

## Intimations

**Pope Francis** December *General Intention* is: "That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need."

*Missionary Intention* is: "That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Saviour's coming."

*Of your Charity please pray for:*

**Sick:** Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll *MMM*, Mary Muir, Gina Holland, Kevan Donoghue, Miss Cathie Carberry, Joseph Weldon, Jim Bradley, Anna & Rena MacDonald, Elizabeth McGrory, Liz Kelly, Tom McLaren, William Henderson, Mary Martin, Sheila Graham, Margaret Johnstone, Mary Brady, Tom McLaren, Emma Biggins, Kathleen McKeown

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

**Recently Dead:** Mary (née Currie) Martin (Weldon Place) [Mon 6pm; Tues 10am], Martin MacDonald, Mary McComish, John McNeil, Mr Bill Quigley, Joe Ollmann (Canada), John McNeil, Jim Bathgate

**9 Months Mind** Sonny Doolan

**Anniversary:** Charlie O'Donnell, Fr Francis X Barry, Franziska Grön, Emma Bsirsky, Elizabeth Clinton, Charlie Clark, Teresa Slaven, Jim McMahan, Jay Livingstone, Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons, Jeff Paterson, Petsey Higney, Pat Boyle, John O'Neill, Hugh McCartan, Robert McLaren, Betty Malone

*In Good Company:*

**Feast days** this week: Monday: *Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary* (transferred from Sunday); Friday: *St Lucy* (Virgin & Martyr); Saturday: *St John of the Cross* (Priest & Doctor)



*In my Father's house are many rooms (John 14: 2)*

# HOLY CROSS



Constarry Road, Croy, G65 9JG

01236- 822148

parishpriest@holycrosscroy.com

www.holycrosscroy.com

**Facebook** visit [www.holycrosscroy.com](http://www.holycrosscroy.com).

**8 December 2013** *Second Sunday of Advent*

Year "A". Is 11: 1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15: 4- 9; Mtt 3: 1- 12

**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan

### Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.40am

Monday to Saturday: 10am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession:** Saturdays after 10am & 6pm Mass or by arrangement

**Christmas Preparation Penitential Service** with extra Priests: Monday 16 Dec at *Sacred Heart* Parish, Cumbernauld, Tuesday 17 Dec at *St. Lucy's* and Thursday 19 Dec here at *Holy Cross*; all at 7pm.

**Holy Rosary** daily at 9.30am

**Novena** in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* on Tuesdays at the end of Holy Mass

**Day Visits** the Church building is open during the day.

**Christmas Concert** by *Croy Silver Band* and *Croy Male Voice Choir* on Saturday 14 Dec. at 7.30pm in Croy Primary School; Cost= £5

**Christmas Craft Fayre** on Wed 11 Dec at 9.30am in Holy Cross Primary School. Tea, Coffee & mince pies available

**PCT- St Nicholas Care Fund** Advent Appeal: *Caring Sunday* takes place next Sunday, when we will have the opportunity to contribute to the *St Nicholas Care Fund* (and not the debt due on the Parish Hall, for which is normally). If you have not already done so, please take away an Advent Pack. Please return the Advent box with the donation sheet before Christmas itself.

**Meeting of Deanery Clergy, Religious & members of Parish Pastoral Councils** on Monday 9 Dec, 7.30 pm, *St Flannan's Hall*, Kirkintilloch. If any person has not already done so, please uplift a leaflet outlining the Topic.

**Synod of Bishops** on *Marriage & Family Life* next year, 2014. Pope Francis has asked *Christ's Faithful* to complete the Survey (open until 10 Dec) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RCAGsynodconsult>.

**Flourish** December edition available in Porch Area.

*The Good Shepherd* by John Sheppard



"My name is Methusala. I'm so old the Dead Sea was alive when I was your age."

**Kind Offer** of a lift to Mass/ shops once/ twice per week. If interested please see Fr Sullivan asap

**St Maurice's High School** entertainment Crew of Makmerry. Invitation to elderly & less able. Wed 18 Dec 12.30- 2.30pm. If interested please see Fr Sullivan or phone the school: 01236 794845.

**Christmas Nativity Play** Any child interested in taking part in the *Children's Nativity Play* at the Vigil Mass, on Christmas Eve, please. Practices will be held each week after 9.30am Sunday Mass.

**Coffee Morning** Today after 9.30am Mass. Proceeds will go to the Homeless Charity *Emmaus*.

**Tea & Toast this Tuesday** will welcome children from *Holy Cross Primary* who will entertain us. 28 pupils from Miss Shanahan's class & 28 from Mrs Leucci's will be singing carols from across the world. Please come if you can & give the children your support while you enjoy the best toast in Croy! Recent *TTT* has raised £37 + £39 to pay off the Hall Debt



**YOUCAT** Catechism for Young People. Fr Sullivan ordered these for those thinking about becoming an RC as it is suitable for teenagers upwards. It would make a fine Christmas present (!?). On sale in Porch area= £8

**St Lucy's Parish**, Cumbernauld 40th Anniversary Mass on Friday, 13 Dec at 7pm. All welcome. On behalf of this Parish, Fr Sullivan replied: "*May God continue to bless the Holy People of God at St Lucy's*".

**Prisoners of Conscience** by *Action by Christians Against Torture* UK Christmas/ Greetings Cards List. Suggested names & Addresses are available from Porch Area, organized by the parish *Justice & Peace Group*. Guidelines: Do not include your address; Simple messages of goodwill are enough. Do not advance any religious or political view; please send an appropriate card either Religious or Non-Religious; [www.acatuk.org.uk](http://www.acatuk.org.uk)

**Journey Through Advent** with Pope Francis with extracts from his new Exhortation "The joy of the Gospel". To participate in this, just "like" the Archdiocese on [www.facebook.com/archdioceseofglasgow](http://www.facebook.com/archdioceseofglasgow) Or "follow" on Twitter @ArchdiocGlasgow

**Christmas Storytelling** for children on Saturday 14 Dec 2013 at 2pm in Pauline Books & Media Glasgow

**Carols for Peace** at 3pm on Sun 15 Dec in Glasgow City Chambers