

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Jude James Lilly from Original Sin and bestowed on him Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "This grace....has only been revealed by the Appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus" (cf 2Tim 1: 9).

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: Betty Macrae [Cumbernauld], Mary Brown, Maureen Keenan, Robert Mooney [Maryhill], Richard Mack [Cadder], Owen McAfee [Glenboig],

Month's Mind Willie Foley

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

3 Months' Mind Dines Brown

Special Remembrance John Carberry, Stephen Nash, Marion Nash, Jay Livingstone

Anniversaries: Bernard McQuillan, Irene Cairney [1st], Catherine Taggart, Tommy Taggart (*Snr*), Helen Taggart, Margaret Deerin, Betty (*born* Gribbin) Taggart [20th], Agnes Hart, Agnes Massie, Madge Duffy, Chris Duffy, Rev Fr Colman McGrath, Frank A M Noakes [100th], Joan Campbell, Jack Brown, Pat Waters, Mary Waters, Andrew Brown, Agnes Brady, Mary O'Donnell, Maria Celino, Frank Lennon, Sonny Doolan, Johnny McNelis, Eilish McNelis, Mary (*born* Griffin) Waters, John, Josephine & Elizabeth Robinson, Mary Phillips, Jane Friel, Billy "Paterson" Gilfillan, Maggie Malone, Annie Malone, Cathie Cunningham, Peter McNulty

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St. Euphrasia of Constantinople*; Tuesday: *St. Mathilda*; Wednesday: *Blessed John Anne*; Thursday: *St. Abban*; Friday: *St. Patrick*; Saturday: *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, St. Edward the Martyr*; Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Lent [A]*



Holy Cross Croy

Third Sunday of Lent [A]

11th / 12th March 2023

Ex 17: 3-7; *Ps* 94 "O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'."

Rom 5: 1-2,5-8; *John* 4: 5-42

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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 at 8.15am & 10am. *10am 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



Pope Francis' 24 Hours (kind- of) with the Lord Quiet *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).

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE (from our Night Prayer Booklets) We may also consider more generally how we may have failed in our lives to live fully as Disciples of Christ.

SINS AGAINST GOD

Have I rejected my faith, refused to find out more about it? Have I forgotten my daily prayers or said them badly? Have I experimented with the occult or put my trust in fortune- tellers or horoscopes? Have I blasphemed against God or used bad language? Have I shown disrespect for holy things, places or people? Have I missed Mass on Sundays or Holydays through my own fault? Have I let myself be distracted at Mass or distracted others? Have I received Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin? Have I received Holy Communion without proper reverence, care or thanksgiving?

SINS AGAINST MYSELF AND OTHERS

Have I been impatient, angry or jealous? Have I brooded over injuries or refused to forgive? Have I taken part in or encouraged abortion, the destruction of human embryos, euthanasia, or any other means of taking human life? Have I been verbally or physically violent to others? Have I been racist in my thoughts, words or deeds? Have I hurt anyone by speaking badly about them? Have I betrayed confidences without good cause but revealed things simply to hurt others? Have I judged others rashly? Have I been drunk or used illegal drugs? Have I driven dangerously or inconsiderately? Have I spoken in an obscene way? Have I looked at obscene pictures, films or books? Have I been involved in any impure behaviour on my own with someone else? Have I been vain, proud, selfish or self-seeking? Have I told lies to excuse myself, to hurt others or to make myself look more important? Have I stolen anything? Have I failed to contribute to the support of the Church in proportion to my means? Have I been disobedient, rude or insolent to those in authority over me? Have I been harsh, over-bearing or sarcastic to those under my authority? Have I cheated my employers or employees? Have I misused or damaged the property of others? Have I set my heart greedily on possessing things? Have I given scandal or bad example? Have I been lazy at my work, study or domestic duties? Have I been jealous of others – of their looks, their popularity, their good work? Have I encouraged others to do wrong in any way?

Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles collated and documented by *Blessed Carlo Acutis at St Brendan's Church*, 187 Kelso St. Glasgow G13 4BH from Friday 10th March until Sunday 12th March. There will be talks, *Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament* and blessing with the relics led by the *Blessed Sacrament Fathers*. Friday after 9.30am [Mass] until 4.30pm; Saturday 4pm until 7.30pm and Sunday 10am until 6pm. Visit <http://stbrendansrchurchyoker.org/>

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

Quote of the Week "Many, many thanks for your kindness and support through the past couple of weeks. Our family appreciated all the efforts made at *Holy Cross* (a parish we hold dear to our hearts)... Uncle Edwin had the send off he deserved" from the Family of *Edwin McAtee* RIP

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*.

Lenten Devotions on Tuesdays at 7pm (except THIS Tuesday, 14th March) and there is an extra Mass at 8.15am Monday- Friday during Lent. At the early Mass Readings will be from the *Children's Lectionary*.and read by Pupils from *Holy Cross Primary*.

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>

Finance During Lent a *Second Collection* will be taken up for *Sick & Retired Clergy* (except *Fourth Sunday of Lent*). Last week's *Special Collection* = £397. Well done!

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

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

Cruse Bereavement will be visiting here in the Church Hall on Tuesday 4th April 1.30 - 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend to hear about their work and what their Trained Counsellors can offer. and discretion will be of the utmost requirement. Visit <https://www.crusescotland.org.uk/> or try Free Helpline: 0808 802 6161 Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm, weekends 10am - 2pm. This fine Initiative has been organised by the *Bereavement Group*.

Slippery Slope 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 and Central Scotland regional members of Scottish parliament: Mark Griffin MSP, Graham Simpson MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, Richard Leonard MSP, Megan Gallacher MSP, Stephen Kerr MSP, Gillian MacKay MSP They may ALL be contacted at: The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Energising and Empowering Cumbernauld Communities. If YOU would like to represent *Holy Cross, Croy* at this Event on Friday 24th March (9.30am- 1pm) at *Cornerstone House Centre*, Town Centre, Cumbernauld, see Fr Sullivan asap.

