

Intimations

Banns of Marriage are called for the first time between *Ryan Andrew Kennedy & Dionne Coyle*. If anyone knows any reason why they should *not* be joined in *Holy Marriage*, let the PP know a.s.a.p.

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: David Friel, Anne Marie Reynolds, John Millikan, Eileen Reilly, Dorothy Starkey, Linda Fraser, Maureen McLaren, Ronnie MacKinnon, Mary Starkey

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

Recently Dead: Rev Fr Tony Walsh [*Receive: Our Lady of Lourdes*, Cardonald, on Sunday 2nd April at 7.30 pm; *Funeral Mass:* Monday 3rd April at 12 noon] Susan McGuire [*Croy latterly Carrickstone; Receive:* Monday 3rd April; *Funeral Mass:* Tuesday 4th April], Moira Aitken [*Balloch- Eastfield* formerly *Milton of Campsie*; *Funeral Mass* on Tuesday 4th April at *St Paul's, Milton of Campsie*, at 10am; then on to *Daldowie Crematorium*], Margaret Mary McGown [*Chapelhall*], John McSharry, Frank Morton, Thomasina Waters [*Kilsyth*], Bill Campbell [*Airdrie*], Yoko Kurimoto, Maureen Keenan, Alan Starkey [*Birmingham*], Edward Savage [*Kilsyth*], Mark McCormack [*Cardowan*], Trust Gangata [*Leeds*]

Month's Mind Mary McCann, Betty Macrae, Frances Rose Kelly

2 Months' Mind Marc Egan

6 Months' Mind Mary Frances Greenan

Special Remembrance Julie Reynolds

Anniversaries: Rev Fr Jim Dean [1st Anniversary Mass: Monday 3rd April at 7pm in *St Robert Bellarmine Church*, Glasgow], Rev Sr Bernard McCarroll, John McNeil, Hannah Waters, Teresa & James Harkins, Helen Taggart, Helen "McKay" Higney, John Cairns, Margaret Rogan, Mary & Tommy Gray, Pat Waters, Mary Waters, Paul Bird, Agnes & Joseph Kerr, Mary (Maisie) McCann, Nan Christie & Peter Christie, Archie Blair (*Sen*), Alicia Killiard, Walter Schmidt, Mary (*born O'Neill*) Johnston (1st), Adele Sharkey [*Portadown*], Archie Malone, Annie McKay, John Stokes, Charlie Stokes, John & Elizabeth Starrs, Rosie Starrs, Mary Starrs

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Romulus the Abbot*; Tuesday: *St Joseph Sebastian Pelczar*; Wednesday: *St Constantine of Monte Cassino*; Thursday: *St Fergus, St Dominos of Thessalonica*; Friday: *St Benjamin*; Saturday: *St Mary of Egypt, St Gilbert of Moray, St Ceallach (Celsus)*; (Sunday: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* [A])



Holy Cross

Croy

Fifth Sunday of Lent [A]

25th / 26th March 2023

Ez 37: 12-14; Ps 129 "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption"

Rom 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45

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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 The *Sign of Peace* in this parish will be "in 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



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*.

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*.

SCIAF *Second Collection* last week raised= £1,900 (includes £20 sent by our “on- line” parishioners). Please hand in *Wee Boxes* by *Holy (Maundy) Thursday-* to be part of the *Offertory*.

Men’s Acoustic Night Friday 24th March; Funds raised to *Large Gas & Electric Bills* in *Church & Hall*. *Acoustic Night* in January raised = £700 for *Jericho House* (apologies for typo last week).

Farewell to Mrs K 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.)

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!

Statistic of the Millennium over the past 23 years this parish has sent SCIAF over £100,000. If you include this year’s figures then, that is nearly £5,000 per year. Well done everyone concerned!



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Letter from Archbishop Bill Nolan (Full Hard copies available in Porch Area or on- line) “My Dear People, Looking to the future in the *Archdiocese* we must first of all look to the past. In particular, to the commission that *Jesus Christ* gave to the *Church* when at the end of the gospel he says: Go out to the whole world and proclaim the *good news*.”



That is why the *Church* exists, that is what the *Church* has been asked to do by *God*: to spread the *good news* to others, to everyone, both by word & by action. Not just by telling others about *Jesus* but also by proclaiming his message through putting his teachings into practice. Even those of us who are committed need to be continually re-evangelised to stay committed... of course we are concerned for family members, especially the young who no longer practise. *Pope Francis* reminds us that “*evangelisation* is first and foremost about preaching the *Gospel* to those who do not know *Jesus Christ*/ who have always rejected him” ...great commission is to evangelise them

As we look to the future it means that the *Archdiocese* must be outward looking. Any decisions about how to use our resources, including people – whether clergy or lay - and property – whether money or buildings - must be determined by how they can best serve the mission *Christ* has given the *Church*.

To take this forward, I have asked the *Deans* to set up *Deanery Councils*... parish priests along with a lay representative... Dean and a lay person will co-chair the *Council* since this is an exercise in *synodality*... Inspired by the gospel message to proclaim the good news of *Jesus Christ* and to share the joy of the *gospel*, each *Council* will look at how best this might be done in their area. The *Council* is not to be an endless talking shop but will advise the *Archdiocese* by making concrete practical proposals. At the same time the *Archdiocese* is establishing an *Evangelisation Fund* of £1,000,000 which will be available to support *new evangelisation* initiatives. It is hoped that this fund will inspire parishes and deaneries to come up with new ideas of how to reach out to others.

We need to remember, of course, that what we are preaching is not the *Catholic Church*, what we are preaching is *Jesus Christ*. Our aim is to bring people to *Jesus* and bring *Jesus* to the people, so that that encounter will change their lives. Sometimes the *Church* and its members have been a counter sign, discouraging others from coming to *Christ*. That is why it is so important that we don’t just talk about *Jesus* but that we put his teachings into practice.

We look to the future with faith, knowing that *God* is with us even though we don’t know what lies ahead. We look to the future with hope, knowing that with *God’s* help we can face up to the hard decisions that need to be made. We look to the future with love, knowing that others will be greatly blessed by our actions as we share with them the joy of the *gospel*.

With my prayers and best wishes,

+William Nolan *Archbishop of Glasgow*

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*.

Good Friday it is proposed that we all bring our own *Crucifix* or (end of a) *Rosary Beads*. If you do not have one then at the very end of the Service a *Crucifix* will be available to be kissed and “wiped with a sanitary cloth” after each person.

Kings Coronation Grant Fund to support the organisation of local community celebratory events that mark the occasion of the coronation of *King Charles III*. Local events range could be for example, community lunch or street party or barbeque or tea dances... Events should take place between Friday 5th May and Monday 8th May. If YOU would like to organise something on behalf of this parish see Fr Sullivan before Monday or try communitygrants@northlan.gov.uk