

## Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** If YOU would like someone's name in the Parish Bulletin we all must comply with the *General Data Protection Act*. Every organisation requires strict permission from the living. Each Club or Society which bears the name of *Holy Cross* must also follow the *Archdiocesan Policy on Data Protection*. Visit [www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/the-archdiocese/diocesan-curia/privacy-notice](http://www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/the-archdiocese/diocesan-curia/privacy-notice) or ask for a copy of *Privacy Notice* from Parish Office (Chapel House). This includes receiving the consent of the person (or if, for example the person is unconscious, then his/ her next- of- kin) to be placed on the *Sick List* of this Bulletin.

A new list has begun: Anne Marie Reynolds, John Millikan [*Sandyhills*], Moira Aitken, Eileen Reilly, Dorothy Starkey, Alan Starkey, Linda Fraser

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

**Recently Dead:** Robert Lawson [*Moodiesburn*], Stephen Neil, Mrs Margaret Caruana [*Merrylee*], Rose (born O'Donnell) Storrle [*Balornock*], Rev Fr Isaac Achi [*Minna Diocese, Nigeria*], Margaret (born Kavanagh) Melia, Ann (born Higgins) McGrath, John Hannigan [*Cranhill*], Betty Lavery [*Wellhouse*], Thomas Bradshaw, Benny Lappin

**Month's Mind** Lizzie (born Crainie) Higgins

**6 Months' Mind** Margaret Boyce

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Killiard, Alicia Killiard jr, Ian MacDonough, Alice Douglas, Annie Blair, Helen (born Shaw) McGarry, Harry McGarry, Mary Scullion, Tony Weldon, John Fitzsimmons, Nora Kelly, Hugh Clinton, Margaret Johnstone, John Leach, John Hamill, Phil Pelosi [10<sup>th</sup>], Susan (born McCarthy) McGhee, Joe Weldon, Lynne Weldon, David Quail

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Marianne Cope*; Tuesday: *St Francis de Sales*; Wednesday: *The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle*; Thursday: *Sts Timothy & Titus*; Friday: *St Angela Merici*; Saturday: *St Thomas Aquinas*; (Sunday: *Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [A]*)



# Holy Cross Croy

## Third Sunday on Ordinary Time [A]

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Is 8:23- 9:3; Ps 26 "The Lord is my light & my help"; 1Cor 1: 10-13,17; Mt 4: 12-23

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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 *Parish Priest*)

**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 (barring a funeral).

**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)

**Archbishop Mario Conti RIP** There are (free) *In Memoriam Cards* available from *Porch Area* or from *Front Door of Chapel House*

**The Peace Candle** has been placed at the *Altar Rails*. The Candle may well be lit during each Mass for the month of January. The *(Blessed) Wreath of Peace* rests at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.

**Special Collection** next weekend (28/ 29<sup>th</sup> January) for *Assisted Parishes*.

**Deanery Mission Appeal** *Mill Hill Missionaries* will be here on weekend, 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**Crib** has been taken down but (*in lieu*) the *Nativity Banner* will remain until the Feast of the *Presentation of the Lord* (2<sup>nd</sup> February). *Crib Donations* came to £300 and will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*- The Society helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. 274 Bath St, 0141- 332 8371 or [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

**Pastoral Care Trust- St Nicholas Fund** raised £600 (*Collection* in December) and £200 (*Boxes*- some of which was *Gift Aided*). Total = £800 Well done!

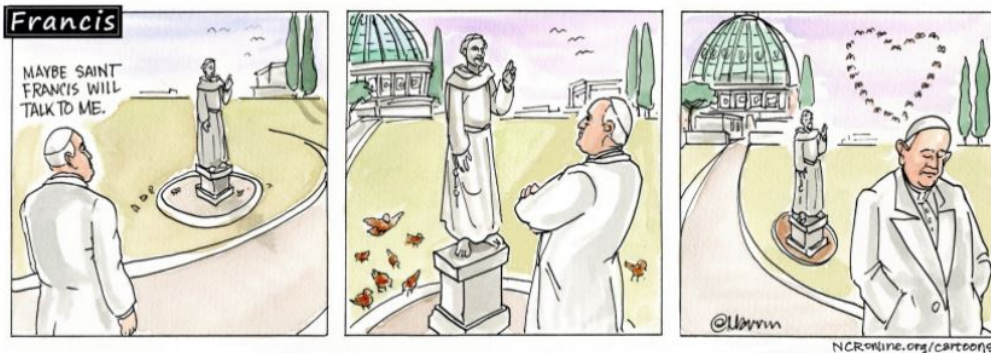
**Christmas Quarterly** (proceeds to *Ecclesiastical Students*- helping to fund seminarians) = £100.

**P3 and P4 Meetings** for *St Andrew's Primary Parents*: on Tuesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> January, via *Microsoft Teams*. Details from school. Would all P3 Parents ensure that their child has been enrolled at Mass/ at the end of Mass in 2022.

**Justice & Peace Group** meets on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. Agenda includes *Fairtrade Fortnight* and the *Assisted Dying Bill*.

**Warm Welcome** for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* will be open 7- 9pm Tuesday to Thursday evenings inclusive... on some evenings, there will be the offer of a hot drink. Well done to all the Groups & Individuals who make this Initiative possible.

**Statistic of the Week** (but no *special pleading*- we are ALL facing financial issues) for December 2021 the Gas Bill for *Church & Chapel House* was £819; for December 2022, the Bill was £1,417.



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**Sunday of the Word of God** is this Sunday (*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*) has been instituted as the *Sunday of the Word of God*, devoted to its “celebration, study and dissemination.”



The Synod on the *Word of God* brought out this advice: “Part of authentic parenthood is to pass on and bear witness to the meaning of life in Christ: through their fidelity and the unity of family life, spouses are the first to proclaim God’s word to their children... To this end the *Synod* urged that every household have its *Bible*, to be kept in a worthy place and used for reading and prayer.” (*Verbum Domini*, 85). You will find good suggestions for personal use, for children, as a family, a *Biblical Examination of Conscience &* material for wider society at: <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/pdf/Eventi/DomenicadellaParoladiDio2023/Liturgical-Pastoral Resource 2023 EN.pdf>. Interestingly, you will find there- quoted, the Nicaraguan Poet *Rubén Darío*: “*siempre habrá frutos de esperanza en el útero eterno*” or “*there are always futures in the eternal womb.*”

**Funeral Liturgy** Given the advice above, parishioners may like to consider using the *Family Bible* (and/or a *Family Crucifix*) at a *Funeral Liturgy*... or a *Family Book of the Gospels*.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January) Theme this year is: “*Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice.*” Materials for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023*. Specific Daily Prayers etc for 2023 are available free at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/>

Introduction: For this *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* we are guided by the churches of *Minneapolis* as we... explore how... *Christian unity* can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers’ group has also focussed our attention on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of *Stephen Lawrence* (...2023)... As we join with other *Christians* around the world for the *Week of Prayer* we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** there are two *PVG’d persons* assisting (at the 9.30am and 11.40am Masses). We therefore require a few more volunteers either to assist as a *Leader* or assist as a “*Spare*” (for emergencies etc). See one of the Team or Fr Sullivan. We take this opportunity to congratulate and thank those who faithfully organise & run this fine Initiative. The *Children’s Leaflet LOOK* is also available each weekend... ask a Pass-keeper.

**Tea & Toast on Tuesdays** resumes. Well done all who organise & run this Initiative.

**Justice & Peace Group** meets on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in *Parish Hall*.

**Holy Cross Ladies Guild** has begun again on Thursdays at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. New members made particularly welcome. Well done all those who organise & run this Initiative.

**SCIAF Quiz Night** *Date for your Diary* Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February in *Parish Hall*.

**Croy Community Choir** meets on Tuesdays, at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*. New members welcome.

**Cumbernauld Chess Club** on Wednesdays at 7pm in *Hall*: <http://www.cumbernauldchess.org.uk/>