

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Fraser Elliot Bowman from Original Sin and bestowed on him Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him..." [cf Col 2: 12].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** Dorothy Starkey, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Eileen Reilly [Aviemore], Helen Watson, Nicky Lamb, Jean Robertson, May Bowman [Alness], Jim Ringrose, Brian Hughes, Elizabeth Lynagh, Mark Costello, Vincent Trama, Susan McGuire, George Matthew, Alan Starkey, Ella Harkins, Margaret Stobo, Rev Sr Jeanette Ward, Mary Taggart, Danny McLaughlin

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

**Recently Dead:** Margaret (born Hadnum) Boyce [Croy; Receive: Tuesday at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Wednesday at 10am], Margaret Martin [Moodiesburn], Mr Chris Innes [Kirkintilloch], Rona Lawrie [Langbank], Maureen (Trainer) Croke, Anne Galately

**3 Months' Mind** John Carberry

**Anniversaries:** Sarah Boyle, Joe Livingstone, Sarah Anne (Clark) Mellon, Annie McKay (McBride), Elizabeth Stokes, Peggy (McDonald) Martin, Margaret Fowler, May (O'Raw) Differ, James Doherty ("Doc"), Mary (born Nash) Nelson, William & Agnes McManus, Janeke Campbell (1<sup>st</sup>), Margaret Armstrong, George Dailly, Suzanne Gormley, Marie Rafferty, Alice (nee Docherty) O'Rourke, Deceased members of the O'Rourke Family, Deceased members of the Murphy Family, Deceased members of the Docherty Family, Barbara (nee Docherty) Gaffney

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Alphonsus Liguori*; Tuesday: *St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard, St Peter Faber*; Wednesday: *St Oswald, St Germanus of Auxerre*; Thursday: *St John Vianney*; Friday: *The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*; Saturday: *The Transfiguration of the Lord*; (Sunday: *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]*)



# Holy Cross Croy


## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

*Eccles 1: 2; 2:21-23; Ps 89: "O Lord you have been our refuge from generation to the next" or Ps 94 "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts"; Col 3: 1-5,9-11; Lk 12: 13-21*

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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 sanitise hands & to wear a mask/ visor; *Holy Communion* on the tongue better at the very end of the *Communion Procession*. A "fogger machine" will still be in use and windows opened regularly. An area at the front on the *Sacred Heart* side is reserved for extra space.

**Day Visits:** open early morning till early evening, but do not cross over the cords into alarmed area.

**Holy Mass:** *Saturday Vigil* at 6pm, *Sundays* at 9.30am & 11.40am. Weekday Mass is at 10am. *First Morning Mass* is Streamed Live (unless otherwise advertised) 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 Sunday Morning Masses- term-time.

**Baptisms** Normally Sundays at 12.45pm (see Fr Sullivan)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession:** on Saturdays 10.30am- 11am and 6.40- 7pm at (airy) *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)

**Welcome** to Fr Billy Harrison (*Salvatorian Missionary*) who is guiding the Pastoral– Liturgical work of the parish. In an emergency (seriously ill or danger of death) phone his mobile: 079276 14427. The Chapel House “House- sitter” should also be able to pass on messages as will the *Chancellor* (who checks emails, phone messages etc)... Be nice to them.... as you always are!

**Farewell** to *Monica Kirson* who, as a faithful member of the *Music Group*, has helped to inspire us, by voice & by instrument, at the 9.30am Mass as well as at many other significant occasions. This weekend & next will be her final “public appearances” ...at least for a couple of years! With great gratitude we wish her & her daughter Clarice well in their new *Teaching Posts* in the Middle East.

**Gillian Mackay MSP**, member for Central Scotland Region, has launched a consultation on a proposed Bill to introduce ‘safe access zones’, or buffer zones, around abortion facilities in Scotland. Our briefing, below, provides details of the proposal, highlights some concerns, and shows you how you can have your say. The closing date for responses to the consultation is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

<https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-proposed-abortion-services-safe-access-zones-scotland-bill/>

Existing law is adequate to deal with any problems which may arise at public gatherings. For example, the following legislation already exists in relation to complaints of harassment, alarm and distress: • The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 protects people from harassment by the creation of non-harassment orders. • The Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 establishes an offence of threatening and abusive behaviour which is likely to cause fear and alarm. • The Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 allows police to issue a dispersal order where there is public alarm or distress. • The Public Order Act 1986 gives police the power to impose conditions on public processions and public assemblies.

There is also the fundamental question of the morality of abortion. An important task of the political community is to recognise and respect human dignity through defending and promoting fundamental and inalienable human rights. Every society must accept and defend human dignity through its laws and every other just means available, starting with the protection of innocent life, which includes the right of the child to develop in his or her mother’s womb from the moment of conception. If we are to be the caring and compassionate society we aspire to be, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human life must be the foundational principle upon which that aspiration rests. An unborn life, once taken, can never be restored.

**Helpful Words** for those who have had an abortion from *Pope John Paul II*: “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. To the same Father and his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone’s right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.”

*Evangelium Vitae* n.99

**Peace Pledges** If YOU would like to add a *Peace Pledge*, then if willing & able place in box in porch area. “*Prayer is more powerful than the atom bomb.*” attributed to *Fr. Hubert Schaffer*, Jesuit priest and Hiroshima survivor.

**Rev Frank McKendry** writes: “I would like to thank everyone who had me in their thoughts and prayers during my formation periods at both the *Royal Scots College* in Salamanca and in the *Pontifical Beda College* in Rome. I am also very grateful for the kindness shown to me throughout my formation period and for the gifts I received from many of you after my priestly ordination. This means so much to me along with your continual support and words of encouragement and I will remember you all in my prayers.

I am very pleased to inform you that *Archbishop Nolan* has assigned me to work as a curate in *St. Helen’s* in Langside from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 until 23<sup>rd</sup> September when I will move to *St. Peter’s* in Partick. I look forward to assisting in both these parishes and to meeting the people of these two great churches.



If you are ever passing close by to *St. Helen’s* or *St. Peter’s* you will be made most welcome if you pop in to see me. Thank you so much, take good care and God bless you all, *Fr. Frank.*”

Fr Frank will offer his “First Blessing “ after the *Vigil Mass* this weekend.

**Congratulations** to those who helped make these days so inspiring... led by *Archbishop Bill Nolan* and Concelebrating Priests & the Holy Deacons. We mention in particular *Croy Community Choir* who have been missed so much these COVID years. Then we thank *Holy Cross Stream Team* and the *Sanitisers*, those who *keep* the grounds so beautiful, the *Cleaners*, those who *dress* the Altar & *keep* the linen clean, the *Campanologists* (*Bell-ringers*), *Florists*, the *Pass-keepers*, the *music ministry* including the *Organists- Mr J Curtis, Mr Charlie Gribben & Soloists- Mrs Jean McDonald Tullan & Mr Peter Cairns*), *Sacristan, Readers, Composers* of the *Prayer of the Faithful, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers* (& those who launder the robes), the *Piety Stall-keepers, odd-job men, administrative helpers* (including *Mass Booklets* for the occasions). We thank *North Lanarkshire Council* (& *Mrs M Murphy HT*) for the hire of the *School Hall*. Finally well done to *Alex Graham* for the fine Catering for both events!

**Relics of St Bernadette** will be at *Carfin Lourdes Grotto*, 100 Newarthill Rd, ML1 5AL; 24 September-: 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2nd October. It is hoped that Bishops of Scotland & Papal Nuncio will celebrate the centenary and that the Grotto will formally and officially be declared “*The National Marian Shrine of Scotland.*”

**Statistic of the Week** The parish *Facebook Page* recently passed 3,600 “followers.”

**Quote of the Week** “There ARE times when we SHOULD be extravagant when it comes to making the *Church Building* here at *Holy Cross, Croy* even more beautiful. The woman who used very expensive perfume on the *Lord* was praised! ‘*And truly I say to you, wherever the Gospel is preached in the whole world; what she has done will be told in memory of her*’ (cf Mk 14: 9).”