

Intimations

Of your Charity please pray for:

Sick: If you would like someone prayed for each week, after checking with the person, please hand the name into the Chapel House: Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll MMM, Tom McLaren, Emma Biggins

And for the happy repose of the souls of:

Recently Dead: Patrick Livingstone (Croy) [Tues 6.30pm & Wed 10am], Isobel (*née* Leary) Boyle (Croy) [Wed 6.30pm & Thur 10am], Gerald Jones (Westfield), Mary (*née* Weldon) Brady (Croy), Kathleen (*née* Doherty) McCarroll (formerly Barbegs Cresc), Thomas Reid, Frank Kilday, Margaret Duffy, Margaret McKell, Cathy McNab, Hugh Clinton, Kathleen Friel (Fr Paul's Sister-in-law), Kathleen McKeown, Agnes Campbell, Denis Murphy, Patricia (Patsy) Ferrie, Michael Clinton, Harry Baxter, Jackie McKiernan

Month's Mind Mary Martin

9 Months Mind John Lang, Bridget Christie

Anniversary: Mostafa Elbama, Patrick O'Brien, Tony Quinn, Dan Durick, Robert Mellon, John Gribbin, Anna Taggart, Robert Mellon, Catherine & William Bradley, James Daugela, Frank McManus, Ann McIvor, Cathy Livingstone, Margaret Livingstone, James Livingstone, Isabella Brady, Hannah McTiernan, Catherine Reynolds, James Schombo, Cathy Moakes, Eddie Weldon, James Hester, Agnes Barnes, James ("Caddy") Adam (from Westfield), Catherine & William Bradley

In Good Company:

Feast days this week: Monday: *Saint Kentigern* (Bishop & Patron of Glasgow) and *St Hilary* (Priest & Doctor); Friday: *St Anthony* (Abbot)



*"I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor,
to be with you forever" (John 14: 16)*

Holy Cross

12 January 2014

The Baptism of the Lord

Year A: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 28; Acts 10: 34-38; Mtt 3: 13-17



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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.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday.

Letter from Last Sunday

"At this time of year the lamp-posts carry decorations- Santas, or stars, or even the Wise Men whom we remember today. All year round, some lamp-posts carry "Neighbourhood Watch" notices. These are not decorations – they are warnings: "Outsiders beware: We have you under surveillance! We look after our own!"

Pope Francis has encouraged a different kind of neighbourhood watch– looking out for the poor and the weak. Recognising that they are "our own" and looking out for their needs. In recent years the Church has called for "An option for the poor". Pope Francis has made that his priority, both by his words and by the example of his rather startling behaviour.

An option means a choice. Choose one option, and you have to put aside another. Choose neighbourly caring, and you have to put aside selfishness. Choose justice, and you have to put aside unfair privilege or discrimination. Opting for the poor means opting out of comfort zones.

Compared to many countries, our country is comfortable and prosperous – but the prosperity is not fairly distributed. Many people in our own country are living in great discomfort– think of the increasing use of foodbanks. Surely that should make all of us feel uncomfortable. Internationally, the unfairness and the suffering are hugely greater – we only have to look at Syria.

Neighbourliness is an even more challenging option. None of us alone can end the injustice, and the violence to which it often leads– but working together, and starting small and local, our option for the poor can change the unjust culture.

Today, speaking for the Justice & Peace Commission and for all the local workers for Justice & Peace in Scotland, I ask you: Have you room in your heart for another New Year resolution? Even in some small way, will you make the option for the poor?"

+ Peter A Moran Bishop-President, Justice & Peace Commission

Parish Assembly to plan for the future with far fewer Clergy at 7.30pm on Monday 20 Jan in the Parish Hall.

2014 Children's Liturgy begins again today. Many thanks to those who work so hard, week in week out, to assist younger ones understand the Scriptures and pray well.

Registration for Holy Cross Primary. Children who reach the age of 5 years between 28 February 2015 should be registered at our school to start August 2014. Registration will take place: Monday 13 January at 1.30pm– 2.45pm; Tues 14 Jan. at 1.30- 2.45pm; Thurs 16 January at 11am- 12noon; and Fri 17 Jan at 11am- 12noon

Registration for *St Andrew's Primary.* Children who reach the age of 5 years between 1 March 2014 and 28 February 2015 should be registered at our school to start August 2014. Registration will take place during week commencing Monday 13th January 2014 at the following times: Monday 13 January 1pm – 4pm; Wednesday 15 January 9am – 11am; Thursday 16 January 9am – 11am

Please bring your child's *Birth Certificate* and as proof of residency, a council tax bill or a copy of missives/let agreement. Please also bring a copy of a *Baptismal Certificate* if available. See Posters in Porch Area

Bulletin Please hand in to the Chapel House by Thursday evening

Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 January, in the Parish Hall. Any items for the Agenda please see one of the members or hand in to the Chapel House.

Tea & Toast on Tuesdays after 10am Mass. Recently raised £40 & £35 to pay off the Hall Debt.

Looking to the future It is time for us to plan the future of the diocese. None of us likes change but it is coming and we should try to shape it rather than being forced to react to circumstances. With fewer priests in the near future, where and how best can they be deployed so that the Gospel can continue to be made known and the whole community served? How might your parish or deanery look?



"Your first baptism, is it?"

Recent Collections Parish= £1,316 (not including Standing Orders); Collection for *Justice & Peace Work*= £660. Today's Second Collection is to pay off the *Hall Debt*. The Boxes for the *St Nicholas Fund* raised £300. *Christmas Quarterly* (for *Ecclesiastical Students*) is now due (place in Quarterly Box).

Crib Donations Please hand in any Boxes to *St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society* asap.