

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his passion, death & resurrection, & by his Sacramental Grace has freed Margo Rosa Joy Bowman from Original Sin & bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise" [Prov 31: 30]

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

**Sick:** Paul McGarr, Dorothy Starkey, Rev Sr Jeanette SND, Sammy Waters, Eileen Reilly [Inverness], Gabriella Carlomagno, Lawrie Cordiner, Margaret Hackett, James "Jim" Thompson [Spain], Kathleen Curry, Jim Curry

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

**Recently Dead:** Mary Starkey [Birmingham], Margaret (born Gallagher) Kelly [Moodiesburn], Billy Brackenbridge, Eileen Angus [Glasgow], Christopher McPhee, Marion O'Brien [Robroyston formerly Cumbernauld]

**Special Remembrance** Jean Nash      **Those whose Names** are on the *November Lists*

**Anniversaries:** Catherine Cassidy, Thomas Shiels (Jnr), Robert Rae [1], Len Byrne, Moira O'Brien, Ian and Elizabeth Sinclair, Danny Comri, Jim McCondichie, Jim McLaren [1], Richard (Dick) McLaren, Elaine McKay, Jim McMahan, John O'Neill, Lizzie Hadnum, Baby Emily Durkan

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Fergal*; Wednesday: *Blessed Bernard Francis de Hoyos, Blessed Denis & Redemptus*; Thursday: *St Andrew*; Friday: *Blessed Clementine Anuarite, St Edmund Campion, St Ananias, Blessed Charles de Foucauld*; Saturday: *St Bibiana*; (Sunday: *First Sunday of Advent [B]*)

**Act of Dedication** of Mankind to Jesus Christ, King: Lord Jesus, loving Redeemer of mankind, we kneel before you in loving adoration.

You have made us your own and we wish to remain your own,

but to be more united to you we consecrate ourselves today to your Sacred Heart.

Most loving Jesus, have pity on all who do not know you

and on all who reject you & refuse to obey you.

Reign as King, in the hearts of your faithful friends.

Be King also of all who have disowned you: bring them back like the prodigal son to their Father's house, before they die of loneliness and hunger.

Rule the hearts of Christians separated from each other by reason of conscience

or through failure of love: make them all one with you, our Shepherd & Teacher, in the sheepfold of your love.

Bless your Church with true freedom; grant to all nations, peace founded on justice.

Draw all hearts to yourself, so that the whole earth may join in one prayer:

"Praise to the Heart of Jesus, our God and our Saviour: glory and honour be his for ever & ever."

Plenary Indulgence available today if the Act is recited publicly (partial otherwise).



# Holy Cross Croy

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [A]*

25/ 26 November 2023

*Ezek 34: 11-12,15-17; Ps 22: "The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"; 1Cor 15: 20-26; Mt 25: 31-46*

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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) 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](mailto:holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk) (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1-2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716

**Welcome Back** Fr Javier Alvarado who will assist at the *Vigil Mass* this weekend... while Fr Sullivan is turning water into wine at a Wedding Reception

**SPRED Family Mass** will be held here next Sunday (3 Dec) at 11.40am. Readings will be mimed and SPRED Members will lead the Music. We take this opportunity to congratulate all those who work in *Special Religious Education*- SPRED.

**Finance** New *Gift Aid Envelopes* are available for uplift. You will also have the opportunity to join the *Gift Aid Scheme*. Well done all those who are willing & able to support financially this parish!

**Thinking about becoming an RC?** Weekly Meet on Wednesdays at 7.15pm in the *Chapel House*.

**World Youth Day** this weekend: "*Rejoicing in hope*" (cf. Rom 12:12) Visit: [www.rcagyouth.co.uk](http://www.rcagyouth.co.uk)  
*Advent Holy Hour* with *Archbishop Nolan* to prepare for Christmas. Mince pies & mulled wine. 7–8pm on Mon 11 Dec at *St Andrew's Cathedral*. Letter [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid02sVjCY8xwfhqJ1D2nWngFYdvj5on2QtnNeEVJrWVbG5ivkiHUfqCm8fLJWhxVZAZDI&id=100064510877469&mibextid=WC7FNe](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02sVjCY8xwfhqJ1D2nWngFYdvj5on2QtnNeEVJrWVbG5ivkiHUfqCm8fLJWhxVZAZDI&id=100064510877469&mibextid=WC7FNe)

**St Andrew's Primary** is celebrating its Patronal Feast on Thursday: *Salve me Bona Crux*.

**First Friday Mass** by *Holy Cross Primary* is postponed to Friday 8 Dec (*Immaculate Conception*).

**Month of the Holy Souls** *November Lists* are available in *Porch Area*. Please complete & return. (Note: when there is a Funeral, the *November Lists' Daily Mass* will be postponed until December, or else a priest elsewhere will be asked.)

**Lentfest 2024** - Call for Participants: AGAP is seeking actors for forthcoming theatre productions. Open Auditions on 4 December, 5- 8pm in the Eyre Hall, *Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices*, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. We are also keen to hear from musicians, poets & anyone wishing to take part in Lentfest as a performer or helper, & from any person or organisation wishing to propose an event for inclusion in the festival programme. Please visit: [www.linktr.ee/agapglasgow](http://www.linktr.ee/agapglasgow) or call 0141 552 5527

**Warm Welcome/ Heat Hub** for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* will be open 7- 9pm Monday to Thursday evening inclusive; on occasion, a hot beverage will be available. *North Lanarkshire Council*- supplied Period Products usually available.



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**Catholic Education Sunday** (25/ 26 November); In particular, we pray for the Staff & Pupils at *Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primaries* and at *St Maurice's & Our Lady's High Schools*. There will be a Special *Collection for Catholic Education and Offertory Procession & Bidding Prayers* with Pupils in uniform: Vigil- *Holy Cross Primary*; 9.30am- *St Maurice's High*; Sunday 11.40am- *St Andrew's Primary*. Theme "Pilgrims of Faith" Visit: <https://sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week/>



**Parish Pastoral Council** meets on Monday 27 November at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. *Agenda* includes: *Synodality & Parish Life*; Additional Exposition of *Blessed Sacrament*; *Missionary Disciples*; Helping the Archbishop spend £1Million on *Evangelisation/ Outreach*; *Schools & Sacraments*; *Funerals at NLC Graveyards* on Saturdays; *Good Pastoral Disasters*; *Radical Inclusion*; *PVG Update*. Members should already have digital versions; "hard copies" available from Sacristy.

**Christmas Presents** for those financially less well- off. Please either label "boy aged 6" or "girl/ boy aged over 10..." etc or leave unwrapped. In *Porch Area* by Sunday 3 December. They will be distributed, by *SVDP* and others to various *Foodbanks*.

**Cumbernauld Centre Crib** *Cumbernauld Churches & Congregations* will have "Blessing of Prayer at" Ceremony on Saturday 2 Dec at 12 noon, courtesy *The Centre Cumbernauld Authorities*. All welcome

**Men's Acoustic Night** on Friday 1 December in *Parish Hall*. Proceeds to support *Wayside (Homeless) Charity*. Last *Acoustic Night* raised = £660 towards *Downs' Syndrome Charity*. Well done those who organise, play at & support these fine initiatives.

**Croy Silver Band Concert** Saturday 2 Dec at 7.30pm in *Hall*. Tickets= £5 from Band- members

**Prisoners of Conscience** *Justice & Peace Group & Caritas* Volunteers will invite you to send a Christmas/ Greetings Card to a *Prisoner of Conscience* who has NOT advocated violence but is being held on 2/ 3 December. The Materials come from *Action of Christians Against Torture*. Some are Christian, in which case you may wish to send a "Religious" one. The person MAY get the card... if (s)he doesn't then the Guard or the Bureaucrat who throws the card away may well pause... may not beat the person up... may reconsider the release of the person. No judgement on the sentence should be made... just encouragement. Nor do we necessarily agree with the person's politics.

**Emergency First Aid at Work Training** by NL Council at *Garrell Vale Centre*, *Kilsyth* on Tuesday 12 December, 9.30am- 4pm. This may well be useful for one or two Pass-keepers. If YOU would like to receive this training as a parish Expense see Fr Sullivan asap.

**Helpful Words** for those who identify as *transgender*. *Pope Francis*, a few months ago, speaking to a young person "*Giona*," an Italian in their early 20s who said they were "*torn by the dichotomy between (their Catholic) faith and transgender identity*". *Pope 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.*"

In this parish, "as at *Bethlehem*, there is a place for everyone here... as long as you know how to stoop."