

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed both Ayda Rose Currie and Aoife Grace Henery from Original Sin and bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand." [cf Col 3: 1].

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, 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: Rona Lawrie [Langbank], Anne Galately, Lauchlan McLellan, George Matthew (India)

3 Months' Mind John Carberry

Anniversaries: James Doherty ("Doc"), Mary (born Nash) Nelson, William & Agnes McManus, Janeke Campbell (1st), 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, Mary McCann (Carroll), James McCann, Michael McCann, Nicky McLaren (Vancouver), Elizabeth Cairns, Pat Christie, Brian Doherty (Junior), Roy Christie, Owen O'Brien, Barry Maley, Helen Carr, Michael McDade, Sam Cassidy, Mary Carrick, Mary Taggart McWilliams

Special Remembrance Greta Docherty

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Dominic*; Tuesday: *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St Nathy, St Felim*; Wednesday: *St Lawrence*; Thursday: *St Clare*; Friday: *St Blaen (or Blane), St Jane Frances de Chantal, St Muredach, St Attracta, St Lelia*; Saturday: *St Pontian & Hippolytus, St Fachtma*; (Sunday: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*- anticipated)

Pope Francis' Intention for August – *For small businesses* We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities. For further information view: <https://youtu.be/sO0BhMphBtM>



Holy Cross Croy


Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

6th/ 7th August 2022

Wis 18: 6-9; Ps 32: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own;" Heb 11: 1-2,8-19;
Lk 12: 32-48

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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: Church Building open early morning till early evening, but do not cross the cords.

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

Welcome to Fr Billy Harrison (*Salvatorian Missionary* from Coatbridge) 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 *Chancellor* (who checks emails etc) should also be able to pass on messages as will Chapel House “House-sitter”, also Rev Deacon Bernard Lavery... 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. Next weekend 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 11th 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

Sign up Sunday is planned for the *Parish Feast Day*. All Groups and Associations are hereby invited to prepare a “Welcome Table” for the end of the Vigil & Sunday Masses 10th / 11th September at Car Park and/ or in Parish Hall (dependent on weather). Please let Anne Marie Hamilton know if you are willing and able email holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk and mark Subject box: “Welcome Table.”



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- Jean McDonald Tullan & Mr 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).

Fr Frank has been assigned to work as a curate in *St. Helen’s* in Langside from 1st August 2022 until 23rd September when he will move to *St. Peter’s* in Partick.

Altar Servers Parents, there is a new *Permission Form* to be completed regarding your son’s/ daughter’s being on live-streaming at 9.30am Mass and at other events. Please complete & return.

Episcopal Visit *Archbishop Nolan* wishes to make a *Pastoral Visit* to the Parish on the weekend 22nd / 23rd October (*Mission Sunday*). This will be his THIRD visit... he can’t keep away!!!

Relics of St Bernadette will be at *Carfin Lourdes Grotto*, 100 Newarthill Rd, ML1 5AL; 24 September-: 2nd 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*.”

The Seven Last “Words” of Christ *Sir James MacMillan* reflects on the creative process of his Composition (Cantata) on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the *Gold Leaf Version* above the Sanctuary at *Holy Cross, Croy*... on 22nd November (Feast of *St Cæcilia*) at 7.30pm beneath our *Gold Leaf Version*. Voluntary Contributions to defray cost will be most welcome.

Award in Catholic Theology Course. Final call for interested persons to be in touch with Christine Burke at Clyde Street (christine.Burke@rcag.org.uk) If you have any questions or queries concerning the course then please don’t hesitate to e-mail or telephone.

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).”