

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed April Ellie Rose Hepburn from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." [cf Jn 10: 10]

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: Rosemary (born McCarthy) Breslin [Carrickstone formerly Balloch- Eastfield; Monday 15th May at 9.55am; *Funeral Mass:* at 10am; the family has asked that this NOT be live-streamed], Ann (born Carberry) Meechan [Croy; *Receive:* Monday 15th May at 6.30pm; *Funeral Mass:* Tuesday 16th May at 10am; the family has asked that this NOT be live-streamed], Rev Fr George Donaldson, Mary McAtee, Betty Hughes [Ayr], Josephine Greenan [Southampton], Joseph Leech [Liverpool], Marelle Sturrock, David Yates, (unborn) Baby Jayden Sturrock, Amalia Leeb [Linz, Austria]

Month's Mind Josephine McGuire, William "Billy" Gilmour

3 Months' Mind Marc Egan

5 Months' Mind Len Byrne

9 Months' Mind Margaret Boyce

Special Remembrance James McCondichie

Anniversaries: Rev Fr Anthony J Wolstenholme MCCJ, John Carberry [1st], Davy Gribben, Betty Gribben, Helen Meechan Taggart, Mr Michael Coleman, Thomas Malone, Martha Malone, John & Annie Bolan, Eamonn Ceannt, Roger Casement, Sean MacDiarmada, Edward Daly, James Connolly, Michael Mallin, John McBride, Thomas MacDonagh, Thomas J Clarke, Joseph Plunkett, Pdraig Pearse, Michael Brady, Laurence McGuire, May Lang, Fleming Differ, Robert Gerard Sands, Lily & Frank McColl, Bride Murray, Lily Bennett

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *Blessed John Sullivan*; Tuesday: *St George Preça*; Wednesday: *St John of Avila, St Damien of Molokai, St Comgall*; Thursday: *Carthusian Martyrs*; Friday: *Sts Nereus & Achilleus, St Pancras*; Saturday: *Our Lady of Fatima*; (Sunday: *Sixth Sunday of Easter [A]*);

Pope Francis' Intention for May: *For church movements and groups* "We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world." visit <https://youtu.be/kZwUcuP1BPK>



Holy Cross Croy

Fifth Sunday of Easter [A]

6th / 7th May 2023

Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32: "May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope you"; 1Pet 2: 4-9;
Jn 14: 1- 12

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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 is 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)

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. Those receiving *Holy Communion* are encouraged to attend Mass with their uniform/ dresses/ outfits on the immediate Sunday following so that other parishioners may join in the celebrations with own eyes. Indeed the *First Holy Communicants* will have pride of place at *Corpus Christi Procession* on Sunday 11th June, at 4pm.

There is a lovely connection between *Holy Cross* and *St Andrew*: Legend tells us that Saint Andrew, on beholding the cross upon which he was to be martyred, cried out these beautiful words: "O GOOD CROSS, made beautiful by the body of the Lord, long have I desired thee, ardently have I loved thee, unceasingly have I sought thee, and now thou art ready for my eager soul. Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, so that He, who redeemed me through thee, shalt receive me through thee. Amen.

The links with the *Hymn to St Andrew* ("When Christ. Our Lord...") may be easily seen.

P4 Pupils of St Andrew's Primary will be in the *Church Building* for rehearsals on Tuesday 9th May. On Thursday 11th May, their schoolmates from P6 *Pope Francis Award* will attend 10am Mass and then help to prepare the Grounds, the Hall and the Church Building for the P4 *First Holy Communion* on Saturday 13th May. Well done the volunteers!

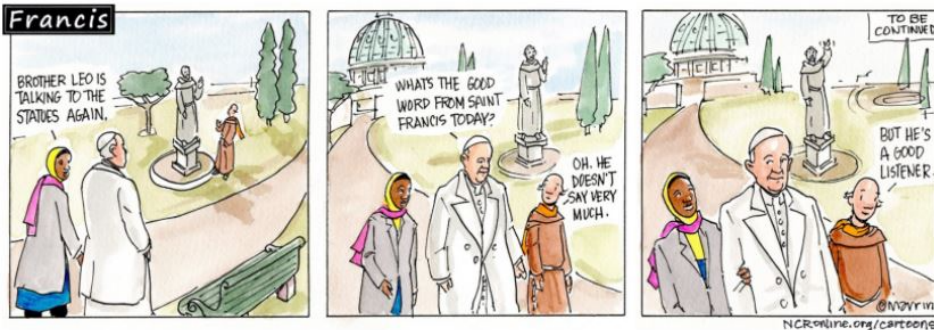
P4 Celebration Disco for the *First Holy Communicants* and their *P4 Classmates*, on Friday 9th June, 6.30- 8pm in the *Parish Hall*. Tuck available. Supervisors will have the relevant PVG Documentation. *Permission/ Attendance Form* will soon be available.

Good Shepherd last weekend's *Special Collection* for *Ecclesiastical Students' Fund* = £420

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

Flourish Newspaper free in Porch area or visit <https://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk/>

"**The Chosen**" is an historical drama television series about the life & ministry of *Jesus of Nazareth*. Primarily set in Judaea & 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. This parish will offer this for the 4 Tuesdays of June at 7.30pm meeting in the Hall. Access the Pilot episode: <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen/episode/61faa5b1-e037-4d92-b69d-e63919a5c3b7/season-1/episode-9/the-shepherd>



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Deanery... (not Parish) Pastoral Council next *PPC* has had to be postponed. Apologies for any inconvenience. The reason is that on Monday 22nd May there will be a *Deanery Council Meeting* which will examine the Archbishop's request for Deaneries to help face the challenges of the future regarding: *Evangelisation, Collaboration and Resources*. The *Discussion Questions* will be available for perusal in the *Porch Area / Parish Facebook Page* next week.



The Parish Reflection on these issues will take place on Thursday, 18th May at 7.35pm in the Church Building and Sunday, 21st May at 5pm in the *Parish Hall*. The Dean explains that the timetable to consult is driven by deadlines set by the *Archdiocesan Authorities*. Comments regarding: *Evangelisation, Collaboration and Resources* should be made at these Meetings and/or in writing at table in *Porch Area*.



Fabric & Finance Team meets on Monday 15th May at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Hall. Items for the Agenda by 7th May. FYI this Parish has been selected by the *Office of National Statistics* for their *Annual Business Survey*.

Justice & Peace Group next meeting has on Monday 15th May at 7pm in the Hall.

¿**Thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic?** *RCIA Group* will meet on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Chapel House. If you know of someone who is thinking about becoming an RC, bring this notice to their attention (& join them?). If this doesn't suit, then contact Chapel House (or any member of RCIA Team) and other mutually- agreed arrangements will be made.

King Charles Pope Francis is giving two *Relics of the True Cross* to the *Head of State*: neither is the parish's *Relic of the True Cross*. The *Bishops of Scotland* have sent parishes "*Prayers for the New Monarch*." A number of parishioners have asked for a *Mass on the Occasion of his Coronation*. This will take place on Monday 8th May at 10am. *St Paul* tells us: "My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions & thanksgiving – and especially for kings & others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1–4).

May Day- New Tradition was begun last Monday: on the *Feast of St Joseph the Worker* a visit after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral) to the *Statue of St Joseph* dedicated to the *Men, women & children who worked in the Mines* on whose *Catholic faith* this parish was founded. Visit https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR33HyEcu5htQ-4VnNLUhuvvj-v8Cuyiqtp2bXdk2lqQjcrPhEnX_u0Lg&v=Gleclj4Jv_A&feature=youtu.be

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels & Queen of the May.
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Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true, as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers, as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue