

## Intimations

*Of your charity please pray for:*

**Sick:** Anna & Rena McDonald, Kevin Murphy, Gerard Daly, Patricia Power, Mary Morrison, Kitty O'Neil, John Hamill, Johnny Doherty

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

**Recently Dead:** William (Bill) Dunnion [*Balloch*; Receive: 9.55am on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016; Funeral Mass: 10am]; Chris Glennon, William Bradley, Bessie Bell, Mr Pat Rooney, Mrs Liz Sinclair, Eric Brennan, Liam Fowler, Tom Snell

**Month's Mind** Baby Emily Durkin, Ellen Paton

**3 Months' Mind** Catherine Connor

**Christmas Remembrance** Peter & Annie Waters, Dan & Christina Comrie, Anne Walters, Margaret & George Ryan, Thomas Shiels, Mr Patrick Reynolds, Mrs Margaret Kane, Elizabeth Groden, Marie & James Rafferty, James Graham, Kathleen Rafferty MacDonald, Agnes Graham, Isa Simpson, James McCondichie,

**Anniversaries:** James Lochrie, John McKay, Isobel Keenan, Mary Muir, Edward McCarroll, Jean McCarroll, Agnes Doolan, Katrina McSharry, Ella Clark, Danny Brady, James McVey (Eastfield), Maggie McGoldrick, Susan McGuire, Ownie O'Donnell, Jane Daugela, Jim Daugela, Elizabeth & Tommy Barret, John Lang, Annie McCarroll, Moira Crainie, Robbie Milne, Peter Owen O'Brien, Martin Leary, David & Margaret Mitchell, Anna Taggart, Mary Ford Dixon, Bernard McBride, Annie Carroll, Mary Goldie, Gerald Kane, Eddie Keating, Dan Durick, Mary Caffrey, Larry Differ, Maggie Brady, Janie McCamley, Peter McKendry, those who died at the Glasgow Bin Lorry Tragedy

*In Good Company*

**Feast days** Monday: *Holy Innocents*; Tues: *St Thomas Becket*; Thur: *St Sylvester I*; Friday: *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*; Sat: *St Basil the Great & St Gregory of Nazianzen*

# Holy Cross

26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> December 2015

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph [C]*


1Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28; Ps 83; 1Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24; Lk 2: 41-52



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### **Holy Mass**

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am (THIS Friday only, Mass will be at 12noon)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession** Saturday after 10am & 6pm Mass

**Holy Rosary** daily at 9.30am

**Novena** in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* at the end of Mass on Tuesdays. *Tea & Toast* after Mass in the *Parish Hall*.

**Day Visits** the Church building is open during the day.

**Additional Support Transport** to 11.40am Mass please 'phone: 07946 610381

*Wheelchair- access ramp* begins halfway down *Our Lady's Shrine* side of Building

*Wheelchair- accessible Toilet:* ask a *Pass-keeper* for a key to the *Parish Hall*

*Large print Bulletins* available on request from a *Pass-keeper*

*Low Gluten Hosts* (or reception from the *Chalice*) available: see Fr Sullivan

*Hearing: Loop System* is present

**Hall Bookings** See *Website* for details, then email: hall@holycrosscroy.com or *Booking Secretary*, Tel 07910 532605, Mon- Thursday between 8-9pm

**Christmas Congratulations** to those who helped make this time so uplifting. Pass-keepers, those who keep the grounds, those who organize the Minibus to 11.40am Mass, the Cleaners, those who dress the Altar & keep the linen clean, those who launder the Altar Servers' Robes, Florists, the Bell ringers, the music ministry (*Holy Cross Music Group*, those who *prepare the music* and/ or Cant, Organists, *Croy Male Voice Choir*, *Croy Silver Band*), Sacristan, *Readers*, those who compose the *Prayer of the Faithful*, those who lead the *Children's Liturgy*, *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, *Altar Servers*, *Stall- keepers*, *Crib-builders*, those who prepared & performed the *Nativity Tableau*, odd-job men, those who publish the *Parish Bulletin* & the *money-counters* should all be recognised and for all their work throughout 2015.

Regarding the Parish Hall we cannot forget those who staff the functions, change the bulbs 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 mercy & kind expressions of good will."

**Special Thanks** to the *Cows & Sheep* at *Mr Montgomery's Farm* who kindly gave up their straw to decorate the crib.

**Communion under both Kinds** will be proffered at Mass next week

**We will welcome** *Mons Hugh Bradley* (a son of this Parish) at 10am Mass on Monday. (We pray for more *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*.)

**Collections:** Please hand in any *St Nicholas Care Fund Boxes* asap.



Father Mancuso believed in 'Show and Tell' for his sermons.

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. Please place in *Quarterly Box*.

**H C Ladies Guild** raised £160 to help with the upkeep of the Hall. Well done!

**World Day for Peace** As happened last year, immediately after Mass of *Mary, Mother of God* at 12 Noon, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, we have a short service for *Peace* at the *Memorial to the Fallen*. This will be led by the *Parish Justice & Peace Group*. Visitors from the *Mosque at Craighalbert* have been asked to address us at the beginning of the Service, speaking also for peace. They may well recite the prayer composed by Pope Francis for all who believe in God. Pope Francis also writes: "...authentic Islam and the proper reading of the Koran are opposed to every form of violence" [*Evang Gaud n.253*]

The Theme this year: "Overcome Indifference and win Peace."



**New Year** It is a laudable custom to sprinkle one's house with *Holy Water* after "the Bells."

**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) Donation boxes are available on the Altar Rails beside the crib & the Porch.

**Pro-Life** please be aware that many so-called "Charities" promote experimentation on *Human Embryos* (followed by their incineration). It's always worth checking with *Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child* before deciding on a charity to support. Visit [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk) or Tel 020 7222 5845. There are Charities which do great research work without such experimentation, eg. *Linacre Centre*.

**Many Thanks** to the Anonymous Donor of *Chocolates* for our so reliable *Altar Servers*

**Used Stamps** for the Missions: see box in porch area

**Western Catholic Calendar** on sale in Piety Stall= £3