

## Intimations

**Newly Baptised** (with permission): Robert Hugh Clinton. May he remain ever-close to the Messiah

*Of your Charity please pray for:*

**Sick:** we begin anew list today. If you would like someone prayed for each week, after checking with the person, please hand the name into the Chapel House

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

**Recently Dead:** Mrs Mary Welsh (Eastfield), Sandra McSharry, Eileen Smith, James (Jim) Gallagher, Mary McComish, Paula Murphy, Thomas Reid, Frank Kilday, Maragret Duffy, Margaret McKell, Cathy McNab, Hugh Clinton

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

**6 Months Mind** Marion McColl

**9 Months Mind** John Lang

**Christmas Remembrances** Robin Roberts, Deceased members of the Roberts & Craig Families, James Graham, James Rafferty, Kathleen Rafferty MacDonald, Agnes Graham, Mary McWilliams, Francie Taggart, Annie & Peter Waters, Margaret Ryan, Anne Watters, Chris & Dan Comrie, Francie Taggart, Jim Stark, Margaret Canavan, Martin MacDonald, Louta Ismael

**Anniversary:** Margaret Ryan, Violet Queen, 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, Dickie & Anne Pender, Mostafa Elbama, Patrick O'Brien, Tony Quinn, Dan Durick, Robert Mellon, John Gribbin, Anna Taggart, Robert Mellon, Catherine & William Bradley, James Daugela

*In Good Company:*

**Feast days** this week: Tuesday: *Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest;*  
Wednesday: *St Nathalan*

# Holy Cross

5 January 2014

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Year A: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6; Mtt 2: 1-12



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**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan

### Holy Mass

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am

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

**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.

### **Pope Francis' Intentions for January 2014**

*Universal:* That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

*Evangelisation:* That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

**Heilig Kreuz Parish, Hamburg-Volksdorf, Germany** celebrated their 80th anniversary in 2013. They wrote to every parish with the same name ("Holy Cross") inviting "Greetings" from around the world, including Croy. Fr Sullivan explained that the invitation to greet them arrived just as Fr Friel was away in South America and then Fr Sullivan was trying to get settled. In the event a short greeting was sent from here.

All in all, they received more than a hundred responses with blessings from sister churches around the world. Currently, all of these can still be reviewed on this website: <http://my.weltkarte.com/salvete/trips>. Fr Gerhard Staudt and Karin Szydzik replied to Fr Sullivan. They ended their reply with "Thank you once again for your message – and we are sending you our best wishes for the New Year 2014!"

Fr Sullivan (*Ich spreche kein Deutsch*) would like to compose a reply in German- any takers?

**Crib Donations** will go to fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*. 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.

The Good Shepherd



Road Rage in Biblical times

**Recent Collections** Parish= £1,246 (not including Standing Orders); Collection for *Pro-Life*= £653; *St Nicholas Care Fund*: Please return Boxes asap. Today's 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** Well done to the Parish Justice & Peace Group who organized the short service for Peace at the *Memorial to those who have died as a result of War* (animated by the Parish Music 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-xxviii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/Francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20131208_messaggio-xxviii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014_en.html)

**Tea & Toast on Tuesdays** after 10am Mass. Many thanks to those who run this Initiative week- in week out. Apart from helping to pay off the parish hall debt, they provide a welcome locus for parish animation.

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

**Thanks** to the Anonymous Donors of £50 & £5 for Flowers for the Altar

**This Affects You** ...*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"*

**Priests in the Diocese** We have been used in the past to having 2, 3 or even 4 priests in a parish. Those days are gone. In 1977 there were 285 diocesan priests serving in the diocese: today there are 85, a drop of 70%. The average age of priests has increased and with that comes more complex health issues. Projecting forward, the number of priests in twenty years time will be 45 or fewer.

**Rena & Anna Macdonald** wish to thank relatives & friends for all their prayers & good wishes. A *Mass of Thanksgiving* will be offered for all.

*Happy 2014 New Year to all our Readers*