

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Anna Frances Crawford from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden.” [cf Matt 5: 14-15].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

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Anne Marie Reynolds, John Millikan [*Sandyhills*], Moira Aitken, Eileen Reilly, Dorothy Starkey, Alan Starkey, Linda Fraser, Maureen McLaren

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

Recently Dead: Thomas (Tom) McCarthy [*Balloch- Eastfield; Funeral at Daldowie Crematorium on Monday 13th February at 12.45pm*], Marc Egan, Marianne Murray [*Sheffield*], Michael Condie [*Ayr formerly Cumbernauld*], Rita Friel, Billy Foley, Fr John Craven CP, Victims of the Earthquake in Syria/ Turkey

Anniversaries: Grace Lafferty, Sandra (McKay) Weldon, Elizabeth (Betty) Dorris, Allan Findlay, Tommy Rafferty, Annie Waters, Pat & Mary Boyce, Paddy McCrae, Edith (*born Lyngroth*) McKendry, David Robertson, Ann Moyes, Tony Equii, Josephine MacDonough, Janette (*born Nash*) McCann, Patrick McMullen, John Carrick, Margaret Boland, James McLaren, Mary Malone Morrison, William Morrison (*Sen*), Frank Hale, David Reid, Emma Shiels, Caroline Doherty

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *Blessed Jordan of Saxony*; Tuesday: *St Cyril and St Methodius, St Valentine*; Wednesday: *St Claude La Colombière* (also *Mass in Time of Earthquake* at 10am); Thursday: *St Nicholas of Paglia*; Friday: *The Seven Holy Founders of the Service Order, St Fintan*; Saturday: *Beato/ Fra’ Angelico, Blessed John of Fiesole*; (Sunday: *Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [A]*)

Pope Francis Intentions’ for February: “We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.” For video visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-01/pope-february-prayer-intention-for-parishes.html>



Holy Cross Croy

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

11th / 12th February 2023

Eccles 15: 16-21 Ps 118 “They are happy who follow God’s law!” 1Cor 2: 6-10; Matt 5: 17-37

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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
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

Racial Justice Sunday Sunday 12th February. “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5:24)

Catechism of the Catholic Church has the following regarding *Equality and Differences*: 1934 Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity.

1935 The equality of men rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design. 1936 On coming into the world, man is not equipped with everything he needs for developing his bodily and spiritual life. He needs others. Differences appear tied to age, physical abilities, intellectual or moral aptitudes, the benefits derived from social commerce, and the distribution of wealth. The "talents" are not distributed equally.

1937 These differences belong to God's plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others, and that those endowed with particular "talents" share the benefits with those who need them. These differences encourage and often oblige persons to practice generosity, kindness, and sharing of goods; they foster the mutual enrichment of cultures: “I distribute the virtues quite diversely; I do not give all of them to each person, but some to one, some to others.... I shall give principally charity to one; justice to another; humility to this one, a living faith to that one.... and so I have given many gifts and graces, both spiritual and temporal, with such diversity that I have not given everything to one single person, so that you may be constrained to practice charity towards one another.... I have willed that one should need another and that all should be my ministers in distributing the graces and gifts they have received from me.” (St Catherine of Siena)

1938 There exist also sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel: Their equal dignity as persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.

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.



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Deanery Mission Appeal Mill Hill Missionaries will be here this weekend, 11th / 12th February. We welcome Fr John Doran was raised in Liverpool, after Mill Hill training, Fr John has worked in Philippines, in the Falklands and in South Africa. St Joseph's Missionary Society (MHM) work in many countries throughout the world.

Fr Sullivan spent an academic year (1998- 99) in Cameroon under the auspices of the Mill Hill Missionaries. As the village wisdom of Cameroon advises in Pidgin English: “One hand no fit tie bundle.” Please be as generous as you always are!

Bereavement Group meets on Tuesday 14th February at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. New volunteers welcome.

SCIAF Quiz Night on Friday 17th February at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. £5 pay on the night; further information available after Masses this weekend.

Earthquake in Syria/ Turkey Collection Boxes available in porch NEXT weekend 18th / 19th Feb. We will have a *Mass in Time of Earthquake* on Wednesday at 10am.

Parish Pastoral Council Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Items for Agenda asap.

Deaneries Archbishop, has reduced the number of deaneries to five, “so as to establish greater collaboration among the parishes as we work together...” This Deanery is not changing: Twechar, Kirkintilloch, Cumbernauld, Croy, Condorrat, Bishopbriggs. Dean will establish a *Deanery Council*, consisting of the parish priest and one lay representative from each parish.

Cumbernauld Churches Together Monday 20th February at 7.15 pm Holy Name Church.

Interested in becoming an RC? on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm in Chapel House.

Fairtrade Fortnight to mark the 10th Anniversary of Scotland becoming a Fairtrade Country, after each Mass 25th / 26th February various Fairtrade items will be on sale Porch area/ Hall.

Parish Family Initiative meets on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. This is a newly-forming Group; it would encourage (especially young) families & would mirror the Commission at the Bishops' Level. Its work basically involves encouragement to families to be the “building block” of society (and NOT a “stick to wield”). If YOU would like to assist, please simply “turn up.”

Monthly Discernment Evenings Discerning Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Glasgow Reading together “Priests of Jesus Christ” (by Pope Benedict XVI) followed by *Eucharistic Adoration* and then some genial fraternity: 24th Feb & 24th March Contact vocations@rcag.org.uk or 0141 3394135

Glasgow Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes by air 14th- 21st July; 7 nights and from £879 per person. For further info contact: info@joewalshstours.co.uk or 0808 1890468 or phone Liz McKee on 0141 5580094. Theme for 2023: “That a Chapel be built here...”

Statistic of the Week Holy Cross Croy Channel on YouTube last month had 24 New Subscribers, 3,157 Total Views and 24,000 Minutes watched. (Fr Sullivan needs a bigger Dressing Room... of course he's a humble man, it's his public who are insisting.)

