

## Intimations

*Abundant Baptismal Blessings* recently bestowed on *Sophie Fiona Currie*. “The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me” [cf Is 61: 1].

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, Danny Crainie, Rory Wilson

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

**Recently Dead:** Julie Ann (born Reynolds) Johnstone [*Portree* formerly *Croy*; *Memorial Mass* here on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am], Robin McFeely, *Baby* Jessica Henderson

**Month's Mind** Elizabeth “Elsie” (born Kiernan) Wilson

**6 Months' Mind** Jean (born Rees) Nash, David Millar

**Special Remembrance** Tony & Mary Christie, Barney Clinton, Archie & Alice Crainie, Janette (born Nash) & Alec McCann, John Cardle, Deceased Members of Christie Family & of the O'Donnell Family, Karen Murray, James Roberts, May & Robin Roberts

**Anniversaries:** Robbie Milne, Roberta McLaren, Margaret (Currie) Livingstone, Pat Boyce, Anne Pierard, Willie Brannan, John “Jocky” Bennett, Charlie O'Donnell, Brian Walsh, Peter Owen O'Brien, Anthony (Tony) Quinn, Danny Brady, Alec McCann [*Longcroft*], Gerry Kane, John O'Neill, John McKay, Ella Clark, Pat Canavan, James McVey, Edward McCarroll, Jeannie McCarroll, Margaret Canavan, Ownie O'Donnell, Susan McGuire, Mr Eddie Keating, Anne Carroll, Mary Goldie, Patsy (Livingstone) Durkin

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *St Peter Canisius*; Wednesday: *St John of Kanty*; Friday: *The Nativity of the Lord*; Saturday: *St Stephen*; (Sunday: Feast of the *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph [B]*)

**Prayer on this Year of St Joseph** (to be recited at end of *Mass* on Wednesdays, barring a funeral):

“Hail, *Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.  
To you *God* entrusted his only *Son*; in you *Mary* placed her trust; with you *Christ* became man.  
*Blessed Joseph*, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.”

**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*



## Holy Cross

19<sup>th</sup> December / 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent [B]

2 Sam 7: 1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 88 “I will sing forever of your love, O Lord”; (Rom 16: 25-27); Lk 1: 26-38



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**Clergy:** Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017  
**COVID- 19** Maximum 50; 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 (50 Maximum) Visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) OR Telephone (you require to SPEAK to someone) 07707868421 Tuesday 6- 8 pm. Please arrive early & wear a Face-covering (unless exempt). *Low Gluten Hosts* available.  
*This Monday- Wednesday at 10am* For *Weekday Masses*, please give the *Ministers of Welcome* your Contact Details. 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:** This Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30-11am in Hall, Fr Javier will also be available on Wednesday 10.30-11.30pm, on Saturdays 10.35am- 11.15am and 6.40- 7pm in *Parish Hall*. The Kneeler will be disinfected after each Penitent. Please stand!  
**Weddings & Funerals** Maximum 20; Masks must be worn and may be *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  
**Prayer during Year of St Joseph- to 8 Dec 2021:** at the end of Mass on Wednesdays (*Indulgence*)  
**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](mailto:holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk)  
**Hall Bookings** See Website for details, email: [holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk) or *Hall Booking Secretary*, Tel 07555 983 418, Monday- Thursday between 8-9pm; (2 Households, Maximum 6)

**New Year** At noon there will be the normal *Mass of Mary, Mother of God* on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Music by *HC Music Group*. It is also the *World Day for Peace*. At the end of Mass, a pre-prepared *Service for Peace* (led by *Justice & Peace Group*) will be shown (& uploaded on *Parish Facebook & YouTube Pages*). As a “Special Guest”, *Pope Francis* will address us. *Pope Francis’* Theme is: “*A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.*” There will also be an earlier *Mass* at 10am.

**Holy Cross Primary** to cheer us up, has prepared a *Christmas Service*. You may access it thus: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=hQSVHQuNIRU&feature=share> or <https://fb.watch/2sl3Lommb/>

**St Andrew’s Primary** to bring smile to our faces, has prepared *Christmas Services*. You may access them thus: <https://twitter.com/StAndrewsCumb/status/1339270228136648704?s=20>, <https://twitter.com/StAndrewsCumb/status/1339270536468246530?s=20> and <https://twitter.com/StAndrewsCumb/status/1339270584455360514?s=20>

**Kneelers** after review (both to minimise infection to *you* and to lighten the job of the sanitisers) the kneelers will be “tied back.” You are welcome to bring your own “gardening cushion” each time.

**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? Contact the *Chapel House* for Bank Account: [holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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.

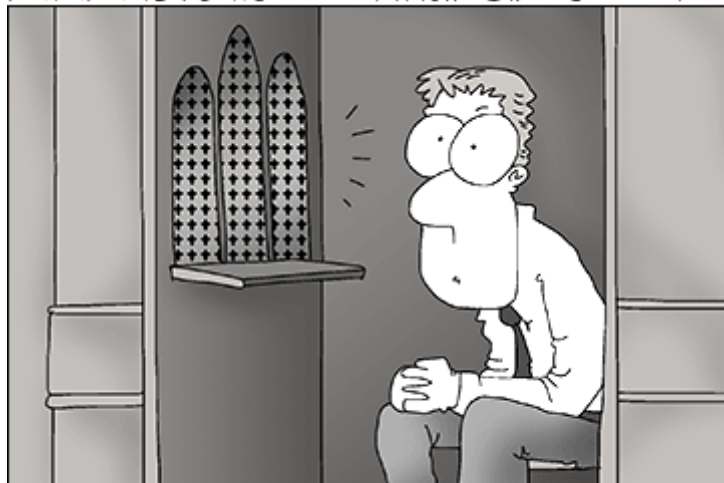
**Tea & Toast Club** “The ‘staff’ would like to wish all our members a *Happy & Holy Christmas* and a healthy 2021. At this time we think of those from our wee community that have died during this year and so we remember *Jean Nash, Tommy Slaven* and *Elsie Wilson*. May they rest in peace, and may their families know the God of consolation.

We’ve really missed you all and look forward to restarting when it’s safe to do so. God bless.”

**Hall Kitchen** Please note: *Ladies Guild, Tea & Toast Club, Lunch Club* etc: Fr Sullivan has been removing & disposing of *biscuits etc* which are “out of date.” We take this opportunity to congratulate the *Organisers* of these fine initiatives.

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CHANGE OF PLANS ... DROP AND GIVE ME FIFTY!

**Christmas** There are still a few places available to book some of the Masses...

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

10am Morning Mass (Live streamed)

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-132998489061](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-132998489061)

5pm Mass Live streamed in Hall with *Holy Communion*

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-church-hall-live-stream-tickets-133000511109](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-church-hall-live-stream-tickets-133000511109)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Christmas Morning Mass with *H C Music Group*

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133000695661](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133000695661)

& Live streamed in Hall with *Holy Communion*

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-church-hall-video-stream-tickets-133000838087](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-church-hall-video-stream-tickets-133000838087)

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

10am Mass Feast of *St Stephen* [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001173089](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001173089)

6pm Vigil of *Holy Family* [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001339587](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001339587)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Morning Mass of *Holy Family* [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001516115](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001516115)

& Live streamed in Hall with *Holy Communion* [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-church-hall-video-stream-tickets-133001664559](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-church-hall-video-stream-tickets-133001664559)

11.40am Mass of *Holy Family* [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001849111](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001849111)

6pm Mass of *Holy Family* [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001957435](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-mass-tickets-133001957435)

**Collection Box** to keep Parish afloat at each *Christmas Mass*.

**Booking for Christmas** Basically at present Fr Sullivan asks that Parishioners choose ONE of the Masses 24- 27th December. This should then allow 50 x 12 = 600 places (20 x 4 = 80, in Hall). Fr *Javier Alvarado (Comboni Missionary)* will kindly celebrate those on Thursday at 3pm and 5pm. Individual *Booking Link* above or telephone (you require to SPEAK to someone) 07707868421.

**Christmas Parish Hall** will be open for 9.30am Mass so that a further 20 or so could gather, join via streaming and receive *Holy Communion*. The Chairs will be rotated and “aired” for 72 hours, before being re-used. There is a special Eventbrite “Event” for Mass in the *Parish Hall*.

**Holy Christmas Night/ Day** another way of marking this 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 is attractive, please see Fr Joe as soon as possible (extra *pyxes* have been purchased).

**St Nicholas Care Fund** *Caring Sunday* was last weekend. December’s edition of *Flourish* (on line on [www.rcag.org.uk](http://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. Donations may be made electronically visit [www.rcag.org.uk](http://www.rcag.org.uk) – choose *St Nicholas Care Fund* from “The Archdiocese” drop-down menu.

**Crib** Parishioners will be able to visit the *Crib* on the way to the *Altar Rails*. We take this occasion to congratulate the *Crib*- builders and to thank the *Cattle* from *Mr Montgomery’s Farm* for the straw.

