

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Nola Eilis Kelly from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "...the water that I shall give will turn into a Spring inside (her), welling up to eternal life" (cf Jn 4: 14).

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: Robert Mooney [*Maryhill*], Richard Mack [*Cadder*], Owen McAfee [*Glenboig*], Margaret Mary McGown [*Chapelhall*], John McSharry, Frank Morton

Month's Mind Mary McCann **6 Months' Mind** Mary Frances Greenan

Special Remembrance Julie Reynolds

Anniversaries: Rev Sr Bernard McCarroll, 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, John McNeil, Hannah Waters, Teresa & James Harkins, Helen Taggart, Helen "McKay" Higney, John Cairns, Margaret Rogan, Mary & Tommy Gray, Pat Waters, Paul; Bird, Agnes & Joseph Kerr, Mary (Maisie) McCann, Nan Christie & Peter Christie

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Joseph* (transferred); Tuesday: *St Enda*; Wednesday: *St Deogratias*; Thursday: *St Turibius of Mongrovejo*; Friday: *St Macartan*; Saturday: *The Annunciation of the Lord*; Sunday: *Fifth Sunday of Lent [A]*

"-Dear **St Joseph**, pure and gentle, guardian of the Saviour child, Treading, with the virgin mother, Egypt's deserts rough and wild.

Dear St Joseph, spouse of Mary, blest above all saints on high, When the death shades round us gather, teach, O teach us how to die, teach, O teach us how to die.

-He who rested on thy bosom is by countless saints adored,
Prostrate angels in his presence sing hosannahs to their Lord.

-Now to thee, no gift refusing, Jesus stoops to hear thy prayer;
Then, dear saint, from thy fair dwelling, give to us a father's care." (by Anonymous)



Holy Cross Croy

Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent [A]

18th / 19th March 2023

1Sam 16: 1,6-7,10-13; Ps 22 "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Eph 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

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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 17th March at 7- 8pm. Fr Joe will be "in the Confessional" 7- 8pm. On Saturday 18th March, a Priest from *St Patrick's, Kilsyth* will be here for 10am Mass followed by *Confessions/ Reconciliation*.

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."

Interested in becoming an RC? on Tuesday, 28th March at 7.45pm in *Chapel House*.

Parish Pilgrimage 2024 After discussion (with those who attended the Meeting) and professional advice, it was decided to await early September before finalising destination(s).

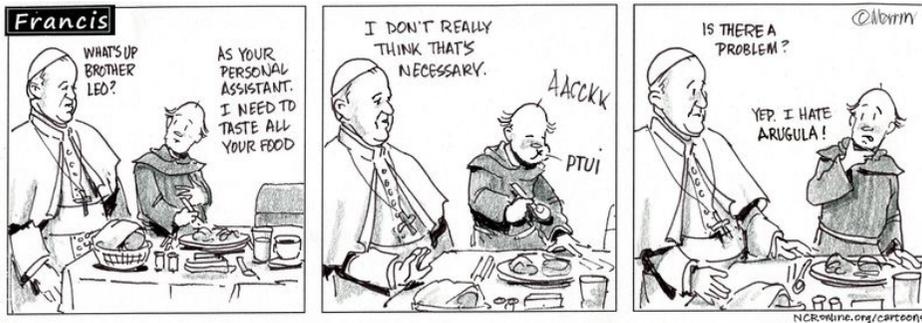
Lenten Devotions on Tuesdays at 7pm & there is an extra Mass at 8.15am Monday- Friday. At early Mass, Readings will be from the *Children's Lectionary* and read by Pupils from *Holy Cross Primary*.

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

Finance During Lent a *Second Collection* will be taken up for *Sick & Retired Clergy* (except this *Sunday*). Last week's *Special Collection* = £361. Well done! Recently *Sick/ Housebound/ those Unable- to- get- to- Mass* have added £120 to the *Parish Collection*. Congratulations!

LENTFEST 2023: AGAP Theatre Presents "Oggie! Oggie! Oggie!" a new modern solo play based on the *Confessions of Saint Augustine*. Suitable only for persons aged 12 years and over. Performances at 7.30pm at following: Wed 22 March – *St Augustine's*, Milton; Thurs 23 March – *Eyre Hall*, Archdiocese of Glasgow; Fri 24 March – *Sacred Heart*, Cumbernauld; Sat 25 March – *St Gregory's*, Wyndford; Sun 26 March – *Blessed John Duns Scotus*, Gorbals. Tickets £5: www.agap.org.uk/lentfest or 0749 534 7884 or at the door.

Warm Welcome Committee Room in the *Parish Hall* open 7- 9pm Tuesday to Thursday evenings. *North Lanarkshire Council* has supported this Initiative by a Donation of £240 Many Thanks!



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SCIAF Sunday is this weekend 18/ 19th March. The *Second Collection* will be for that purpose.



SCIAF's Lenten Appeal: "My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I write on this the *Fourth Sunday of Lent* on behalf of the *Bishops of Scotland* to give thanks for your generosity and prayerful support of SCIAF – the official relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland – at what is an uncertain and difficult time for many of us.

Despite this, you continue to show compassion for those in need, particularly our sisters and brothers affected by the recent Earthquake in Syria- Türkiye, and those who are suffering because of the ongoing war in Ukraine. Furthermore, during my recent visit to Ethiopia, I saw first-hand how countless lives have been transformed through your generosity....

In the Gospels, we hear of many occasions when Jesus heals the sick, reaching out with love and mercy to the most marginalised and the poorest people, both in action and in spirit. As Catholics we are called to follow his example to recognise that we are our sisters or brother's keeper. To reach out to the poorest people with love.

SCIAF is the embodiment of the love of our Church in Scotland, reaching out to our most vulnerable sisters and brothers around the world. It is why, during Lent, we ask you to give generously to SCIAF's WEE BOX appeal to support the vital work SCIAF does on our behalf. Around the world, 811 million people are facing hunger – and 60% of those living with chronic hunger are women and children. Every day, families wake up hungry, not knowing what they will be forced to do to survive, or how long their children will live.

This year's Lenten appeal focusses on the lives of *Ruth, Juliet, Catherine, Savita* and their families in *Zambia*. We hear of how they are living and farming in the harshest of conditions; of the hardships they face when crops fail, and they are left without food. *Ruth* was so hungry that she was too tired to work in the fields. Her crops failed and there was no food for her family. She could not afford to send her children to school; they cried for food that she did not have. She feared that the children would become scavengers or turn to prostitution. *Juliet, Ruth's 17-year-old daughter*, dreams of being a nurse. Unable to concentrate at school because of hunger, she worried that she would have to leave school, like so many of her friends, and marry as a teenager to ensure her survival. Hunger forced *Catherine* to search for mushrooms to feed her grandchildren. She mistakenly poisoned herself and her four grandchildren. *Savita* boils roots and weeds to feed her young grandson – it is his only meal of the day. The failed harvests have left nothing for *Savita* to sell at market, and she cannot afford a school uniform or to send her grandson to school...

As Lent continues and we look forward to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, I ask you to remember SCIAF and everyone they work with in your prayers. We thank you for the continued generosity of your donations; know that it goes towards good work and that a just and green world is possible. May God bless you and your families during the Holy season of Lent and throughout the year,

+ Brian McGee

Men's Acoustic Night on Friday 24th March; Funds raised will go towards *Large Gas & Electric Bills* in *Church & Hall*. Acoustic Night in January raised = £420 for *Jericho House*

Farewell to Mrs Szemis has been a faithful member of the Staff at *Holy Cross Primary* for over 20 years. *Retirement Mass* will be here on Tuesday 28th March at 10am. All are welcome to attend & join the whole school in thanksgiving and showing appreciation. (*Novena* will be private that day.)

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. Discretion will be of the upmost 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*.