

## Intimations

*Of your Charity please pray for:*

**Sick:** Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll MMM, Tom McLaren, Emma Biggins, Danny & Betty Rooney

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

**Recently Dead:** Margaret Johnstone (formerly Croy), William Gray (Westerwood), Mary Callaghan, Pat Currie, Joseph Gregory, Ian MacDonough (Stepps), Roy Gillespie, Mrs Ann Taylor, Eddie O'Brien, Catherine Allan, Cathy Lohead

**Month's Mind** James McVey, Theresa (Tess) Hurrell

**2 Months Mind** Denis Hackett, Annie Murphy

**3 Months Mind** Cissie Robertson

**9 Months Mind** Davie Gribben

**Anniversary:** Fr John McLaren, Mary McLaren, Nora & Frank Flynn, Martin Leary (Snr), Hugh Gray, Bernard Cairns, Maggie, Tommy & Jim Murphy, James Burns, Charles Cox, James & Sarah Doherty, Annie Blair, John Rooney, Edward (Ned) Phillips, William McGrath, Isabel McGrath, Catherine Foley, James Taggart, Mary McAdam, Norah Kelly, Hugh Clinton, Joseph & Mary Brady, Susan, Frank & Helen Brady, Tommy & Sadie Drain, John & Mary Docherty, John & Joe Brady, Jenny Kelter, Katie Owens, Brian Harkin, Jessie McCarroll, Peter "Junior" Waters, Mary Waters

*In Good Company:*

**Feast days** this week: Monday: *St Angela Merici* (Virgin); Tuesday: *St Thomas Aquinas* (Priest & Doctor); Friday: *St John Bosco* (Priest)



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

# Holy Cross

26 January 2014

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Year A: Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3; Ps 26; 1Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mtt 4: 12-23*



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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.

**A Date for your Diary** *Mr William McCready* is retiring after many happy years (5 as a Class Teacher & 23 as Head Teacher) at *Holy Cross Primary*. There will be a "Thanksgiving Mass" to mark the occasion, to which Parents, former pupils & teachers and all interested are invited to join *Mr McCready*. Holy Mass will take place at 7pm on *Tuesday 4 February 2014*. There will be light refreshment in the *Parish Hall* afterwards. The Pupils will be having their own opportunity to mark the occasion that week, during the school day.

**Enrolment for the Sacraments** for P3 Pupils next Sunday. We will also hold *Catholic Education Sunday* whose theme is "*Shining the Light of Faith*". The Second Collection will be for Catholic Education next week (normally to pay of the Parish Hall Debt).

We hope to have pupils from *Holy Cross Primary* and from *St Maurice's High* taking a more active role. Next Sunday the Second Collection will be for *Catholic Education*.

**First Confession/ Reconciliation** meeting for P3 Parents/ Carers at 7pm on Monday 27 January in the Parish Hall.

**First Holy Communion** meeting for Parents/ Carers at 7pm on Monday 3 February in the Parish Hall.

The Good Shepherd



"I've got some HEAVY pastoral obligations to address today."

**Sick or Housebound** any parishioner will be offered a visit (with Holy Communion) if (s)he is unable to get to Sunday Mass. This Ministry is offered by Fr Sullivan but with the invaluable assistance of *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*. Fr Sullivan hopes to call a meeting for all *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* during Lent.

If you are able to get out with transport then the Sunday minibus may be able to help, or ask a friendly neighbour who has a car

**Parish Assembly Report** Around 50 parishioners reflected on the Church as Universal/ Catholic, Holy, Apostolic and One. Not surprisingly the *Croy Corpus Christi Procession* seemed to appear under each heading. After following the Archdiocesan guidance, the parishioners then discussed a Questionnaire which had been prepared. Everyone concerned insisted that his/ her response had to be more than merely "managing decline" but a chance to build on our strengths as "being Church". On the one hand, it was agreed both that advertising more broadly the Mass times around about (& "staggering the Masses") and that welcoming others was important. On the other hand a Mass in a specific Church Building maintains a good sense both of parish & of community. Some suggestions included a request for a greater role for women & lay people in general without ruling out the permanent Diaconate or greater involvement of well-respected men and women. Importantly there was a strong sense that *Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life* had to be promoted. It was agreed that this would be a priority, even to holding an annual Pilgrimage for Vocations to Carfin or Schoenstatt and regular Devotions (including the Holy Rosary) for Vocations. After all we "get the priests we pray for". *Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life* would be clearly presented as service of and witness to the *Baptismal Vocation*.



Any completed *Questionnaires* (either Adult or Child) should be handed in today. There are spare copies in the porch area. The *Parish Pastoral Council* will attempt to implement any recommendations.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 January, in the Chapel House. Would members please uplift the Agenda from Sacristy.

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

**World Day of Migrants & Refugees** Message from Pope Francis: [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/francesco/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20130805\\_world-migrants-day\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20130805_world-migrants-day_en.html)

**Fiddlers' Rally** Fundraiser for LIFE at 7.30pm on Friday 14 Feb in the City Chambers. See poster. Tickets: telephone 01505 335571 or pay at door.