

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed both Katie Janice Conroy and Sofia Emily Knox from Original Sin and bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. Many thanks to Rev Deacon Bernard Lavery. "If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift" (cf Rom 5: 17).

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

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

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

**Recently Dead:** Edwin McAtee [Kilsyth formerly Croy; Receive: Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> March) at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> March) at 10am; the family has requested that this be *live-streamed*, courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*], Emma Whitford, Claire Watt [Dunblane], Pat Cullen [Cumbernauld], Betty Macrae [Cumbernauld], Mary Brown, Maureen Keenan

**Month's Mind** Willie Foley

**2 Months' Mind** John McKillop, Daniel Stobo, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell

**3 Months' Mind** Jim McLaren, Dines Brown

**9 Months' Mind** John McLaren

**Special Remembrance** John Carberry, Stephen Nash, Marion Nash

**Anniversaries:** 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, Bernard McQuillan, Irene Cairney [1<sup>st</sup>], Catherine Taggart, Tommy Taggart (*Snr*), Helen Taggart, Margaret Deerin, Betty (*born* Gribbin) Taggart [20<sup>th</sup>], Agnes Hart, Agnes Massie, Madge Duffy, Chris Duffy, Rev Fr Colman McGrath, Frank A M Noakes [100<sup>th</sup>], Joan Campbell, Jack Brown, Pat Waters, Mary Waters, Andrew Brown, Agnes Brady

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Kyneburgha*; Tuesday: *St Perpetua & St Felicity*; Wednesday: *St John of God, St Duthac (of Tain), St Senan; St Felix*; Thursday: *St Frances of Rome*; Friday: *St John Ogilvie*; Saturday: *St Constantine (of Govan), St Aengus*; Sunday: *Third Sunday of Lent [A]*

**Pope Francis' Intentions** for March *For victims of abuse*: "We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering." Visit <https://thepopevideo.org/>



# Holy Cross Croy

## Second Sunday of Lent [A]

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Gen 12: 1-4; Ps 32 "May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you"

2<sup>nd</sup> Tim 1: 8-10; Matt 17: 1-9

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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

**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*. Please do not get in a fankle regarding *Indulgences*; for example a *Gospel Indulgence* is granted to all who “*bearing the heat & burdens of the day, raise their hearts to God in humble trust with some reverent invocation.*”

In previous years a *Pope Francis Award St Andrew's Pupil* has led the *Stations of the Cross* on Saturday mornings after 10am Mass. If YOU would like to lead these please see Fr Joe asap

**Weekly Lenten Mass** at *St Andrew's Primary* on Thursdays at 1.30pm. Parents *et al* welcome.

**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-nPIXzbcBOO2Fy1B93TIsz44MJcu?usp=sharing>

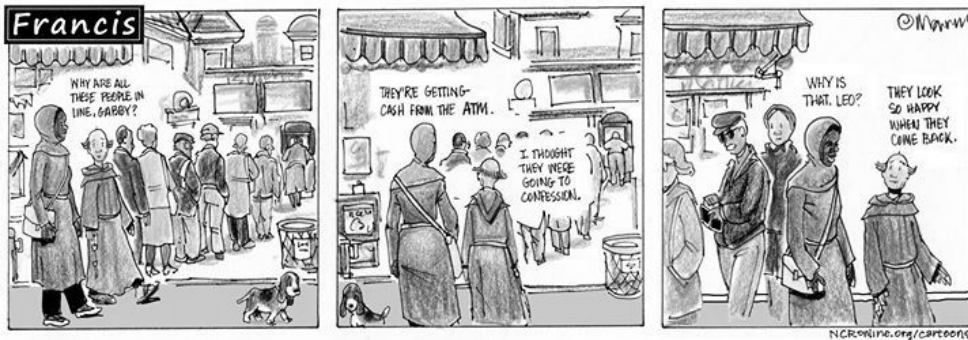
**24 Hours with the Lord** (kind- of) silent Exposition & Benediction on Friday 24th March at 7- 8pm. Fr Joe will be “in the Confessional” 7- 8pm. On Saturday 25th March, one of the clergy from *St Patrick's, Kilsyth* will be here for 10am Mass followed by *Confessions/ Reconciliation* while Fr Joe will be there (barring a funeral).

**Finance** During Lent a *Second Collection* will be taken up for *Sick & Retired Clergy* (except *Fourth Sunday of Lent*). Last week's *Special Collection* = £450. Well done!

**Flourish Newspaper** free copies in porch or visit: <https://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk>

**Warm Welcome** *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* open 7- 9pm Tuesday to Thursday evenings

**Quote of the Week** “There are good broadcasts of *Parish Masses* out there but the work of *Holy Cross Stream Team* is the best I've seen” (from a visiting priest).



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

**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*.

**Justice & Peace Group** meets on Monday 6th March at 7pm in the *Parish Hall*.

**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 *Hall*.

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

**Backward Step** A Webinar entitled “Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD): Learning the Lessons from Canada’s Euthanasia Experience” was held recently. The progress of legislation in Canada has resulted in “*Death being offered as a Medical Treatment*”. The introduction of MAiD has resulted in Palliative Care “going back to where it was 40 years ago”. There is now a *Universal Right to Die* but no *Universal Right to Care*. Medical students in Canada now study MAiD before palliative care. Doctors in Canada now have a ‘Duty of Care’ to inform patients about MAiD, this is promoted as “a source of organ donation”. Nurses are leaving *Palliative Care* as most of their time is being taken up with MAiD, against their desire to care and physicians are facing moral distress when forced to participate. Cross party support for Liam MacArthur’s private members bill on assisted dying: 19 SNP, 7 Conservative, 3 Greens, 6 Labour and 1 LibDem enabling the bill to progress.

Please contact your MSP to urge them strongly to avoid this slippery slope to... (eugenics?): Jamie Hepburn MSP- Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Constituency (SNP) and Central Scotland regional members of Scottish parliament: Mark Griffin MSP (Labour), Graham Simpson MSP (Conservative), Monica Lennon MSP (Labour), Richard Leonard MSP (Labour), Megan Gallacher MSP (Conservative), Stephen Kerr MSP (Conservative), Gillian MacKay MSP (Scottish Green Party) They may ALL be contacted at: The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

**Catechism of the Catholic Church** explains re *Euthanasia* 2276 Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. 2277 Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable. Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.

2278 Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "over-zealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected.

2279 Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable. Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity. As such it should be encouraged.

