Your Charitable Prayers are Requested

For those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Sophie Harkins
Tom McLaren
Rena Macdonald
Tom Murray
William Frew
Thomas Shiels Jnr
Nico Joseph McLeod
Freda Canavan
Claire Cannavan
Sunny Doolan
Helen Clinton
Kathleen Friel
Martin Macdonald
Mary Buchanan

We extend our sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the bereaved of those who have died from our Parish:

Lately dead – may they rest in peace:

Daniel Friel
Elma Stewart
Colin Reid
Catherine Stewart

In our charity we remember those whose anniversary occur around now:

John Fitzsimmons
Margaret Livingstone
Isabella Brady
Hannah McTiernan
Nan Barnes
Kathy Livingstone
Jessie McCarroll
Catherine Reynolds

Months Mind

Pat Boyce
Edwin Curtis 9mm
John McNeil 10mm

Parish Bulletin

Holy Cross, Croy

Baptism of the Lord
13 January 2013

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Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil:	6:00pm
Sunday:	9:30am & 11:40am
Mon to Sat:	10:00am
Holydays of Obligation:	Vigil: 6:00pm, 10:00am & 6:00pm
Confession:	Saturdays after 10.00am & 6.00pm Mass or by arrangement

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We recall our own baptism, through which each of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

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Announcements

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Year of Faith – 2013

Just as the Magi offered gifts to the Christ Child at Epiphany, we take this month of new possibilities to celebrate the Holy Spirit, the giver of life to the world and our Advocate who guides us in truth (John 16:1-33). We celebrate the life of all God's people, from conception to natural death, and all the time in between where the Spirit infuses us with strong faith, good works, and courage to proclaim the Good News (just as the Spirit did in Acts 2:1-47). We also celebrate the gift of God's Word, recorded in the pages of Holy Scripture, which guides our lives and gives us another opportunity to hear the voice of the Lord – and which the Second Vatican Council, in "Dei Verbum," encouraged all people of faith to keep close to their hearts and minds every day of their lives.

January Prayer Intention: For a greater respect for human life

Tea & Toast Tuesday

Every Tuesday Morning after 10.00am Mass, Parochial Hall. All Welcome

Ladies Guild

The Guild is on every Thursday evening 7.00pm all ladies would be made most welcome.

Envelopes are available for collection in the sacristy

Many thanks to all who uplifted their envelopes and special thanks to all who signed up for the first time.

St Aloysius' College

Entrance Assessment P2 – S3 Saturday 26th January at 9.30am.
For other years, and for further information please go to www.staloysius.org or contact the College 0141 332 3190

Create Silence

The noise level before Sunday Mass is intolerable, especially at 11.40am.'Create silence!' I don't want to be misunderstood. We all understand about babies. Nor are we meant to come and go from church as cold isolated individuals, uninterested in one another. We want our parish to be a warm and welcoming place. We want to meet and greet and speak with one another. There are arrangements to be made, items of news to be shared, messages to be passed. A good word is above the best gift, says the Bible. But it is a question of where and when. A wise elderly priest said recently, 'two people talking stopped forty people praying.'

School Registration Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primary Schools

All children who have reached the age of 5 years by February 28th 2014 should be registered for education for session 2013 - 2014

Mary's Meals

A letter of thanks was received from Mary's Meals to say that they'd received a cheque for £205 from Holy Cross Croy. This was raised at the coffee morning before Christmas.

Justice and Peace

With Baptism we become children of God in his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Rising from the waters of the baptismal font, every Christian hears again the voice that was once heard on the banks of the River Jordan: 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'... With this spiritual anointing Christians can repeat in an individual way the words of Jesus: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord'.