

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, and by the Grace of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism has freed Jessie Maria Friel from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "The men in the boat bowed down before (Jesus) and said, 'Truly you are the Son of God'." (cf Mtt 15: 33).

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** A new list has begun. If YOU would like someone's name in the Bulletin, please contact the person for their explicit permission (or if unconscious, the person's next- of- kin).

Jim Beattie, Paul McGarr, Dorothy Starkey, Mary Starkey [Birmingham], Rev Sr Jeanette SND,

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

**Recently Dead:** Fiona Hobson [Falkirk], Jim McParland [Kirkintilloch], Scott Allison, Marcus Dick, those who continue to die in small boats during dangerous crossings,

**Month's Mind** Charles Shaw

**3 Months' Mind** Ann Meechan

**6 Months' Mind** Mary (born Reynolds) McCann

**9 Months' Mind** Jim McLaren, Robert Rae

**Anniversaries:** Winifred Griffin, Stan Kos, Dan Cranie, Esther Cranie, Michael McDade, Sam Cassidy, Danny McKay [Ballymoney], James Meighan, Helen Carr, Hugh & Annie Gallagher, Tim McMahan, Helen McMahan, Tim McMahan (Junior), John McMahan, James McDonald, Edward Brady, Mary Dennington, Tommy Dennington, Rosemary Anderson

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Pius X*; Tuesday: *Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary*; Wednesday: *St Rose (of Lima)*, *St Eugene*; Thursday: *St Bartholomew*; Friday: *St Louis*, *St Joseph Calasanz*; Saturday: *Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God*; (Sunday: *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]*)



# Holy Cross Croy

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

19/ 20 August 2023

1s 56: 1,6-7; Ps 66: "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you"; Rom 11: 13-15,29-32; Mtt 17: 1-9

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"Holy Cross Croy" on YouTube, Facebook & X (Twitter),  
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 12.35pm (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.

**Parish Safeguarding:** Tel: 07716387645 / 07707868421 or email: [holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk)  
Policy Document available <https://www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2/tabid/131/Default.aspx>

**Finance** For those who are able (without putting their own security at risk), could you consider a payment, automatically through your bank, or directly from your electronic banking to the parish account? Select the scheme your bank has for you to be in control. Please Contact the parish for Parish Bank Account details then YOU can set this up. To Donate "on-line" please visit [https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086401&type=2&hidden\\_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181](https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181)  
Contributions can also be 'gift-aided' so that we can reclaim the tax from the Government. Please contact the Parish for more information.

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



**Assisted Parishes Special Collection** THIS weekend. If you have no cash then you may use the Card Reader & put an I.O.U. in the Collection basket to explain & the “extra amount” will be transferred.

**From Sick/ Housebound/ Unable to get to Mass** Well done £190 which has been recently donated to keep the Parish afloat. If YOU are unable to get to Mass and would like Fr Joe (and/ or an Ex. Minister of Holy Communion) to visit with Holy Communion, please contact the Chapel House.

**New Seating Bench** Kind Donation from the Gray and the Quinn Families... in memory of their loved ones who have died... *requiescant in pace*.

**Sad Sad News** Recent horrible attacks on “Gays” have been in the news. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* insists: “They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.” Relatedly, Pope Francis (this July) offered these words of encouragement to Giona, an Italian in their early 20s who said they were “torn by the dichotomy between (their Catholic) faith and transgender identity.” Francis replied that “the Lord always walks with us ... Even if we are sinners, he draws near to help us. The Lord loves us as we are, this is God’s crazy love.” The fuller text of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: *Chastity and homosexuality*

2357 *Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries & in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that “homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.” They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.*

2358 *The number of men & women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, & sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfil God’s will in their lives & if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord’s Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.*

2359 *Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.*



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**World Youth Day** Lucy Bowman represented the parish in Lisbon. She plans to speak about her experience, to parishioners at all Masses this weekend.

**Thinking about becoming an R C?** meets on Tuesday 22 August at 7.30pm in the Chapel House.

**Bereavement Group** meets on Tuesday 22 August at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Parish Hall. This is not a professional Service; they may help source details of professional/ trained help (eg Counselling, CRUSE etc...) but offering such assistance is not the task of the Bereavement Group.

**Holy Cross Ladies Guild** meets on Thursday 24 August at 7.15pm in Parish Hall. New members will be made especially welcome.

**Altar Server Training** (P5 upwards) Next two Saturdays, beginning 26 August at 10.30am (barring a Funeral). Fr Sullivan will be visiting P5s this week at both schools to ask them personally.

**Parish Pilgrimage** to Holy Land and/ or Rome and/ or Lourdes and/ or Lough Derg and/ or Knock and/ or Iona in 2024. All interested please attend a Meeting to gauge interest on Monday, 28 August at 7.30pm in Parish Hall.

**Oops...** Last weekend, in the homily when Fr Sullivan referred to the “selfishness” of “Magpies”, he meant to refer to that of “Cuckoos.” Apologies to any Magpies listening...

**Annual Mass for the Feast of the Queenship of Mary** on Tuesday 22 August in St Gregory’s, 136 Kelvindale Road, G20 8DP. There will be Rosary at 7pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Tea will be served in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

**St Joseph’s Cumbernauld** Parishioners are marking the Retirement of Fr Harry McKay on Wednesday 6 September at 7pm with Holy Mass. All welcome to attend

**Mariapolis Weekend** inspired by Focolare Movement on Saturday 2 / Sunday 3 September will take place at St Francis Xavier’s Hall, Hope Street, Falkirk. The Mariapolis offers something for everyone of every age & from every walk of life. Time to get to know one another, time for spiritual reflection & time for relaxation. Further info: Veronica Slaven: 07989 348513; see poster.

**AGAP at the Edinburgh Fringe** Play “Oggie! Oggie! Oggie!” by Stephen Callaghan, based on the Confessions of St Augustine, 23- 27 August at 6.20pm in C Venues Aurora Studio (Venue 6) at Laurieston Halls. Show info & booking: [www.oggieshow.co.uk](http://www.oggieshow.co.uk) or call 0131 581 5555. Tickets £10-12 (Concessions: £8-10) Under 16s: £6-8.

**Assisted Suicide: The Dangers** Online webinar to consider the dangers of legalising assisted suicide in Scotland, and what you can do to help prevent it; Thursday 31 August at 7pm. Visit [https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0vfu6gpkvHtaYvE1ZgKTjud9kbHJ\\_WKic#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0vfu6gpkvHtaYvE1ZgKTjud9kbHJ_WKic#/registration)

**Kilsyth and Villages (including Croy) Community Board** Consultation with young people to find out their views about what it’s like to be a young person here & what is important to young people. Visit short online questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/e/hKTWs4T5yp>

