

## Intimations

*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, Sadie Haughey

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

**Recently Dead:** James McVey (Eastfield), Mrs Mary Welsh (Eastfield; Friday 6pm & Sat 10am), Mrs Mary Fox, Sandra McSharry, Eileen Smith, James (Jim) Gallagher, Mary McComish, Paula Murphy

**Month's Mind** Jane Stowe, Mary (née Currie) Weldon, Charlie McKenna

**6 Months Mind** Marion McColl

**Christmas Remembrances** Mr Thomas Shiels, James Griffin, Irene Griffin, Robin Roberts, Deceased members of the Roberts & Craig Families, James Graham, James Rafferty, Kathleen Rafferty MacDonald, Agnes Graham, Mary McWilliams, Francie Taggart, Annoe & Peter Waters, Margaret Ryan, Anne Watters, Chris & Dan Comrie, Francie Taggart, Jim Stark, Margaret Canavan, Dickie & Anne Pender, Martin MacDonald

**Anniversary:** 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, Margaret Ryan, Violet Queen, Joe McNab, Angela McGorry, John McKay, John Cairns, Peter McKendry, Tony Griffin, Anne Griffin, David & Marge, David & Margaret Mitchell, Josie Waters, Gerry Kane, John McCann, David & Elizabeth McCann, William & Mary Jane Cunningham, Molly McQuillan, Elizabeth & Tommy Barret

*In Good Company:*

**Feast days** this week: Tuesday: *St Silvester (Pope)*, Wednesday: *Mary, Mother of God*; Thursday: *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen (Bishops & Doctors)*; Friday: *Holy Name of Jesus*

# HOLY CROSS

29 December 2013

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

*Year A: Eccles 3: 3-7, 14-17 ; Ps 127; Col 3: 12-21; Mtt 2: 13-14, 19-23*



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**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan

### **Holy Mass**

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am (except New Year's Day- Noon)

**New Year** It is a laudable custom to sprinkle your house with Holy Water (available from the porch) after "the Bells".

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession:** Sat. after 10am & 6pm Masses

**Holy Rosary** daily at 9.30am (This Wednesday at 11.30am)

**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.

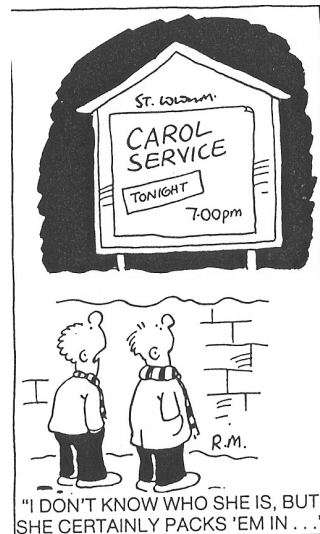
**Christmas Congratulations** to those who helped make this time so uplifting. Passkeepers, those who keep the grounds, the Cleaners, those who dress the Altar & keep the linen clean, Florist, the music ministry (Holy Cross Music Group, those who prepare the music and/ or Cant, Organist), Readers, those who lead the Children's Liturgy, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, the Stall- keepers, Crib builders, those who prepared & performed the Nativity Scene, odd-job men & money-counters should all be recognised and for all their work throughout 2013. Regarding the Parish Hall we cannot forget those who staff the functions and keep the place so clean.

Fr Sullivan would *"like to wish God's Peace & abundant Blessing on all parishioners at this time for their varied & multiple expressions of good will. Without these many kindnesses, especially the prayers, I don't think I would have managed these 3 past months."*

**Many Thanks** to R & S Plant Hire (Mr Ronnie Docherty) for delineating the *Wheelchair Parking Bays*- please respect them. In Lourdes it is normal to hear *"Les malades d'abord"*. Similarly we can put the wheelchair- users first. Thanks also due to the anonymous Donor of Chocolates for the *Altar Servers* at Christmas. Please continue to pray for our Benefactors

**Crib Donations** will go to fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*. This helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. If you would like to apply to be considered as an adoptive/ fostering parent, contact the Society at 274 Bath St, 0141- 332 8371 or try [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk) There are explanatory leaflets & donation boxes also available.

**Recent Collections** Parish= £1,600 (not including Standing Orders); Hall Debt= £540; *St Nicholas Care Fund*: Please return Boxes asap. Today's Second Collection is for *Pro-Life* (may be Gift-Aided). Next Sunday the Second Collection will be for *Justice & Peace Work*. *Christmas Quarterly (for Ecclesiastical Students)* is now due (place in Quarterly Box).



**World Day for Peace** Immediately after Mass of the *Mary, Mother of God* at Noon, on Wednesday, 1 January 2014, there will be a short service for Peace at the *Memorial to those who have died as a result of War* (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-xlvii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/Francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20131208_messaggio-xlvii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014_en.html)



**Tea & Toast on Tuesdays** resumes on Hogmanay after 10am Mass.

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

**This Affects You** Chair of PPC recounts: *"...The background to (a recent Deanery) 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"*

**The Frequency of Sacraments**

As (Glasgow) city population has fallen, so too have Mass attendance and the celebration of the sacraments. Mass attendance is down 51% since 1987, baptisms down 47%, weddings down 78% and funerals down 21%. On the one hand there are fewer people living in many of the parishes, and on the other hand, changes in society seem to have distanced people from the church and its involvement in their lives.