

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Noah George Rae from Original Sin and bestowed on him Abundant Baptismal Blessings. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” [Lk 23: 42].

Fruits of the Spirit (*charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity*) in the *Sacrament of Confirmation* (from *Holy Cross Primary*) were recently conferred on: Carla Johnston, Myles Daugela, Layla Ballentyne, Kaiden Ramsay, Bella Shannon, Cameron Kilpatrick, Kara Mosettig, Taylor Statk, Eva Nolan, Rhys Lalley, Erin Williamson, Jamie Lennon, Caoimhe Furay, Maisie McAra, Millie O’Mellon, Lewis McAllister, Ruby Conroy, Zack Irving, Nieve Madden, Aiden Ferguson, Vanessa Wijas, Erin Loney, Molly Keel, Daniel McFadden, Stella Currie, Aiden Hepburn, Maddison McIntyre, Patrick McGrory, Maisie Moonlight, Jai Mullen, Sophie-Rose Callaghan, Freya Connolly, Sean-Paul Corner, Alexander Smith, Eva McNeil, Leo McCann, Aiden Lennon, Joshua Kelly, Jessica Kelly, Ryan Crampsie

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** Dorothy Starkey, Mary (*born* Owens) McCormack, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Eileen Reilly [*Aviemore*], Nicky Lamb, Jean Robertson, Jim Ringrose, Brian Hughes, Elizabeth Lynagh, Mark Costello, Vincent Trama, Susan McGuire, Alan Starkey, Mary Taggart, Adam Johnston, Elizabeth “Betty” McCann, Walter Schmidt, Denis Brown, Alyx Halliburton [*Coatbridge*], Maureen (*born* Flynn) McLaren [*Vancouver*], Bernardine Daly, Mary Crainie, Arthur Kenny, Margaret Bett, Charlie Boyle [*Condorrat*]

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

**Recently Dead:** Robert Rae [*Croy*; *Receive:* Thursday at 6.30pm; *Funeral Mass:* Friday at 10am; the family has asked that this NOT be live-streamed], Baby Blake Knox [*Condorrat*], Michael Burns [*Canada* formerly *Barmulloch*], Christopher McMullan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Walter Inglis [*Bellshill*]

**6 Months’ Mind:** Anne Grieg

**Special Remembrance:** David Robertson

**Anniversaries:** Danny Comrie, Ian Sinclair & Elizabeth Sinclair, Richard McLaren, Tom Maley, Moira O’Brien, Katrina McSharry, Elizabeth & John McSharry, Cathy Cannon & Harold Cannon, Charlie McKenna, Catherine Cassidy, Thomas Shiels (*Jnr*), John McColl, Karen Anne Murray, Jim McMahan, Ramon Fazzini, Ellen Paton, Lizzie Hadnum, Elaine McKay, Baby Emily Durkin, Maureen Kelly, Fr Francis Xavier Barry, Aidan Patrick & George Joseph Curtis (*twins*), Maria Curtis, Mary Donaldson, Sammy Brady, Eliza Yard Brady, Charlie Clark

**Those whose Names are on the November Lists** (Note: when there is a Funeral, the *November Lists’ Daily Mass* will be postponed until December, or else a priest elsewhere will be asked.)

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Tuesday: *Blessed Bernard Francis de Hoyos, Blessed Denis & Redemptus*; Wednesday: *St Andrew*; Thursday: *Blessed Clementine Anuarite, St Edmund Campion, St Ananias, Blessed Charles de Foucauld*; Friday: *St Ethernan, St Bibiana*; Saturday: *St Francis Xavier*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent [A]*)



# Holy Cross Croy

## First Sunday of Advent [A]

26<sup>th</sup>/ 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Is 2: 1-5; Ps 121 “I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house’.”; Rom 13: 11-14;  
Mtt 24: 37-44

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

**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed September 2022

**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); 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 *Procession*. A “fogger machine” will still be in use and windows opened regularly.

**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.

**Weddings:** Normally contact *Parish Priest* at least 6 months beforehand

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

**Bulletins & LARGE PRINT** Bulletins: on-line; either *Parish Website* or *Facebook* or *Twitter Pages*; also available in *Porch Area* & at *Door of Chapel House*.

**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)

**St Andrew's Primary** We take this opportunity to wish Mrs M C Fiddler, all the Staff & Pupils every blessing for their *Feast Day & Holy Mass* there, on Wednesday. *St Andrew... Pray for them!*

**Finance** New *Gift Aid Envelopes* are available for uplift. You will also have the opportunity to join the *Gift Aid Scheme*. Well done all those who are willing & able to support financially this parish!

**Confirmation** *Well done* the Staff at *Holy Cross Primary*, especially Class Teachers Miss Fitzgerald & Mrs Anderson, indeed all the Staff ably- led by Mrs Murphy & Mrs Shaw. *Well done* those who attended to the Parish *Catechetical Preparation: Mrs McGee, Mrs Murray and Mrs McQuillan*. Congratulations to those who helped make the *Confirmation* so beautiful: those who keep the Grounds, the Cleaners, those who dress the Altar & those who keep the linen clean, the Flower-arrangers, Pass- keepers, those involved in our Music Ministry, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of *Holy Communion*, Altar Servers, the Stream Team and *Archbishop William Nolan* who really showed his attentiveness to the *Holy Spirit*.

**First Holy Communion** for those wishing to hire the Hall, names "in the hat" by 27<sup>th</sup> Nov for Draw.

**Piety Stall** many Confirmation Gifts, Youth Catechisms, Christmas Cards etc available

**World Aids Day** on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. We pray for both an end to this scourge and healing for those suffering. UNAIDS recently wrote: "*Statistics... indicate that Catholic Church- related organisations provide approximately a quarter of all HIV treatment, care, & support throughout the world & run more than 5,000 hospitals, 18,000 dispensaries, & 9,000 orphanages, many involved in AIDS-related activities.*"

**Warm Welcome** for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* will be open 7- 9pm Monday to Thursday evening inclusive.

**Good News** *Bishop Joseph Toal* (of the *Diocese of Motherwell*) has kindly agreed to lead the *Corpus Christi* Procession on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (his original visit was cancelled due to COVID).

**First Friday Mass** with *Holy Cross Primary* is cancelled, due to the Funeral that day.

**Quote of the Week** (from a visiting Priest): "I don't think every parish should stream their daily Mass. It should be done REALLY WELL, as it is streamed here, by *Holy Cross Stream Team*."



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**Catholic Education Sunday** (26/ 27<sup>th</sup> November). In particular, we pray for the Staff & Pupils at *Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primaries* and at *St Maurice's & Our Lady's High Schools*. There will be a *Special Collection for Catholic Education and Offertory Procession & Bidding Prayers* with Pupils in uniform: Vigil- *St Maurice's High*; 9.30am- *St Andrew's Primary*; 11.40am- *Holy Cross Primary*



**Christmas Presents** for those financially less well- off. Please either label "boy aged 6" or "girl/ boy aged over 10..." or leave unwrapped. In *Porch Area* by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Rosaries for Prisoners** Well does those who were willing able to support this Initiative. On behalf of the Parish, a donation has been sent to the main *RC Prison Chaplain* for Scotland. *Pope Francis* speaking to *Prison Chaplains* said: "*Thinking about this is good for me: when I have the same weaknesses, Why did they fall and I didn't? This is a mystery that makes me pray and draws me to prisoners.*"

**Parish Bereavement Group** meets Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at *Committee Room, Parish Hall*. If YOU are willing & able to assist in this important work, then "turn up."

**Volunteers** for the *Children's Nativity* at 5pm at the *First Mass of Christmas* (24<sup>th</sup> Dec). First quick rehearsal to take place after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Holy Cross Primary School Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10am-12noon. See poster

**"The Letter: a message for our earth"** is a recent Film regarding *Pope Francis'* Encyclical on the Environment and Climate Change (*Laudato si'*). There will be a public screening of it on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7pm in the *Parish Hall*. Entry is free & there will be discussion of the issues afterwards.

**Prisoners of Conscience** on 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> December, *Justice & Peace Group* invites you to send a (Christmas/ Greetings) Card to a *Prisoner of Conscience* who has NOT advocated violence but is being held. The Materials come from *Action of Christians Against Torture*. Some are not Christian, in which case you would send a "non- Religious" one. The person MAY get the card... if (s)he doesn't then the Guard or the Bureaucrat who throws the card away may well pause... may not beat the person up... may reconsider the release of the person. No judgement on the sentence should be made... just encouragement. Nor do we necessarily agree with the person's politics.

**Ni Mgr Ros Crichton** Aifreann Ghàidhlig aig Talla Turnbull, Caibeal Caitligeach Oilthigh Ghlaschu, Dihaoine, an 2<sup>na</sup> dhen Dùbhlachd, aig 7.00 feasgar. Bidh srùbag san talla às dèidh làimh. Tha fáilte romhaibh! *Fr Ross Crichton* will celebrate a Gaelic Mass at Turnbull Hall, the Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Glasgow, on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. There will be tea and mince pies in the hall afterwards. All are welcome!

**Croy Silver Band Concert** is now "fully booked" (perhaps for cancellations, see Band- members)

**St Patrick's, Kilsyth** will be hosting the *Choir of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh* at 8pm on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. They will sing some of the Church's most beautiful Advent music for just an hour. There will be mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards. All are welcome