

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed both *Harris Jackson* and *Luca Patrick Milligan- Nagy* from *Original Sin* and bestowed on them *Abundant Baptismal Blessings*. "...to (God) be glory for ever and ever! Amen." [cf Rom 11: 36].

Banns of Marriage are called for the second time between *John Neil- Rice* and *Emma Somers*. If anyone knows any reason why this couple should *not* be joined in *Holy Marriage*, you should contact *parish priest* as soon as possible.

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, Eileen Reilly

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

Recently Dead: Helen Boyle [*Moodiesburn*], Cathie Crainie [*Kilsyth*, formerly *Croy*], Willie McCrory [*Clydebank*], Jim Beattie, Mark Costello [*Baillieston*], Christopher "Chris" Hampton,

Months Mind Ruth Price

3 Months' Mind Robert Reynolds

9 Months' Mind Len Byrne

Anniversaries: Helen Archibald, Helen McLaren Mulhearn, Craig Friel, Anne "Rants" Rafferty, Hugh Haggerty, Michael Griffin [*1 Year*], James "Shem" Currie, Philip Friel (*Snr*), Catherine Egan, James Graham, William Hagan, Helen Clinton, Jim Higney, Mary Kerr, May McGill

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Cuthbert*; Tuesday: *St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta, St Herbert*; Thursday: *St Cloud*; Friday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*; Saturday: *St Peter Claver, St Ciaran*; (Sunday: *Twenty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]*)

Pope Francis' Intentions for September For people living on the margins "We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

Visit https://youtube.com/watch?v=DRveTL_tmo8&si=hzjNFZ_b8m9W7h93



Holy Cross Croy

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

2/ 3 September 2023

Jer 20: 7-9; Ps 62: "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God"; Rom 12: 1-2; Mtt 16: 21-27

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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 12.35pm (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
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 or Scan the QR code with your phone to make a donation. 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 (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1-2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716



SPRED Next week's (9 / 10 September) special collection is in aid of the work of (*Archdiocese of Glasgow*) SPRED with children & adults who have a learning disability. SPRED is most grateful for your past generosity through the pandemic. SPRED members may well appeal for helpers at Mass. Funds raised at the *Tea & Toast on Tuesdays* (last week went to, and) this week will go to the Cumbernauld Branch of SPRED.

Welcome Back Fr Harrison who will be here for *Mass & Confessions* on Thursday (7 Sept) at 10am

Season Of Creation 2023 "Let justice flow like a mighty river" (cf. Amos 5: 24). Ecumenical phase begins (1 September)- *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, and concludes (4 October)- feast of *Saint Francis of Assisi*. This is a Special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. Each Week a couple of suggestions will be made to mark the Season. This week: Preloved clothes: Return them to stores who offer a discount for recycling; or sell them on a second-hand website.

Visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/2023/05/25/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/>

Music Group at 9.30am Mass has returned. Well done! *St Cæcilia* would be proud!

Children's Liturgy will return at both Sunday Morning Masses, this Sunday (3 September). We take this opportunity to congratulate the *Children Liturgy Leaders*... well done!

Warm Welcome in the Committee Room of the *Parish Hall*: Monday- Thursday Evenings. On some evenings hot drink will also be available. We take this opportunity to congratulate those who make this possible. *North Lanarkshire Council*- supplied *Free Period Products* remain available. The Parish SVDP has kindly donated £70 to help pay for the "heat." Well done!

Venerable Margaret Sinclair National Pilgrimage on Sunday 17 September. Opens at 2pm and *Holy Mass* at 4.30pm, at *St Patrick's*, Cowgate, Edinburgh; visit www.margaretsinclair.scot

Back- Handed Compliment During the Financial Year 2022- 23 the Archdiocese calculated our *Levy & National Contingency Fund* Contribution as £41,974... this year, 2023-24, we are expected to pay £65,320. This requested Amount will be discussed at the next *Fabric & Finance Meeting*.

Statistic of the Week on Saturday 26 August at 10.10am there were more people joining the Mass via the Internet than physically present. Even more "caught up" later that day.



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Parish Pilgrimage 2024 to *Holy Land* (early September; £1,500 approx) and/ or *Rome & Assisi* (£1,000 approx) and/ or *Lourdes* (mid- July; £950 approx). If you are keen please add your name and mobile or email contact detail on Sheets in Porch Area... or deliver same to *Chapel House*. This should be done by NEXT weekend (10 September).

Parish Pastoral Council meets on Monday 11 September at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. Proposed Items for the *Agenda to Chapel House* by next weekend (3 Sept).

Kidz Disco Friday 15 September to mark the *Parish Feast* in the *Parish Hall*. Primary 7 at 6.30- 8pm; Free Entry. Music by *ACDJ* (Aaron Clinton DJ) *Tuck Shop* available. PVG'd Supervisors. *Permission Sheet* (available from either Primary Schools or the Chapel House.) must be completed by Parent/ Guardian.

Pilgrimage at the Shrine to *Our Lady at NetherCroy* on Sunday 17 September at 4pm. *Holy Rosary* & Prayers included. We take this opportunity to congratulate those who maintain the Shrine so beautifully, especially *James & Cathy McCann*. Nor do we forget the kind co- operation of the Forestry Commission (on whose land it lies).

Altar Server Training (P5 upwards) These two Saturdays at 10.30am (barring a Funeral) or simply "turn up" 20 minutes early to the Mass you attend. Fr Sullivan has visited the P5s at both schools to invite them personally.

¿**Thinking about becoming an R C?** meets on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the *Chapel House*

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

Churches Together in Cumbernauld meets on Monday 4th September at 7.15 at *Holy Name*, Cumbernauld. If anyone wishes to join see Fr Joe or the *Parish Ecumenical Officer* (Mrs J Hughes).

Cumbernauld Chess Club meets in Parish Hall on Wednesday at 7pm.

Holy Cross Stream Team one of their (many) admirers has sent a cheque for £25 to assist with their work. Indeed many all over the world (& the *solar system*?) appreciate what they do. Well done!

Threat to Peaceful Protest The *Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill*, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, is a direct attack on civil rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights. It also removes a lifeline for women who want to keep their baby but feel they have no other choice than abortion. It will be illegal "to influence or persuade a person concerning their access to or employment in connection with abortion services". This would prevent women being offered help outside clinics. It would even prevent a family member or social worker expressing an opinion to a woman about her abortion. Please contact your MSPs now.

To help you do this, visit <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland>, which enables you to write to all eight of your MSPs at once. The tool brings up an example template letter – please edit this to explain in your own words why your MSPs should vote against buffer zones.

Mariposa Trust Saying Goodbye Service (Baby Loss) on 16 September at 11am in Glasgow Cathedral, Glasgow. Visit: www.sayinggoodbye.org

