

## Intimations

*Banns of Marriage* are called for the first time between *Daniel Heron* and *Samantha Dougan*. If any one knows any reason why these two should NOT be joined in *Holy Marriage*, you should speak to the *Parish Priest* as soon as possible

*Your charitable prayers are requested for...*

**Sick:** Paul McGarr, Dorothy Starkey, Rev Sr Jeanette SND, Sammy Waters, Eileen Reilly [*Inverness*], Gabriella Carlomagno, Kathleen Currie, Jim Currie, Mary Thompson, Edward McAllister [*Airdrie*],

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

**Recently Dead:** Ginny (*born* Waters) Walsh [*Croy; Receive:* Sunday 21 January, at 5.30pm (please note earlier time); *Funeral Mass:* Monday 22 Jan, at 10am; the family has asked this NOT be live-streamed], Kathleen (*born* Rafferty) Boyce [*Kilsyth*], Susan (*born* O'Hara) Thompson [*Craigmarloch; Receive:* Sunday 28 January, at 6.30pm; *Funeral Mass:* Monday 29 Jan, at 10am; the family has asked this be live-streamed], Jim McInnes [*Glasgow*], Andy Hay [*Cumbernauld*], Stewart Campbell, Kathleen Cochrane [*Glasgow*], Christopher McGuire [*Fairlie*], Alex Belmez Carroll [*Spain*], Helen McLeish [*Cardowan*], Bobby Stewart, George McKenna [*Coatbridge*], Margaret Henderson [*South Shields*]

**Month's Mind** Morag Sheena (*born* Brown) McAspurren [*Cardowan*], Matt Currie, Arnaldo Cotu [*Wales*]

**6 Months' Mind** Charles Shaw

**Special Remembrance** Matt & Agnes Currie

**Anniversaries:** Danny Rooney, James Taggart, James Hester, Ian MacDonough, Rev Fr Colman McGrath, HE George Cardinal Pell, Frank A M Noakes, Mary McArthur, Mary Patricia (*born* Weldon) Brady [10], Patrick Brady, William Morrison (*Senior*), David Reid, Alicia Killiard, Andrew Killiard, Annie (*born* Gribbin) Blair, Mary Power, Rose (*born* Law) Weston [*Doncaster*], Suzannah (*born* Vallely) Quinn [*Cumbernauld*], Padraic McMahon [*Doncaster*], Fr Jack McArdle SSCC [*Dublin*], Harry & Helen McGarry, Susan (*born* McCarthy) McGhee, Margaret Johnstone, David Quail, Benny Lappin, John Leach, John Hamill, Phil Pelosi

*In the Good Company of...*

**Feast days** Monday: *St Vincent*; Tuesday: *St Marianne Cope*; Wednesday: *St Francis de Sales*; Thursday: *The Conversion of St Paul*; Friday: *Sts Timothy & Titus*; Saturday: *St Angela Merici*; (Sunday: *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]*)



# Holy Cross Croy

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]*

20/ 21 January 2024

*Jonah 3: 1-5,10; Ps 24 "Lord, make me know your ways"; 1Cor 7: 29-31; Jn 1: 14-20*

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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 a funeral).

**Holy Rosary** Monday- Saturday around 9.30am (but earlier when there is a funeral)

**Bulletins & LARGE PRINT** Bulletins: on-line; either *Parish Website* or *Facebook* or *X(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), please 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. 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)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** continues until Thursday. The chosen theme is “*You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself*” (Lk 10:27). Materials were from an ecumenical team in *Burkina Faso*. Visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>

**St Nicholas’ Fund/ PCT Boxes** Please return asap

**SPRED** A very Special *Thank You* to all of *Tuesday Tea and Toast Group* for their very kind donation of £340 to *Our Spred Group* it is greatly appreciated. If you are interested to find out more about *Spred*. There will be a Zoom session on Wednesday 24 January 7.15 pm. please contact the *Spred Office* 0141 770 5055 or email: [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com)

**Special Collection** next weekend (27/ 28 January) for *Assisted Parishes*.

**Annual Missionary Appeal** this year, by *Comboni Missionaries* on 3/ 4 February.

**Strong Words from St Paul last week:** “*Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body*” (1Cor 6: 17ff). Following on from last week’s *Second Reading* and *Homily*, it may be helpful to re- present a link to the Documents from the *Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith*, regarding “*Fiducia supplicans: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings*” published with the approval of *Pope Francis*. As Fr Sullivan explained last week, the Guidelines open up the possibility for those in “*Irregular Unions*” (for example: same- sex couples, those only civilly married) to receive a simple blessing that does not give the impression of a marriage. Visit: <https://loom.ly/XAq8qG4> where the Vatican reminds us that we are ALL sinners and that “*According to the perennial Catholic Doctrine only sexual relations between a man and a woman in the context of marriages considered lawful.*”

The suggested *Blessing for Couples in Irregular Unions* may be found at: <https://loom.ly/C09CQBE>  
“*Lord, look at these children of yours, grant them health, work, peace and mutual help. Free them from everything that contradicts your Gospel and allow them to live according to your will. Amen*”. Then the Blessing concludes with the *Sign of the Cross* on each of the two persons.

NB If anyone is affected by these issues, s/he is welcome to speak to Fr Sullivan.

**Rite of Election** at *Our Lady of Lourdes* church hall, Lourdes Ave, Glasgow, on Saturday 17 February, commencing with registration from 9.30am and beginning at 10am. Closing liturgy will take place in the Church at approximately 2.45pm. Participants should bring a packed lunch. The *Rite of Election* will take place on Sunday 18 February at 3pm in *St. Andrew’s Cathedral*. Likewise, candidates taking part in the rite of election should be at the Eyre Hall by 2.30pm. Those who have been baptised as Christians do not take part at the *Rite of Election*.

Please keep the Candidates & Inquirers of this parish in your prayers... *oremus pro invicem.... Let us pray for each other*

**Sunday of the Word of God** is this Sunday (*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*) and it is the *Sunday of the Word of God*, devoted to its “*celebration, study and dissemination.*” This year the Motto is “*Remain in my Word*” [Jn 8: 21]. Visit <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/parola/2024/sussidio.html>



**Invitation** A number of Parishioners already follow “*The Wednesday Word.*” The Sunday coming’s Gospel is offered to read and prayed over. This Sunday (20/ 21 January) you will be invited to do likewise: *Read the Bible in a Prayerful atmosphere*, either on one’s own or in an informal group. This is sometimes called *lectio divina*.

**Funerals** Normally at the Reception, (a *Crucifix* and) a *Book of the Gospels / Bible* is placed on the Coffin. Given the advice from the Vatican about a *Family Bible*, parishioners are encouraged to consider using the *Family Bible* (and/or a *Family Crucifix*) at a *Funeral Liturgy*... or indeed a *Family Book of the Gospels*.

**Bereavement Group** meets Tuesday 23 January at 7.30pm in Committee Room of Parish Hall. If YOU would like to assist in the important work, please simply “*turn up.*”

**Men’s Acoustic Night** in aid of *Jericho House* on Friday 26 January at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. Recent *Acoustic Night* in aid of *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* = £500 (and see immediately below).

**Acoustic Nights** January: *Jericho House*, £700; March: *Donation to Hall & Church Heating*, £555; April: *Stroke Association*, £450; May: *Children’s Hospice Across Scotland*, £550; June: *Strathcarron Hospice*, £520; July *SCIAF*, £465; August: *McMillan Cancer Care*, £525; September: *Marys Meals*, £430; October: *Prostate Cancer Scotland*, £400; November: *Down’s Syndrome*, £660; December: *The Wayside Homeless Charity*, £500 and *Saint Vincent de Paul Society*, £500. TOTAL: £6,255; PREVIOUS: £49,602; Current: £55,857

The Organisers report: “*Once again, thank you to everyone who helped to put this all together, singers, raffle donations, attendees and Father Sullivan for the use of the hall.*”

**Charity Bingo** for *Lourdes* Friday 9 February 7.30- 11pm (first Game 8.15pm) £5 entry including bingo book; *Music- Bingo- Games- Prizes* Raising Funds for *Lourdes Easter Pilgrimage- Help a Helper to Help a Child*; Further info Contact Roisin [roisin-miller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roisin-miller@hotmail.co.uk)

**Annual Parish SCIAF Quiz** Date for your diary Friday March 15. All welcome. Ticket £6.

**Stream Team** In an effort to improve the service we provide, we would be obliged if parishioners could take a short survey. The Survey is mostly about audibility for both those physically present and for those on-line. Please visit <https://s.surveypal.com/amtjwaj>. Those who DO NOT have access to the internet and have an opinion about audibility should speak directly to any of the *Stream Team*.

**Catholic Women Affected by Separation and Divorce** support group meets Friday, 9 Feb in *St Patrick’s church hall*, Dumbarton, 6- 8pm. New members welcome. X (Twitter): @GAWomenSupport or Facebook: Faith Living (Archdiocese of Glasgow) or : [glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** *St Jude Lourdes Pilgrimage* - 17- 22 June 2024. Pilgrims book & pay for their own flights\* & we arrange transfers between hotel & airport. Cost for the pilgrimage excluding flights is £335 per person (2 sharing), plus transfers of £50 each. Single room supplement: £150. Hotel Padoue, full board; full programme whilst in Lourdes. For further info: [linktr.ee/sjlp\\_glasgow](http://linktr.ee/sjlp_glasgow). Further info or book place/s please contact Margaret McElroy on 0771 258 2661 or email [margaret.mcelroy2@ntlworld.com](mailto:margaret.mcelroy2@ntlworld.com)



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