

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on Ollie Patrick & Rory Edward Deanie and on Finn O'Rourke "You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (cf Mtt 5: 48).

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Anne Marie Reynolds, John Millikan, Moira Aitken, Eileen Reilly, Dorothy Starkey, Alan Starkey, Linda Fraser, Maureen McLaren

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

Recently Dead: Mary (born Reynolds) McCann [Croy, Receive: Friday (24th Feb) at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Saturday (25th Feb) at 10am; the family has requested that this NOT be live-streamed], Edwin McAtee [Kilsyth formerly Croy; Receive: Friday (3rd March) at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Saturday (4th March) at 10am; the family has requested that this be live-streamed, courtesy Holy Cross Stream Team], Bev Ricci, Sir Charles Gray, Mrs Louise Paton [Condorrat], Joe Donachie, Sir Harold Gray, Emma Whitford, Claire Watt [Dunblane], Pat Cullen [Cumbernauld]

Month's Mind Eileen (born Weldon) Mathieson

3 Months' Mind Robert Rae, Len Byrne [Coatbridge], Jim McLaren, Daniel Stobo

9 Months' Mind John McLaren

Anniversaries: Alistair Glenday, Mary Waters, Hugh & Rose Dempsey, James Kelly, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, Baby Tyler Farrell, Peter O'Donnell, Annie & John Bolan, Mrs Mary (Brownlow) Currie, Mrs Isabella (Dailly) Friel, Mrs Mary (Martin) Dillon, John Meehan, Peter MacArthur, Paddy & Margaret Lafferty, May Kos, Catherine Caffrey, Alice Boyce Burns, Ina Scott, Alice Burns, Betty Taggart., Maggie & Tommy Murphy (Senior & Junior), Jim Murphy, Patrick Murphy Brady, Denis Hachett, Maggie Paterson, Charlie Csombo, Susannah Csombo, Sadie Quail

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: St Gregory of Narek ; Tuesday: St Oswald; Wednesday: St David; Thursday: St Chad; Friday: St Katharine Drexel, St Vignai; Saturday: St Casimir; Sun: Second Sunday of Lent [A]

Guardian Angel from Heaven so bright, watching beside me to lead me aright,
fold thy wings round me, O guard me with love, softly sing songs to me of Heav'n above
Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.
Angel so holy whom God sends to me - sinful and lowly - my guardian to be,
wilt thou not cherish the child of thy care? Let me not perish - my trust is thy care.
Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.



Holy Cross Croy

First Sunday of Lent [A]

25th / 26th February 2023

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 50 "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned" Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4: 1-11

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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

Earthquake in Syria/ Turkey Collection Boxes last weekend raised = £1,200. *Well done!* The Tea & Toast on Tuesdays raised = £600, which was added to the total (via SCIAF). *Well done!*

Sacraments First Confession/ Reconciliation for Primary 3- for *St Andrew's Primary*: Tuesday 14th March. Other clergy will be assisting Fr Joe. *Holy Cross P3* celebrated theirs recently. Please keep these P3 children... and their Parents/ Godparents in your prayers. Following material may be useful <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zKKn-nPIXzbcBOO2Ey1B93TIsz44MJcu?usp=sharing>

Pioneer Total Abstinence please consider taking the *Short Term Pledge* for Lent, see porch for details. "I promise, in honour of the *Sacred Heart* & with the help of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until *Easter Sunday*."

Finance During Lent the *Second Collection* will be taken up for *Sick & Retired Clergy* (except *Fourth Sunday of Lent*). We do not forget those who support the parish in non-financial ways.

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund *Lenten Campaign*, materials from the Porch Area.

Ignatian Spirituality Centre are running an online *Lenten Retreat* and to provide a free App and free booklets to those that would like them. Details here: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent23.html>

SCIAF Quiz Night raised = £1,300 towards the work of *SCIAF*... "thank you" for all who helped.

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.

Way of the Cross A *Plenary Indulgence* is available to all who devoutly make the *Stations of the Cross*: here on Fridays after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral). The *Sick* or *Housebound* or *Prisoners* may gain the same *Indulgence*, if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading & meditation on the *Passion & Death* of our Lord *Jesus Christ*. For a *Plenary Indulgence* normal conditions apply: be free from all attachment from sin; receive the Sacraments of *Penance* & the *Eucharist*; pray for intentions of the Pope. If not *plenary*, the *Indulgence* is *partial*.



Lenten Devotions on Tuesdays at 7pm (except 14th March)

Fairtrade Fortnight to mark 10th Anniversary of Scotland becoming a *Fairtrade Country*, after both morning Masses this Sunday, 26th February various *Fairtrade* items will be on sale in Hall. There will be a small stall selling chocolate bars, boxes of teas, coffees and much more just inside the doors of the church hall. All welcome. More information: fairtrade.org.uk

Re "Just wage" *Catechism of the Catholic Church* n.2434 "Remuneration for work should guarantee man the opportunity to provide a dignified livelihood for himself and his family on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level, taking into account the role and the productivity of each, the state of the business, and the common good. Agreement between the parties is not sufficient to justify morally the amount to be received in wages."

Parish Family Initiative meets on Monday 27th February at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. This is a newly-forming Group; it would encourage (especially young) families. Its work involves encouragement to families to be the "building block" of society (& NOT a "stick to wield"). All welcome

Fundraising Night in aid of *St Maurice's work in Malawi* on Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*... featuring *MC/ DJ Aaron/ Quizzes/ Games/ Raffles/ Disco/ Bar*. Tickets (contact Michael Clinton) £5 Adults; £3 *St Maurice's Pupils*.

Parish Pilgrimage to *Holy Land* and/or *Rome* and/ or *Lourdes* and/ or *Camino to Santiago de Compostella* and/ or *Lough Derg* in 2024: Meeting to gauge interest on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil outside of the *Queen Elizabeth University Hospital*, Hardgate Road Glasgow. What are you going to do for *Lent* this year? Can you give one hour per week to come and pray for an end to abortion? Visit 40daysforlife.com/GLASGOW for further information, or email ogilvie1615@outlook.com for more details or leaflet in Porch Area.

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

St Patrick's Concert by *Croy Community Choir* Saturday 18th of March at 7pm in Hall. Tickets £3

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