

Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Anne Marie Reynolds, John Millikan, Eileen Reilly, Dorothy Starkey, Linda Fraser, Maureen McLaren, Ronnie MacKinnon, Mary Starkey [*Birmingham*], Mae Crainie, Kathleen Curry, Jim Curry, Ewan Buckley [*Co Kerry*], James Gibson, Rev Sr Jeanette SND, Liz Hansford, Ruth (*born Starkey*) Price [*Birmingham*]

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

Recently Dead: Jim McGrory, Christopher Ennis [*Clydebank*], Irene Ross [*Edinburgh*], Michael Murray, Martin Shearer [*USA*], Catrina (*born Fallon*) Kirkland [*Coatbridge*]

Month's Mind: Jim Keen, Margaret (*born Clark*) Briggs

6 Months' Mind: Marc Egan

Special Remembrance James Graham, Marie Rafferty

Anniversaries: Winifred McDonald, Sarah McCallum, Sarah Anne Eddlemon, Helen Geoghan, Sharon Healy, Alice Hagan, *Baby* Jane Nelson, Mary (Nelson) Nash, John Cardle, Margaret (Bolan) Shaw, Mary Currie Brady, Mary Cullen, Rose Conway, Margaret Weldon, Mary Devine, John Morrison (Jnr), Maisie Reid, John Campbell, Annie McNelis, Daniel Taggart, Charles Shaw, Annie (McBride) McKay, Joe Livingstone, May (*born O'Raw*) Differ, Elizabeth Stokes, Margaret Boyce, Annie Hester, Bill McManus

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Charbel Makhlof, St Declan*; Tuesday: *St James*; Wednesday: *St Joachim & Anne*; Thursday: *St Titus Brandsma*; Friday: *St Victor, St Sampson*; Saturday: *Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus, St Olav*; (Sunday: *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]*)



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Holy Cross Croy

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

22nd/ 23rd July 2023

Wis: 12:13,16-19; Ps 85: “O Lord, you are good and forgiving”; Rom 8: 26-27; Mtt 13:24-44

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we are a *Fairtrade Parish & a Laudato Si’ registered Parish*

Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed September 2022

Day Visits: *Church Building* open early morning till evening, do not cross the cords.

Holy Mass: *Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 9.30am & 11.40am.*

Weekday Mass at 10am which is (normally) Streamed Live on *Parish YouTube Page*, via Parish’s Website & *Parish Facebook*, search “*Holy Cross Croy*” courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

Children’s Liturgy by PVG’d Catechists during Sunday Morning Masses- term-time.

Baptisms Normally Sundays at 12.45pm (see *Parish Priest* after whichever *Sunday Mass* attended)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession: on Saturdays 10.30am- 11am and 6.40- 7pm at (airy) *Wheelchair Access Door of Church Building*.

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 funeral).

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*.

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Hall Bookings: To Hire Hall email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1-2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716

Carmelite Sisters at *Carmel Monastery*, Kirkintilloch recently wrote to us (after the recent *Pilgrimage for Vocations*): "...thank you for the generous cheque... We keep you and all the wonderful people in *Croy* constantly in prayer"

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Morning Masses is suspended until after the school holidays. The Children's Liturgy "Worksheets" are available in Porch area... please uplift. We take this opportunity to congratulate the *Children Liturgy Leaders*... well done!

SCIAF Community Engagement Officer recently wrote to us: "Thank you so much for your very generous donation of £2,821 to *SCIAF's Wee Box Appeal 2023* (see poster). We are extremely grateful for all of your donations not just at *Lent* but throughout the year. I'd also like to highlight and thank those who took the time to count all the Donations as this is very much appreciated. If you would like to know more about how your donations help our brothers & sisters in Zambia and around the world, please drop me an email (jfulton@sciaf.org.uk) or give me a call on 1041 354 5555... Many Thanks, Jenna"
[FYI: SCIAF are having a Special Appeal for *Ethiopia* (which is in drought) at this time]

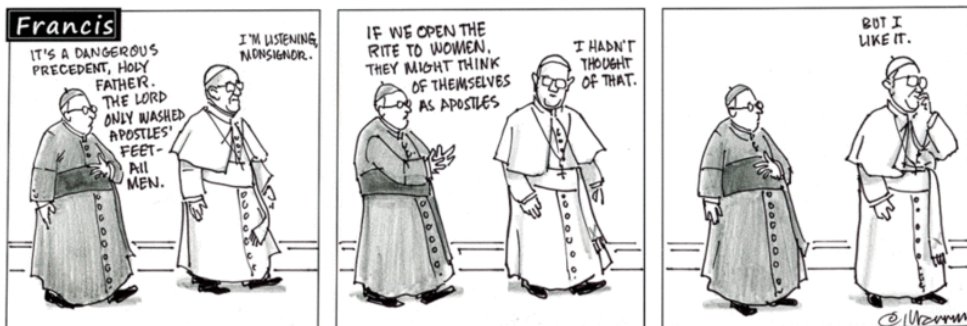
Missio Scotland has produced another *Info-sheet* about their recent work. Hard Copies are available from the Porch area (or digitally from *Parish Facebook Page*).

Tea & Toast on Tuesdays The "staff" are having time off, so there will be no T & T this coming Tuesday, 25th (return in August). Apologies for any inconvenience. (We take this opportunity to THANK those who make this fine Initiative possible... well done!)

Bar Prices Hall Supplier has warned us of imminent price increases from 5th August due to changes regarding "Alcohol by Volume" (ABV) of the product (announced at *Spring Budget 2023*). As the Bar is a smaller establishment, we often have a minimum order price & cannot avail ourselves of some of the "Special Offers," although we are equal to the lowest price locally for some stock.

Warm Welcome in the *Parish Hall* suspended until after the Summer (unless chilly weather occurs meantime). *North Lanarkshire Council*- supplied *Free Period Products* remain available.

Statistic of the Week We have just had 6 weekends without a *Baptism*. The last time that this happened (outwith *COVID Pandemic*) was 2004.



Cartoon by Pat Marrin; Reprinted by permission of NCR Publishing Company www.NCROnline.org (FYI *St Thomas Aquinas* calls *St Mary Magdalen* "Apostle of the Apostles" or *apostolorum apostola*).

Artist (not - quite) in Residence *Fr Javier Alvarado* has been asked to exhibit various items of his work back in *Yurécuaro, Michoacán, Mexico*. He has kindly agreed to allow us a "sneak preview" this weekend (22nd / 23rd July). You can see them at diverse places, depending on which Mass you attend (& the weather forecast). The Artist may well be available after *Mass* to discuss his work... as well as celebrate the *Mass*.



Query of the week: Everyone agrees that *Fr Javier* gave the world a great portrait of *Fr Joe* ...but is it "great" because of the artistic technique... or is it "great" because of the subject matter?

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is this Sunday (22nd / 23rd July)- fourth Sunday of July and near the Feast of *St Joachim & Anne* (Parents of *Mary*). The Theme is "*His mercy is from age to age*" (Lk 1:50). This choice was intended to connect with the *World Youth Day* in Lisbon (1st- 6th August), to place young and old "in dialogue", as the Pope has always desired. "*Mary arose and went with haste*", taken from Luke's Gospel. "*His mercy from age to age*" is taken from Luke's Gospel and is the end of the first part of the *Magnificat*, when *Mary* immediately goes to meet her elderly cousin *Elizabeth* after the Angel's annunciation. Thus, it is a theme that highlights the importance of dialogue between generations, which is fundamental for perceiving and contemplating God's merciful action on behalf of human beings. Indeed, dialogue between the elderly and the young helps to obtain a more complete vision of the way in which a more humane and fraternal society can be built (from the Vatican *Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life*). Pastoral tools are available on the website www.amorislaetitia.va

"The *Plenary Indulgence* on this same day may be gained by the faithful who devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases)." *Plenary Indulgence* may also be granted to those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons and "unite themselves spiritually to the sacred functions of the *World Day*, offering to the *Merciful God* their prayers, pains or sufferings of their lives, especially during the transmission, through the means of television and radio, but also through the new means of social communication." The *Plenary Indulgence* will be granted under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer, according to the intentions of the *Supreme Pontiff*. Of not *Plenary* then 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.*" Keep it simple.

Primary 4 Pupils A number of them recently wrote to us: "Dear Parish, My name is... and I am in Primary 4... My Teacher is.... I am writing to thank you for the support you have given me towards my *First Holy Communion*. I would also like to thank you for the Disco... Thank you for the party after the *Corpus Christi Procession*. Finally I appreciate all the hard work. From..." (A number of original versions are available for perusal in the *Porch Area*.)

Fr Marian Lekawa will be celebrating 10am Mass on Monday 31st July, here... and offering the *Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession* immediately afterwards.