

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Teddy Matthew Sims from Original Sin and bestowed on him Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "Jesus proclaimed the Good News from God: 'The time has come and the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News'." [cf Mk 1: 12]

Banns of Marriage are called for the second 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], James Gibson, Rena Currie [Dumbarton], Gerry O'Donovan [Cork], Lawrie Cordiner

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

Recently Dead: 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], Kathleen (born Rafferty) Boyce [Kilsyth], Helen McLeish [Cardowan], Bobby Stewart, George McKenna [Coatbridge], Margaret Henderson [South Shields], Baby Alice [Cumbernauld], Maureen (born Walsh) Coleman, May Clocherty [Mount Vernon], Anne McGuckin [Cumbernauld], Mary McFarlane [Gorbals, Mother of Mrs Szemis- at HC Primary]

Month's Mind Morag Sheena (born Brown) McAspurren [Cardowan], Matt Currie, Luke Walker

2 Months' Mind Charles Shaw, Arnaldo Cotu [Wales]

Special Remembrance Matt & Agnes Currie, Stephen & Mary Anne Barr

Anniversaries: Mary Power, Rose (born Law) Weston [Doncaster], Suzannah (born Vallely) Quinn [Cumbernauld], Pdraic 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, Nora Kelly, Hugh Clinton, Rita Friel, Marc Egan [1st], Grace Lafferty, Cathie Carberry, Rita Friel, Mary (born Carberry) McLaren, Rev Fr John McLaren, Pat Campbell, Tommy Rafferty, Mary Waters Curtis, Junior Waters, Joe Weldon & Lynne Weldon [10th]

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: Blessed Archangela Girelli; Tuesday: St Aidan (or Aedan); Wednesday: St John Bosco; Thursday: St Brigid; Friday: Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life; Saturday: St Blaise (with blessing of throats- barring a funeral), St Ansgar (Oscar); (Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B])



Holy Cross Croy

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

27/ 28 January 2024

Deut 18: 15-20; Ps 94 "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts"; 1Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 3: 21-28

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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
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 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

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/amtmjawj>. Those who DO NOT have access to the internet and have an opinion about audibility should speak directly to any of the *Stream Team*.

Statue of St Michael the Archangel will be visiting the parish for one week [14 (Ash Wednesday) - 21 February). It will be available for veneration during the Day. Some useful material may be found here <https://www.thestmichaeltour.org/>

The Angels *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us:

328 The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. the witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

Who are they?

329 St. Augustine says: "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel'." With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word".

330 As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendour of their glory bears witness...

336 From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

Act of Consecration to Saint Michael the Archangel

"*Saint Michael the Archangel*, invincible prince of the angelic hosts and glorious protector of the universal Church, I greet you and praise you for that splendour with which God has adorned you so richly. I stand before you in the company of my *Guardian Angel*, Blessed Father Markiewicz and all the Blessed and Saints. I take them as witnesses of my dedication and devotion to you.

Saint Michael the Archangel, I consecrate to you my soul and body. I choose you as my patron and protector. Be my strength and the guardian in my life. Assist me by your powerful intercession so that I may imitate your courage and loyalty to God, that trusting in your kind help and protection, I may be victorious over the enemies of my soul and be united with God in heaven forever and ever.

On- line "Parishioner" Well done for the *Anonymous Donation* of £25.

Missio Scotland Newsletter for January in Porch Area or <https://www.missioscotland.com/>

World Day for Consecrated Life is on Friday. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the *consecrated life*, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by *Jesus Christ* and continue to respond generously to God's gift of their vocation: *poverty, chastity and obedience...* and for some also *stability*. The Theme in Rome over these days will be "*Pilgrims of Hope on the path of peace.*"



Invitation last week to follow "*The Wednesday Word.*" The Sunday coming's Gospel is offered to read and prayed over. You are 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*.

Copies of this week's "*The Wednesday Word*" are available at the end of pews... Blessed candles on the Altar Rails, you may wish to use. Remember to place a candle on ceramic or other *non-flammable material* also no *unattended* naked flames.

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*.

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

Blessing of Throats will be on Saturday, *St Blaise*, at the end of 10am Mass (barring a *Funeral*).

Deanery Mission Appeal *Comboni Missionaries* will be here on weekend, 3 / 4 February.

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

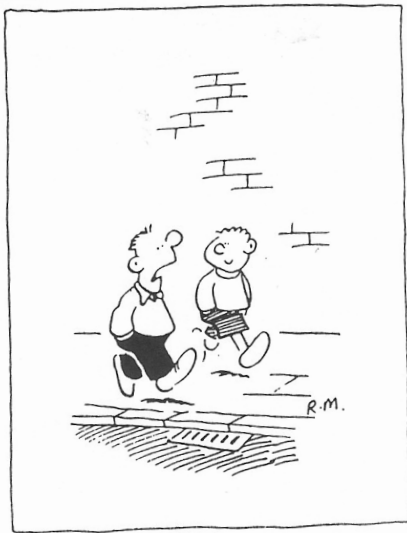
Annual Parish SCIAF Quiz Date for your diary Friday, 15 March. All welcome. Ticket = £6.

Croy Community Choir Annual *St Patricks's Concert* on Saturday 16 March in *Parish Hall*. Ticket = £5 (from member of choir). "*If music is the food of life, then it's second helpings for me!*"

Alpha Youth in a *Catholic Context Discovery Day-* Resource for the formation and evangelisation of our young and could be used in our parish... sample *Alpha Youth* sessions, find out how Alpha works in a Catholic parish or school setting and have your questions answered. Saturday 17 February. 10am – 4pm 196 Clyde St, G1 4JY; in-person & free. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/alphayouthscotland>

J & P Campaigns, Communications and Events Coordinator Hours: 24 hours per week & will require a degree of flexibility as some travel, evening & weekend work is required. Salary: £21,000 Closing date: Monday 5 Feb Contact Jill Kent: jill.kent@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

Synod 2023-2024 Twenty Areas for further discussion have emerged from the initial meeting of the worldwide *Synod* in October last year. *Pope Francis* is asking us to deepen our thoughts on these areas of special interest. Visit <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf>



"My Mum says her prayers every night – she says 'Thank God' as soon as I've gone to bed . . ."