

Intimations

Wedding bells recently rang out for Ryan Andrew Kennedy & Dionne Coyle... and well done Canon Peter McBride who officiated. The Parish Family Commission presented the couple with a simple frame of the Holy Family of Nazareth: Jesus, Mary & Joseph I give you my heart and my soul.

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 [Birmingham], Mae Crainie

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

Recently Dead: William (Billy) Gilmour [Croy; Receive: Monday 17th April at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Tuesday 18th April at 10am; the family has requested that this be live-streamed courtesy Holy Cross Stream Team], Jane (born Flannagan) Martin [Co Wicklow, then Croy, latterly Craig En Goyne Care Home; Receive: Wednesday 19th April at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Thursday 20th April at 10am; the family has requested that this be live-streamed courtesy Holy Cross Stream Team], Josephine "Josie" McGuire [Croy, latterly Carrickstone Care Home], John Morrow, Suzanna (born Paterson) Christie [Croy latterly Rushden, Northamptonshire], John Dunne, Bobby Lees, Hugh Ferrie [Cainpsie / Lennoxton]

6 Months' Mind Pat McCann

Special Remembrance Patrick O'Hara

Anniversaries: Fr Peter Clinton, James McMillan [30th], John Lang, Jim Carberry, Tommy Mitchell, Barney Clinton, Anne Morrison, George Curtis (Senior), Edwin Curtis, Sandy Little, William ("Wumby") Livingstone, Sammy Waters, Margaret Brown, William Brown, Charles ("Charlie") Hart, John Johnstone, Bridget Christie, Ada Equi, John Higney, John Lavelle, Kathleen (born Rafferty) O'Donnell, Patricia Ramsay [10th], Hannah Caffrey, Hugh Rae, John Sutherland, Willie Crainie

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Donan*; Tuesday: *St Laserian or Molaise*; Wednesday: *St Alphege*; Thursday: *St Beuno*; Friday: *St Anselm, St Maelrubha (or Maree) of Applecross*; (Sunday: *Third Sunday of Easter [A]*);



Holy Cross Croy

Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy/ Low Sunday [A]

15th/ 16th April 2023

Acts 2: 42-47; Ps 117: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end"; 1Pet 1: 3-9;
Jn 20: 19- 31

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we are a Fairtrade Parish & a Laudato Si' registered 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)

Easter Message from *Archbishop Nolan*: “The celebration of Easter is a celebration of hope, a celebration of light conquering darkness, a celebration of life triumphing over death, a celebration of the grace of God overcoming human frailty and sin. Easter gives us hope, despite the problems we face in life.

We have just remembered in Holy Week the sufferings of Jesus as he carried his cross. We too have our cross to carry, we too suffer our Calvary. But Jesus, who suffered and died, rose to new life. There is hope even in time of suffering and trial, there is hope even in death. The resurrection Jesus gives us that hope.

Just as light overcomes darkness so also the grace of God overcomes all human frailty, failure and sin. No matter what troubles we face in life may our celebration of Easter give us hope.”

Blessed Palms and Holy Water still available in Porch Area; please use sanitised hands.

Finance This Weekend (15th / 16th April) the *Special Collection* will be for *Assisted Parishes*. The *Easter Quarterly* is now due, please place in *Quarterly Box* in *Porch Area*.

SCIAF Wee Boxes raised £900. This amount will be added to £1,900 which was raised on *Fourth Sunday of Lent*. So the SCIAF Total for Lent = £2,800. Well done!
Readers will recall the “Statistic of the Millennium” whereby, 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!

Good Friday Collection for *Holy Places in and around Jerusalem* came to = £700. Well done!

First Holy Communion Dates *Holy Cross Primary 4*: on Saturday 6th May and 20th May at 10am.; *St Andrew’s Primary 4*: on Saturday 13th May. Materials for Parents/ Godparents: visit: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_BSN7sTxylSAG_xuYvsfkbJEDDQ5e8vF?usp=sharing Apologies for last week’s typo.

Warm Welcome *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* open 7- 9pm Tuesday to Thursday evenings. On some evenings, a hot drink will be available.

Statistic of the Week The Parish *YouTube Channel* has reached 500 Subscribers.... and it’s not just to see the “*Best Altar Servers north of the Tiber*” or the “*Best Flowers Arrangers this side of the Mississippi*,” perhaps it’s to hear the fine sounds from the *Bell-ringers!*



Divine Mercy Optional Novena ends this weekend. On *Divine Mercy Sunday* itself, 16th April, Devotions with Veneration of the Image will begin at 5pm. “*St Faustina... pray for us.*”

Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 17th April at 7pm in the *Parish Hall*.

Bereavement Group meets on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*. Regarding recent visit by *Cruse Bereavement*, Leaflets in Porch area or visit <https://www.crusescotland.org.uk/> or try Free Helpline: 0808 802 6161 Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm, weekends 10am- 2pm.

Holy Cross Ladies Guild resumes on Thursday 20th April at 7.15pm in the *Parish Hall*. New Members will be made especially welcome.

Men’s Acoustic Night meets on Friday 21st April at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. New *Acoustic Aficionados* will be made especially welcome.

Tea and Toast on Tuesdays returns on 25th April at 10.35am.

“**The Chosen**” is an historical drama television series (produced primarily through crowdfunding) about the life and ministry of *Jesus of Nazareth*. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centres on Jesus & the different people who met & followed him. A number of parishioners have asked that we show this at parish level and have (set) Discussion Questions together afterwards. You may access the Pilot episode here <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen/episode/61faa5b1-e037-4d92-b69d-e63919a5c3b7/season-1/episode-9/the-shepherd> If YOU are interested in deciding the details of when & where etc, please see Fr Sullivan asap.

North East Deanery Council meets on Saturday 22nd April. As the Archbishop explained in his recent Pastoral Letter: “*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. There will be five of these Councils, with the membership formed by the parish priests along with a lay representative from each parish. The 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.*”
After consultation at the most recent *Parish Pastoral Council*, Mrs Josephine Hughes will represent this parish with Fr Sullivan at the *North East Deanery Council*.

Monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 19th April at 7.30pm at *Holy Cross*, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea afterwards – all welcome. Celebrant: Fr Martin Eckersley.

Newman Association: COP 27 – *Catholic Action on Climate Change* by Dr B Wilson, *Immaculate Conception Church Hall*, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th May.

