

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings on Ana Rainbow and Alice Star Stevenson. St Paul could be speaking directly to them as he writes: "I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received..." [cf. 1Cor 1: 4].

Your charitable prayers are requested for

Sick: Stephen Nash, Billy Graham, Hugh Logue, Eileen (Friel) Gemmell, George Vance, Morag Glennon, Mr Bryan Hare, Denis MacBeth, Thomas Grant, Kathlene Harold, Joanne Buchanan, Annie Jess, Moira Flynn, Thomas McWilliams, Paula Elliot, Mary Rooney, Denise Rankin, Denis Honan, Gillian Beattie Paterson (*Kilsyth*), Joe Briggs, Margaret Coyle, Jean Donnelly

And for the happy repose of the souls of

Recently Dead: Baby Cruz Patrick, Anna McCourt, Maurice McComish, Gerard Wilson, Betty Hogan

Month's Mind Betty (Brady) Differ, Ernest Limbert, Pat Rafferty

Anniversaries: Ellen Paton, Frank Harkins, Charlie Clark, Jay Livingstone, Jim McMahon, Eddie Weldon, Patrick Friel, Pat Boyce, Jeff Paterson, Petsie Higney, Robert McLaren, John O'Neill, John Waters, Martha Kerr Hudson, Nellie McAtee, Patrick McAtee, Hugh & Catherine Fitzsimmons

In Good Company

Feast days Monday: *St Damasus I*; Tuesday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe, St Finnian*; Wednesday: *St Lucy*, Thursday: *St John of the Cross*



Holy Cross

9th / 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent [B]


Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 84; 2Pet 3: 8-14; Mk 1: 1-8



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan *PVG Scheme* renewed July 2017

Holy Mass

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession Saturdays after 10am Mass, after 6pm Mass & usually any day on request; *aussi en français, anche in italiano.*

Holy Rosary Monday to Saturday at 9.30am; also after Mass on Fridays.

Novena in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* at Mass on Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays

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 certified by *USCCB* (or *Chalice* reception) available: see Fr Sullivan

Hearing: Loop System is present

Hall Bookings See *Website* for details, then email: hall@holycrosscroy.com or *Booking Secretary*, Tel 07833 544250, Monday- Thursday between 8-9pm

Comboni Missionaries will be selling their 2018 Calendars this weekend. We welcome *Fr Xavier* at Mass.

St Nicholas Fund Boxes available for uplift in Porch Area. Special Collection next weekend 16th/ 17th Dec. No Second Collection this weekend.

Visiting Priest Barring a funeral, *Fr John Mulholland* will be here on Saturday, 23rd Dec. for Morning Mass & Confessions (*Fr Joe* will be at *Our Lady & St Helen's*). In addition we will have extra priests on Wednesday 20th Dec at 7.30pm, here.

Christmas Nativity Play Rehearsals after 9.30am Mass on Sundays. Finishes by 11.15am. All children welcome to volunteer.

Useful websites: www.pray-as-you-go.org/home and www.sacredspace.ie Visiting one of these may assist your *Advent preparations*.

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

Well done to the *Acoustic Night*, organisers and supporters, £500 raised for *Holy Cross Primary*. The boys and children enjoyed *The Wizard of Oz* panto in school with the fantastic donation. Much appreciated!

The Summit Sunday, 10th Dec in *Blessed John Duns Scotus Church*, Ballater Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, from 2- 5pm. Join the RCAG Youth Team for an afternoon of Fun, Friendship, Faith and more! *Holy Mass* at 3.15pm. For young people from P7 to S6.

YOUTHSPOT...



Tea & Toast last Tuesday raised £100. Funds raised will also assist in sponsoring a Teacher through SCIAF.

St Andrew's PS Christmas Show
Tickets remaining for:
Tuesday 12th Dec at 1.30pm &
Wednesday 13th Dec at 1.30pm

Christmas Card to the whole parish: *greeting others & sharing God's blessing*.

If you are willing & able, please uplift a set of cards and deliver to your or a neighbouring street or odd- or even-numbers of the street. This year just write "2017" on the sheet with the street name and take the required number of cards.

2018 Calendars available from the porch area. One per parishioner.

Coffee Morning last Sunday raised £100. Proceeds to sponsor a Teacher in Third World through SCIAF.

Parish Choir resumes on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm in Church Building.

Ladies Guild has paused... & will resume on Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. We take this opportunity to *congratulate* those who organize & run this fellowship.

Approval to teach in a *Catholic School*: The Archbishop (or Bishop) is the one who gives the *Approval*. The Archbishop expects anyone who comes to ask (the Parish Priest) to sign his/ her Reference Form be known to him because the priest sees him/ her regularly at Mass. See also www.sces.uk.com

If you assist publicly in Parish life, then this is easy for *Fr Joe* (eg *Passkeeper, Music Ministry, Reader, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, SVDP* etc). If you do not (for perfectly good reasons), then please consider sitting in one of the front pews or regularly (every couple of weeks?) speak directly to *Fr Joe* either in the Sacristy or in the Porch area before or after Sunday Mass. (He may well have many talents but "noticing people" is not one of his strong points.) The Archbishop (or *Fr Joe*) may well be open to other ways of addressing this important matter.

EWTN New Schedule available in porch area.

Makmerry for the elderly & less able on Wednesday 13th December 12.15- 2.15pm at *St Maurice's High School*. Entertainment & Afternoon Tea. If willing & able, give *Fr Joe* your name & contact phone number.

Not on your own at Christmas is a Community Project. Registration required. Transport can be provided. See poster or Tel: Anne Russell on 01236 821 758 or email: annerussell156@btinternet.com... before 18th Dec 2017.

