

Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Doreen Briggs, Frances Lynch, Janeke Campbell, Noel Brady, Gillian & Janie Martin, Robert Martin, Eileen Reilly, Ted Riley, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Mae Crainie, Infant Riley Roper, Jim McLaren, Damian Devine, Anne Falloon, Mary Taggart, Owen Higney, Cathie Carberry, Isabel Cairns, James Christie, Catherine Caffrey, Alice Douglas, Daniel Dixon, Thomas Taggart, P J Phillips, Daniel McLaughlin, Margaret McKee Murphy

And for the happy repose of the souls of...

Recently Dead: Patricia (born Lamb) Stewart [*Craigmarloch* Receive: Wednesday at 9.55am; Funeral Mass at 10am. Her family will choose the 20 to attend; *HC Stream Team* plan to have the *Funeral Mass* live on *Parish Facebook* page and *YouTube* page], Philip Spence, Pat Crainey [*Plains*], Ian Walker, Richard "Ricki" Kennedy

Month's Mind Tommy Slaven, Michelle Taggart, Rev Sr Roberta, Finbarr Harkin [*Warrington*, *Memorial Mass* here on Monday, 14th December at 10am]

9 Months' Mind Rose Dempsey

Special Remembrance Robert Mellon

Anniversaries: Teresa Slaven, Catherine Cassidy, Jim McMahon, Ellen Paton (5th), Anne Anderson, Charlie Clark, Jay Livingstone, John Cairns, Samuel Brady, Eliza Mary Brady, Mary Donaldson, George Curtis (1st), Albert Brady, Rev Fr Francis Xavier Barry, Eddie Weldon, Jeff Paterson, Petsie Higney, Patrick ("Pakkie") Friel, John Gillespie, James Kiernan, John Waters, Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Ambrose*; Tuesday: *Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary*; Wednesday: *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*; Thursday: *Our Lady of Loretto*; Friday: *St Damasus*; Saturday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe, St Finnian*; (Sunday: *Third Sunday of Advent [B]*)

Act of Spiritual Communion When unable to attend *Holy Mass* you may wish to recite: "My *Jesus*, I believe that *You* are present in the most *Blessed Sacrament of the Altar*. I love *You* above all things and I desire to receive *You* into my soul. Since I cannot now receive *You* sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart (*pause*)... I embrace *You* as if *You* were already there and unite myself wholly to *You*. Never permit me to be separated from *You*. Amen."

St Alphonsus Liguori

Pope Francis' Intentions *December* For a life of prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with *Jesus Christ* be nourished by the *Word of God* and a *life of prayer*.

Holy Cross

5th December / 6th December 2020



Second Sunday of Advent [B]

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 84 "Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help"; (1Pet 1: 8-14); Mt 1: 1-8



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Maximum 20; Masks to be worn; follow direction of *Pass-keepers* or *Ministers of Welcome*; no Public Singing but an *Organist* & a *Soloist* are allowed; exit via *Wheelchair Access*.

Holy Mass *Saturday Vigil* at 6pm, *Sundays* at 9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm. No *Sunday Mass Obligation*. To Register for *Sunday Mass* (20 Maximum) Visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-weekend-mass-registration-113524906050 OR Tel 07707868421 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6- 8 pm & explain which *Mass* suits you best. Please arrive early and wear a *Face-covering* (unless exempt). *Low Gluten Hosts* available.

Monday- Saturday at 10am For *Weekday Masses*, please choose only one or two *Masses* per week & give the *Ministers of Welcome* your *Contact Details*... but NOT when there is a *Funeral*. Normally *Mass* is *Streamed Live* on *Parish Facebook Page*, via *Parish's Website* & *Parish YouTube*.

Baptisms see Fr Sullivan at the end of the *Mass* you attend; *face-coverings* worn & *Track & Trace*.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession (*aussi en français, anche in italiano*): on *Saturdays* 10.35am- 11.30am and 6.40- 7pm in *Parish Hall*. The *Chair/ Kneeler* will be *disinfected* after each *Penitent*. Please consider *standing*!

Weddings & Funerals Maximum 20; Masks must be worn and are usually *live-streamed*.

Day Visits to *Church building*: 9-10.30am *Mon* to *Sat*- unless present for *Mass*, please stand.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at the end of *Mass* on *Tuesdays*

Bulletins & LARGE PRINT *Bulletins* please uplift with your own *disposable gloves/ sanitised hands*.

Parish Safeguarding: Tel: 07707868421/ 0759897660 or email: holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk

Hall Bookings See *Website* for details, email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, *Monday- Thursday* between 8-9pm; (2 *Households*, Maximum 6)

Covid-19 First Minister has announced that (North Lanarkshire area) has moved into Level 4 of COVID 19 restrictions. Churches can remain open but the maximum attendance at Mass or other acts of public worship is 20 (down from 50). Regarding Weekday (10am) Mass Fr Sullivan asks that parishioners choose one or two days (eg just Monday or say, Wednesday & Friday) to attend Mass. Regarding Sunday Mass: please choose either 5/6 December or 12/13 December. The *First Minister* may raise the numbers allowed on the latter weekend.

New Booking Link When the numbers (permitted at Mass) dropped from 50 to 20, we had to stop taking Bookings. This meant that a new link had to be generated please now visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-weekend-mass-registration-113524906050>

Sanitisers we now require volunteers for after the Sunday Masses (9.30am, 11.40am & 6pm). If you are willing and able please contact one of the *Parish Infection Control Co-ordinators* campbell.andrea@icloud.com or phone the *Chapel House*.

Finance For those who are able (without putting their own security at risk), could you consider a payment, automatically through your bank, or directly from your electronic banking to the parish account? Please Contact the parish for Parish Bank Account details: holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk. To Donate “on-line” (via the *Archdiocese*) please visit www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181 Father Joe is deeply grateful for any help you can offer to keep the parish afloat.

Finance New Gift Aid Envelopes are available. They are placed (safely) A- Z. Parishioners who pay Income Tax may also join the *Gift Aid Scheme*

Leaves Well done those who have cleared up these from the parish Grounds.

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(See Matthew 17:20)

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FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS, AND A LITTLE BIT OF WISDOM CAN'T HURT

EWTN Programme for December available in *Porch Area*.

Drains Well done those who have cleared out the drains, A messy but essential work.

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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession Pope Francis has (again) asked all priests to provide “generous” opportunities for the *Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession*. So until Christmas, Fr Joe will increase his time in the *Parish Hall* (more airy Confessional): Saturdays at 10.35- 11.30am and at 6.40- 7pm.

On Saturday, 12th December (10.35- 11.30am) Fr Billy Harrison (*Salvatorian*) will also be available in the *Parish Hall* and Fr Sullivan the first step of the *Sanctuary*. If the weather is not too inclement please consider waiting your “turn” outside. In addition for the *Sacrament* consider standing... or sanitise the chair/ kneeler afterwards. *Ministers of Welcome* have kindly agreed to attend to the safe “flow” of people.



Christmas *Holy Cross Stream Team* hopes to have fibre-to-the-choir-loft soon. This should give us a far more reliable *uplink*. The other good news would be the possibility of bringing the *Parish Hall* into use for *Sunday Mass/ Special Occasions*. It would mean, for example that a further 20 or so could gather, join via streaming and receive *Holy Communion* “at a *Christmas Mass*.” This would obviously require extra volunteer *Track & Tracers* and *Sanitisers*. In this case: please consider bringing your own folding chair! Regarding Booking for *Christmas Masses*, we are awaiting the *First Minister* to explain what numbers will be allowed at Mass etc., after 11th December.

Another way of holding a “*Holy Christmas Night/ Day*,” would be for a sensible parishioner (of a Household) to become an “*Extraordinary Minister for a day*.” That is, a parishioner (with a love for the *Holy Eucharist* and no *impediment*) may be willing, after some training, to hold a *Service of the Word and Holy Communion* in his/ her own home. If the possibility (as permitted by the *Archbishop's Office*) is attractive, please see Fr Joe as soon as possible (extra *pyxes* have been purchased).

St Nicholas Care Fund *Caring Sunday* is next weekend. December's edition of *Flourish* (on line on www.rcag.org.uk) features the *Archbishop's Appeal* and an article outlining some of the projects that the *Care Fund* has supported this year. In order to keep people safe, we are asking that donations be made electronically this year. Information on how to make an application for funding can be found at www.rcag.org.uk – choose *St Nicholas Care Fund* from “The *Archdiocese*” drop-down menu.

Justice & Peace Group meets on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm via video- Conferencing. Agenda includes: 1st January 2021 *Service for Peace, Fair Trade Fortnight*. Please contact *Chapel House* for Code.

Bereavement Group at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th December. Contact *Chapel House* for video-Conferencing Details.

Piety Stall First *Holy Communion* Gifts, *Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars* etc are available. The *Piety Stall* is open most mornings (including Saturdays) at Mass- time. Those who can't get to the *Church Building* (i.e. Sick/ Housebound) are welcome to phone 01236- 722 861 to hear what is available and a delivery will be made to your doorstep (sanitising/ distancing rules in place). The *Piety Stall* at *Carmelite Monastery, Kirkintilloch* is open (our Stall does sell some of their stock).

Used Stamps for the *Missions*: see box in porch area. All stamps will be aired for 72 Hours.