

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed both Violet Anne McKenna and Celeste Hope Conner from Original Sin and bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "...my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid..." [cf Lk 1: 47- 48].

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, Rev Sr Jeanette Ward, Mary Taggart, Danny McLaughlin, Betty Burke, Adam Johnston, Elizabeth "Betty" McCann, Walter Schmidt

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

**Recently Dead:** Eileen (born Laidlaw) Milton [Westfield; Receive & Funeral Mass at 10am on Friday; live-streamed courtesy Holy Cross, Croy Stream Team], Fatima Bi

**Month's Mind** Margaret Boyce

**6 Months' Mind** Michael McCann

**Anniversaries:** James (Shem) Currie, Philip Friel, James McGoldrick, Danny McKay, Mary Carrick, Mary Taggart McWilliams, Michael McDade, Sam Cassidy, Hugh Haggerty, Pat Christie, Tim McMahon ("Senior"), Helen McMahon, Tim McMahon ("Junior"), John McMahon, Dan Cranie, Esther Cranie, Winifred Griffin, Stan Kos, John Campbell, James McDonald, Tommy Dennington, Mary Dennington, Margaret Campbell, Edward Brady, Sarah Jane (Cairns) Forsyth [20<sup>th</sup>]

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *The Queenship of Mary*; Tuesday: *St Rose of Lima, St Eugene*; Wednesday: *St Bartholomew*; Thursday: *St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz*; Friday: *Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Barberi)*; Saturday: *St Monica*; (Sunday: *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]*)



# Holy Cross Croy


## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

20<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Is 66: 18-21; Ps 44 "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news"; Heb 12: 5-7,11-13;  
Lk 13: 22-30

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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.

**Holy Rosary** Monday- Saturday around 9.30am (earlier when there is a funeral)

**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)

**Synod** The Catholic Church in Scotland has submitted its response to the Vatican following the call from Pope Francis in 2021 to participate in a two-year process called “*a synod on synodality*,” which will inform discernment in the coming year on the life and priorities of the Universal Church. Each diocese in Scotland participated in the Synodal process, while efforts were made to engage pastorally beyond diocesan and parish boundaries, through Prison Chaplaincies, schools etc.

Meetings and events held across the country, reported a post-pandemic climate of faith, with the final document describing “the first shoots of new ecclesial life”. Parishes & communities, unable to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments together in person, have discovered new ways of being parish, whether in online celebrations, reaching out to the most vulnerable members of their communities, providing foodbanks etc. For the first-time new volunteers have become involved in the daily parish life, while a new ministry of welcome was instituted in many parishes. There is a determination to improve lay participation in the life of the Church & reach out to those who may have felt rejected in the past. Bishops' Conference final document here: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/Resources>

**Finance** This Weekend (20/21 August) there will be Second Collection for *Assisted Parishes*.

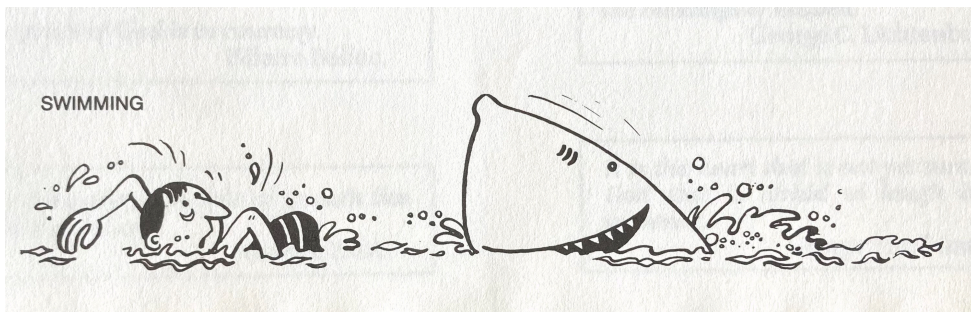
**Venerable Margaret Sinclair National Pilgrimage** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Opens at 2pm and *Holy Mass* at 4.30pm. The event takes place at *St Patrick's*, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. Refreshments available. Come for an afternoon of quiet reflection [www.margaretsinclair.scot](http://www.margaretsinclair.scot)

**VANL** *Improving the environment with a focus on the Town Centre* (Kilsyth and the surrounding villages) Online Meeting: 23/08/2022 at 6.30pm *Public and Community Transport* (Kilsyth and the surrounding villages) Online Meeting: 23/08/2022 at 7.30pm. Visit VANL for details.

**Pope Francis** writes: “*Listen to the voice of creation*” is the theme and invitation of this year’s *Season of Creation*. The ecumenical phase begins on 1<sup>st</sup> September with the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, and concludes on 4<sup>th</sup> October with the feast of *Saint Francis*. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home... If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home...

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**Parish Pastoral Council** meets on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August at at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Proposed Items for the Agenda by next weekend. Please hand in to the *Chapel House*.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk) and mark Subject box: “Welcome Table.”

**Holy Cross Ladies' Guild** has begun again on Thursdays, 7-9pm in Parish Hall. New Members made especially welcome!

**Peace Pledges** A few days to go (*Feast of the Crowning of Our Lady*): As Scotland sends Military Aid to Ukraine, Christ's Faithful here would like to send something else: if willing & able, then place in box in porch. To Ambassador to Ukraine/ Ambassador to Russia/ copies to *Pope Francis*.

**Justice & Peace Group** meets on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug at 7pm in Parish Hall. Agenda includes: Peace Prayers, Welcome Table for “Sign- Up Sunday”, *Season of Creation* – including walk COP 27 [www.walk2cop27.com](http://www.walk2cop27.com) New members welcome

**Pilgrimage** at the Shrine to *Our Lady* at *NetherCroy* on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. Holy Rosary & Prayers included. We take this opportunity to congratulate those who maintain the Shrine so beautifully, especially James & Cathy McCann. Nor do we forget the kind co-operation of the Forestry Commission (on whose land it lies).

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**New Confirmation Retreat Programme** on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 4pm for all school/parish staff (catechists/parishioners) who would be interested in delivering: *Priest, Prophet & King*. This session will explore the ways in which schools and parishes can use this resource to provide a retreat experience for pupils preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information on the retreat programme: <https://www.rercglasgow.org/confirmation-retreat-priest-prophet-king.html> Parishioners who would like to join the Parish “P7 Team” please see Fr Sullivan asap.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Feast of *St Cæcilia*) at 7.30pm beneath our *Gold Leaf Version*. Voluntary Contributions to defray cost will be most welcome.

**Quote of the Week** (from a visiting Italian Priest): “*I fedeli qui sono devoti... mi hanno data una bella testimonianza di fede e di preghiera ardente*” or “*The faithful here have (real) devotion... they gave me a beautiful witness of faith and ardent prayer.*”

