

Intimations

Wedding Bells recently rang out for Mark Griffin and Stephanie Muir. “Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit... Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying... and make hospitality your special care” (cf Rom 12: 11-13).

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Francis McGuire, Des Harley [*Hamilton*], Eileen Reilly, Dorothy Starkey, Gabriella Carlomagno, Helen (“Lena”) McKenna [*Balloch- Eastfield* latterly *Bankview Care Home*], Sammy Waters (New list has begun. If YOU would like someone’s name mention then CHECK with the person (if unconscious, next- of- kin) & hand in to *Chapel House* before Thursday evening.

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

Recently Dead: Lawrie Cordiner [*Balloch- Eastfield*; Receive Monday 19 February at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am; the family has asked this be live-streamed, courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*], Anthony (Tony) Connelly [*Balloch- Eastfield*, Receive: Tuesday 20 February at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am, the family has asked this NOT be live-streamed], Patricia (Pat) Egan [*Condorrat*; Receive: Thursday 22 February, at 8.15pm (NB later time), Funeral Mass: Friday 23 February at 10am, the family has asked this NOT be live-streamed], Maureen (*born* Gribben) Caw [*Balloch- Eastfield*], John Wilson [*Craigmarloch*], Anna Morrison [*Glenboig*], Peter McKeown [*Manchester*], Roger Johnston [*Port Glasgow*], Mrs Sheila Strachan (mother of Father Alex), Gerry O’Donovan [*Cork*]

2 Months’ Mind Lewis Walker

Special Remembrance Paddy Lafferty, Maggie Lafferty, John Fitzsimmons

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Dorris, Pat & Mary Boyce, Annie Waters, Paddy McCrae, Ann Moyles, Tony Equi, Emma Shiels, Josephine MacDonough, Anne (*born* McNulty) McDonald, Mary (*born* Reynolds) McCann [1st], Peter O’Donnell, Edwin McAtee [1st], Kathleen (Rafferty) Macdonald, Mary Waters, James Kelly, Peter MacArthur, Paddy Lafferty, Maggie Lafferty, May Kos, Agnes Hart, Agnes Massie, Madge & Chris Duffy, Mrs Maggie Paterson, Mr & Mrs Charlie Csombo, Mr James Csombo, Margaret Boland, John Carrick, James McLaren, Mary (Malone) Morrison, Alistair Glenday, Anne & John Bolan

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *Blessed Alvarez of Cordoba*; Tuesday: *St Christopher of Milan*; Wednesday: *St Peter Damian*; Thursday: *The Chair of St Peter*; Friday: *St Polycarp*; Saturday: *St Constantius of Fabriano*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday of Lent [B]*)



Holy Cross Croy

First Sunday of Lent [B]

17/ 18 February 2024

Gen 9: 8-15; Ps 24 “Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness & love for those who keep your covenant”; 1Pet 3: 18- 22;
Mk 1: 12-15

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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.bc.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)

Statue of St Michael the Archangel is visiting the parish until Wednesday, 21 February. It will be available for veneration during the Day. Good news: *St Michael* likes it so much here, the stay has been extended until 28 Feb! Useful material may be found at the Altar Rails/ Porch Area or here: <https://www.thestmichaeltour.org/> This Tuesday, after the *Stations of the Cross* there will be Prayers to *St Michael the Archangel*

Finance During Lent the *Second Collection* will be taken up for *Sick & Retired Clergy* (except *Fourth Sunday of Lent- SCIAF*). We do not forget those who support the parish in non-financial ways

North Lanarkshire Council has sent the Parish a Grant (of £196) to subsidise the erection of a *Bicycle Rack*. As Karl Marx nearly said: “*Cyclists of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains!*”

Parish Hall interior has been repainted & the wood & floor all varnished; well done JD and JMCD!

Pioneer Total Abstinence please consider taking the *Short Term Pledge for Lent*, see porch for details. “*I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart & with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday.*”

Sycamore Faith formation course in *St Joseph's Hall*, Cumbernauld, Thursdays 7- 8.30pm during Lent & anyone from a sister parish welcome to join. Visit <https://www.sycamore.fm/> - an informal course about the Christian faith & its relevance for life today; short film & time for discussion.

Catholic Parliamentary Office Staff are asking us to complete an online survey on the experience of being a Christian in Scotland today. Access the survey here: <http://tinyurl.com/LogosFaithSurvey>

The Wednesday Word The Sunday coming's Gospel is offered to read and prayed over. Copies of this week's “*The Wednesday Word*” are available at the end of pews.... you may wish to use. Visit <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>

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Thanks to Sharon in California

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THE DEVIL SAT ON A TACK, DIDN'T LIKE IT,
AND THIS PROCESS REPEATED FOREVER

Parish Donations via *Archdiocesan Website* = £605.74. well done all those who are willing and able to help keep this Parish afloat!

St Nicholas/ Pastoral Care Trust raised £75 through the “Boxes.” This amount will be added to £500 we raised at the *Advent Collection*. Well donate all concerned.

Warm Welcome in the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* Monday-Thursday evenings. Well done Groups & individuals who kindly offer hospitality on certain evenings.

Lenten Season extra Mass at 8.15am Readings by Pupils of Holy Cross Primary. *St Andrew's Primary* has their own weekly Mass at 9.15am on Mondays. *St Maurice's High* has a lunchtime Mass most days.

Way of the Cross A *Plenary Indulgence* is available to all who devoutly make the *Stations of the Cross*: here on Tuesdays at 7pm (except 12 March) then Fridays and Saturdays (for young people) after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral). *Sick / Housebound / Prisoners* can gain the same *Indulgence*, if they spend one half- an-hour in pious reading & meditation on the *Passion & Death* of our Lord *Jesus Christ*.

Lenten “Count-down Calendar” has been purchased, one per household in *Porch Area*.

Parish Pastoral Council Monday 26 February at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. Items for the *Agenda* include: *Evangelising* in Greater Cumbernauld; Meeting of PPCs of *Pastoral Area* on Monday 18 March; Catholic Parish Summit (12- 14 June); *Pastoral Disasters II*; *The Wednesday Word*; Hall Matters; Sacramental Preparation. Further on *Synodality*,

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund Lenten Campaign, materials from the *Porch Area*.

Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project Lentfest2024, materials from the *Porch Area*.

Sacraments *First Confession/ Reconciliation* for Primary 3- *Holy Cross Primary*: Thursday Evening, 22 February and for *St Andrew's Primary*: Tuesday 12 March. Other clergy will be assisting Fr Joe. *P3 Parents & Godparents* will find the following material useful <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zKKn-nPIXzbcBOO2Fy1B93TIsz44MJcu?usp=sharing>

Life and Legacy: The Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador A talk by *Prof Stephen McKinney*, The Parish Hall, *Immaculate Conception Church*, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 March. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

40 Days for Life until *Palm Sunday* 24 March 2024: Please consider joining our *40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer and Fasting Vigil* outside of the grounds of the *Queen Elizabeth University Hospital* in Govan, Glasgow... from 8am- 8pm each day For information email: ogilvie1615@outlook.com *Pope Francis* on *World Day of the Sick* warned us: “It then becomes a throwaway culture, in which persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are *poor* or *disabled*, ‘not yet useful’ – like the *unborn*, or ‘no longer needed’ – like the *elderly*.”

Ask your MP to support the *abortion time limit reduction amendment* from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb. Collect a postcard today from *Porch Area* & post it to your MP.

Guardian Angel from Heaven so bright, watching beside me to lead me aright,
fold thy wings round me, O guard me with love, softly sing songs to me of Heav'n above
Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.

Angel so holy whom God sends to me - sinful and lowly - my guardian to be,
wilt thou not cherish the child of thy care? Let me not perish - my trust is thy care.
Beautiful Angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.

