

## Intimations

**Parish Christmas Cards** please take one per family from the porch area

*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, Sheila Graham, Margaret Johnstone, Mary Brady, Emma Biggins, Kathleen McKeown, Daniel Rooney, Sophie Harkins, Pat Hendry, Mary Patricia Brady, Betty Rooney, Lily Harkin, Rita & Jackie McGuinness, John Gibson, Mary Griffin

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

**Recently Dead:** Mons Peter O'Farrell (former Parish Priest of St John of the Cross, Twechar), James McVey (Eastfield; Sunday 6pm & Monday 10am), Mrs Mary Welsh (Eastfield), Mrs Mary Fox

**Christmas Remembrances** Mr Thomas Shiels, Mary Daley, James Griffin, Irene Griffin

**Anniversary:** Pat Boyce, Brian Walsh, James Kiernan, Kenny Brown, John Docherty, Edward McCarroll, Annie McCartney, Keith Messenger, Mrs Susan McGuire, Bernard McBride, Annie McCarroll, Danny Brady, Mary Caffrey, Maggie Brady, Larry Differ, Jean McCarroll, Susan McGuire, Eddie Keating, Owine O'Donnell, Peter O'Brien, Maggie McGoldrick, Alice Cairney, Bette & Charlie Hawkes, Katrina McSharry, Mary Ford, James Lochrie, John McKay, Robbie Milne, Ella Clark, Annie Carroll, Mary Goldie, Moira Crainie

*In Good Company:*

**Feast days** this week: Monday: *St John of Kenty (Priest)*, Thursday: *St Stephen (Deacon & Martyr)*; Friday: *St John (Apostle & Evangelist)*; Saturday: *Holy Innocents (Martyrs)*



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

# HOLY CROSS

22 December 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A: Is 7: 10- 14; Ps 23; Rom 1: 1- 7; Mtt 1: 18- 24



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**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan

### Holy Mass

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am (except Christmas- see inside)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession:** This Monday & Tuesday after 10am Mass; Saturdays after 10am Mass and 6pm Mass or by arrangement

**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.

**World Day for Peace** It has been proposed that immediately after Mass of the *Mary, Mother of God* at Noon, on 1 January 2014, we have a short service for Peace at the *Memorial to those who have died as a result of War*. This will be led by the Parish *Justice & Peace Group*.

Theme this Year is: *Fraternity the Foundation & Pathway to Peace*. Pope Francis' Letter may be accessed at [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/Francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20131208\\_messaggio-xlvi-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/Francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20131208_messaggio-xlvi-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014_en.html)

**Used Stamps** for the Missions: please place them in box in porch area.

**YOUCAT** Catechism for Young People & upwards and for those thinking about becoming an RC. On sale in Piety Stall= £8

**Financial Stewardship** Recent Collections: *Parish*= £1,295 (not including amounts paid by Standing Order); *St Nicholas Care Fund*= £916. Please return Boxes asap. Today's *Second Collection* is to offset the Debt on the Parish Hall. Next Sunday the Second Collection will be for *Pro-Life* (may be Gift-Aided). *Christmas Quarterly* (for Ecclesiastical Students) is now due. Please place in Quarterly Box.

**Flowers** for the Altar: many thanks to the anonymous donor of £20.

**Western Catholic Calendar** on sale in Stall for £3. Observer is a Special Edition= £2. [In passing, recent income from the Piety Stall has been over £260. Well done Mary, June & Rene!... and those who support the Stall]

**Monday Lunch Club** begins again on Monday, 6 January 2014

**Tea & Toast on Tuesdays** resumes on Hogmanay. Recent Proceeds to offset the Debt on the Parish Hall= £40 & £43



*"What a nerve!  
There wasn't a single native in it"*

## Christmas

Tuesday 24 December

5pm *Christmas Vigil Mass*  
(*Holy Cross Music Group*)

8pm Carols

9pm *Night Mass of Christmas*  
(*Croy Silver Band*  
& Organist Tony Graham)

Wednesday 25 December

10am *Christmas Morning Mass*  
(*Holy Cross Music Group*)

Christmas is a *Holyday of Obligation*.

You may receive *Holy Communion* at a second Mass.



**This Affects You** Chair of PPC recounts: *"Members of the Parish Pastoral Council met with other representatives from parishes within our Deanery. This proved to be a very productive meeting, during which we focussed on some the areas of the strength in our faith and in particular where we saw the Church as being Universal, Holy, Apostolic and as One. The consistency of feelings that were expressed from the various groups was a source of great encouragement that we have a solid foundation to build on.*

*The background to this meeting has received national coverage in recent times and there is no doubt that the Church needs to adapt to the current times, with a dwindling population, significant drops in the number of priests and religious and other factors challenging every diocese throughout the country. It is a stark reality that in a very short space of time, there could be as few as 45 priests available to serve the Archdiocese of Glasgow. We are at the start of a consultation process which will form recommendations to the Archbishop as to how we adapt moving forward.*

*Everyone at the meeting felt we were being listened to and that we will be able to help shape the outcome of the process. With this in mind, we intend to run a similar event for our parish on Monday 20 January 2013 at 7.30pm"*

**Glasgow after the Second World War** After the War, the city council began to demolish the slum tenements & build new housing estates around the city. It also co-operated with the development of several New Towns. In 1948, the Archdiocese was divided into 3 dioceses: Glasgow, Motherwell & Paisley. The Archdiocese had shrunk in size and now only comprised the city itself & Dunbartonshire. In the 25 years from 1945 till 1970, the diocese opened 38 new parishes in the city of Glasgow. However, the city population was falling, down to 825,000 by 1971 and to 650,000 in 1981.