF* (£305) then the total is over £3,000. Well done especially in these difficult times!

**Quote of the Week** "...I find the online experience truly personal and special and there are *no* distractions. I actually feel closer to God than I have ever felt... and I feel part of an online family... strange but true! (*Having visited at Easter*) I thought the Church Building was beautiful and the grounds too... (cheque for £20)."

