

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Maya Nuru Azzan from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. “(Jesus’) teaching made a deep impression on them because... he taught them with authority.” [cf Mk 1: 22]

Banns of Marriage are called for the third time between Daniel Heron and Samantha Dougan. If anyone 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], Francis Mcguire

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

Recently Dead: Kathleen (born Rafferty) Boyce [Kilsyth], Lawrie Cordiner [Balloch- Eastfield], Receive Monday 19 February at 9.55am; Funeral Mass: Monday 19 February at 10am; the family has asked this be live-streamed, courtesy HC Stream Team., Helen McLeish [Cardowan], Bobby Stewart, George McKenna [Coatbridge], Maureen (born Walsh) Coleman, May Clocherty [Mount Vernon], Anne McGuckin [Cumbernauld], Baby Bronagh May Martin, Kenny Black [Airdrie], Rosemarie McCarroll Smith, Robert McKeown, Simone Marie Hardy Smith, Tony Connolly

Month’s Mind Luke Walker, Joseph McCann, Ginny Waters Walsh

3 Month’s Mind Margaret Carberry

9 Month’s Mind Ann Meechan

Anniversaries: Nora Kelly, Hugh Clinton, Rita Friel, Marc Egan [1st], Grace Lafferty, Cathie Carberry, Mary (born Carberry) McLaren, Rev Fr John McLaren, Pat Campbell, Tommy Rafferty, Mary Waters Curtis, Junior Waters, Joe Weldon & Lynne Weldon [10th], Anne McGuire, Peter (Junior) Waters, Sandra “McKay” Weldon, Gerald Grimley, Allan Findlay, Lorraine Pollock

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Agatha*; Tuesday: *St Paul Miki & Companions*; Wednesday: *St Giovanni of Triora*; Thursday: *St Josephine Bakhita*; Friday: *St Teilo*; Saturday: *St Scholastica*; (Sunday: *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]* and *World Day for the Sick- Our Lady of Lourdes*)



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

3/4 February 2024

Job 7: 1-4,6-7; Ps 94 “Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted”; 1Cor 9: 16-19,22-23; Mk 1: 29-39

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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 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

Welcome to *Fr Billy Harrison* (Salvatorian from Coatbridge) who will be covering Pastoral Affairs this week with the *Comboni Missionaries* on Sunday). *Emergency Telephone*: 07927614427. Day-to-day Message will be dealt with brother by the House-sitter and/ or the Chancellor.

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

St Josephine Bakhita has her Feast on Thursday. It is also the *International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking*. *St Josephine Bakhita* had herself been sold as a slave. Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

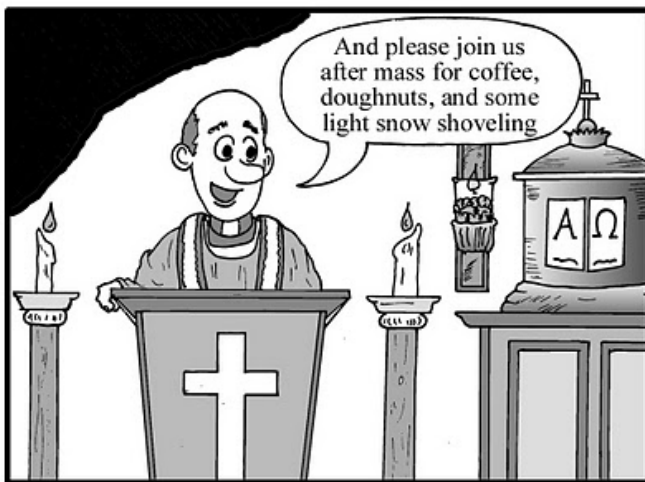
Statue of St Michael the Archangel will be visiting the parish for one week [14 (*Ash Wednesday*) - 21 February]. It will be available for veneration during the Day. Some useful material may be found here <https://www.thestmichaeltour.org/>

Act of Consecration to Saint Michael the Archangel: "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."

World Day for the Sick is next week (11 Feb- *Our Lady of Lourdes*) The Theme this year is: "It is not good that man should be alone". *Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships*. Visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20240110-giornata-malato.html>

Racial Justice Sunday- is next week (11 February) Theme: *Exodus* Resources for Racial Justice Sunday 2024 explore the movement of people from their homelands to places they now call home, & examine the motivations behind this movement – the journeys made, & the reception or welcome received on arrival. According to latest figures from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 'At least 108.4 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes. Among them are nearly 35.3 million refugees, around 41% of whom are under the age of 18.'

Europe is one of the areas of the world to which people have been fleeing for safety. In recent years, the region has witnessed arrivals escaping war and upheaval in Afghanistan, Syria & Ukraine – top three countries in the world for refugees. Equally, protracted conflicts in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia have been 'push' factors for movement to Europe.



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Deanery Mission Appeal *Comboni Missionaries* will be here this weekend, 3 / 4 February. Please be as generous as you always are.

Bereavement Group meets on Tuesday 13 February at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall*. This is NOT a professional service. The *Bereavement Team* do offer a card/ with or without a visit at the *Month's Mind*. They also assist at the *Masses for the Dead of the Past Year* and the annual visit to *Eastfield Cemetery* in November. 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*.

Invitation 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.... you may wish to use. Remember if you make use of a candle then place it on ceramic or other *non-flammable material* also no *unattended* naked flames.

Special Collection last weekend for *Assisted Parishes* = £600.

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>

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>

Pope Francis' intension for the month of February *Pope Francis* invites us to pray for people who are terminally ill and their families. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/bfm6Mrpm71b5Jecm/?mibextid=WC7FNE>

