

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, P J Phillips, Daniel McLaughlin, Margaret McKee Murphy, Danny Crainie, Rory Wilson

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

Recently Dead: Thomas Taggart [Croy; Receive: Thursday 7th January at 9.55; Funeral Mass: 10am], Nicola Gill [Croy], Robin McFeely, Baby Jessica Henderson, Bernadette Cassidy [Clydebank], Reuben Ball, Angela Ward, Wilma Black [Whiteford]

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, James, Irene & Mary Griffin, Hannah Rodgers [Donegal], Francis Taggart, Helen Taggart, Edward McBride, Annie & Hugh Gallagher, John McNeil, James & Nora Kelly, Deceased Members of the Kelly Family, Deceased Members of the Weldon Family, Annie & Adele Sharkey, Thomas & Emma Shiels, James Roberts, Hannah & Frank Caffrey, David Robertson, Deceased Members of McNamee Family, James Graham, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, James & Marie Rafferty, Agnes Graham, Bill & Sadie Clinton, Sarah Cole, Deceased Members of the Curtis Family, Deceased Members of the Brady Family, Deceased Members of the Livingstone family

Anniversaries: Rev Fr Peter Sweeney, 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, Rev Sr Anna Friel MMM, John Bradbury [Canada], Elizabeth Kelly, Maggie McGoldrick, Jane Daugela, Jim Daugela, Joe Rodgers [Donegal], Ella (Higney) Clark, Tommy & Elizabeth Barrett, John Lang, Dan Durick, Josie Waters, Anna (born Hughes) Taggart, Moira Crainie

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *Holy Innocents*; Tuesday: *St Thomas à Beckett*; Thursday: *St Sylvester*; Friday: *Mary, Mother of God*; Saturday: *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen*; (Sunday: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord [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 *Holy 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

26th December / 27th December 2020


Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph [B]

Gen 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3; Ps 104 "He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant forever"; Lk 2: 22-40



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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 OR Telephone (you require to SPEAK to someone) 07707868421 Tuesday or Thursday 6- 8 pm. Please arrive early & wear a Face-covering (unless exempt). *Low Gluten Hosts* available.

Monday- Saturday at 10am For *Weekday Masses*, First 20 will be in the Church Building after 20 parishioners will be in the Hall (Holy Communion offered at end); 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: on Saturdays 10.35am- 11.15am and 6.40- 7pm in *Parish Hall*. The Kneeler will be disinfected after each Penitent. Please consider standing!

Weddings & Funerals Maximum 20 (& 20 in Hall); 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

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)

Christmas Congratulations to those who help make this time so uplifting: Fr Javier Alvarado (*Comboni Missionary*), Pass-keepers, those who keep the grounds, those who organised 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* (especially Members of the *Kirson Family*), those who prepare the music, *Organists* (*Mr Joseph Curtis & Mr T Graham*), Soloist: *Mrs J (Tullan) MacDonald*], *Sacristan*, *Readers*, those who compose the *Prayer of the Faithful*, those who lead the *Children's Liturgy*, "Extraordinary" *Ministers of Holy Communion*, *Altar Servers*, *Piety Stall-keepers*, *Crib-builders*, *odd-job men*, the *Chancellor* & other administrative workers, those who make up *Rotas*, the *money-counters* should all be recognised and for all their work throughout 2020. This year brought specific challenges because of COVID-19: many Parishioners realised the necessity of "Track & Tracing" and of "Sanitising" and generously volunteered to assist... *without whom we would not be open*. Regarding the *Parish Hall* we cannot forget those who staff the functions, keep the place clean, attend to the electrical & the joinery. Fr Sullivan would "*like to wish God's Peace & abundant Blessing on all parishioners at this time for their kindnesses & all expressions of good will.*"

"Stream Team" Not many parishes have both the talent and the generosity of parishioners here to be able to offer the Service we do, on the Parish *YouTube* and *Facebook* Pages. Well done to those who make this possible, especially those who see to the Camerawork, Sound Engineers & Editors!

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. 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.

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(See Luke 2:1-16)

12-19-2014

IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM

Justice & Peace Second Collection for this next weekend (*Epiphany: 2nd / 3rd January*). Simply place extra in the Baskets on way in/ out and a generous estimate will be sent.

Quarterly Collection (to fund *Ecclesiastical Students*) is now due. Please place in box at wall of *Porch Area*.

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New Year normal *Mass of Mary, Mother of God* at noon on Friday 1st January 2021. Music by *HC Music Group*. After the first 20 are present in the Church Building the next 20 will be able to join in the Hall to watch this "live-streamed." There will be a *Mass* at 10am (but *not* live-streamed). If you wish to bless your house with *Holy Water* bring fresh water along in a *Bottle* (if required, & label removed) to *Altar Rails* & Fr Joe will bless it.

World Day for Peace Friday 1st January 2021. *Pope Francis'* Theme: "*A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.*" A pre-prepared *Service for Peace* (by *Justice & Peace Group* and includes *Pope Francis*) will be uploaded on *Parish Facebook & YouTube Pages*.

Eventbrite Some places left to book this weekend: please check: www.eventbrite.co.uk OR Telephone (you require to SPEAK to someone) 07707 868421. Please cancel if circumstances change.



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 *Sheep & Cattle* from *Mr Montgomery's Farm* for the straw. *Crib Donations* will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society* (helps couples to adopt, foster & support children). To be considered as an adoptive/ fostering parent, contact: 274 Bath St, 0141- 332 8371 or try www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

Looking back 2021 First novel highlight: *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* became Sunday of the *Word of God*, devoted to its "celebration, study and dissemination." *Croy Entrance Features* were opened (& blessed by Fr Sullivan): beginning with *mining* at the miner's hutch and figures; then *community* at the middle corner; and ending with the *quarry* at the station end of *Constary Road*. Then COVID-19 brought tighter & tighter restrictions to Parish (& personal) Life: no *Holy Water* in the fonts, *Altar Servers* washing hands before entering Sanctuary, no proper *Offertory Procession*, no hand-shaking at *Sign of Peace* (only a bow), *Reception of Holy Communion* behind a screen and not from the *Chalice*, no *Hymn Books*... and no public *Services* at all! Although for *Holy Thursday*, Fr Joe suggested that parishioners consider a mutual "washing the feet" of those in the household. All *Services/ Masses* went "on-line" eventually with the co-operation of the newly- forming *Stream Team* we were able also to make use of both *Facebook* and *YouTube* (this was especially helpful at *Funerals*). *First Holy Communion* Celebrations were postponed until October. There were pre-recorded *Corpus Christi Procession* and the number viewing the "Look Back" *Procession* breaking all previous records- over 21,000 views! The *40 Hours Adoration*, *P7 Leavers Mass*, *Pilgrimage to Shrine to Our Lady at Nethercroy*, *Eastfield Cemetery Service*, *Remembrance Sunday*, *Letters to Prisoners of Conscience* all went "on-line." The Annual Walk for *Vocations to Carmelite Monastery* became: walk around one's house. Many Meetings (eg *Parish Pastoral Council*, *RCIA & Justice & Peace*) became "virtual" making use of *video- conferencing*. In July, Churches were able to re-open at 50 maximum and then numbers were reduced to 20, then back to 20 then 20 again; and at weekends one had to book "on-line." As *Pope Francis* added *Titles to Mary*, so Fr Sullivan solemnly declared *Our Lady: "Protectress of the People of Holy Cross, Croy"* in her *Litany*. Many Parishioners realised the necessity of "Track & Tracing" and of "Sanitising" and generously volunteered to assist so faithfully- *without whom we would not be open*. The *Season of Creation* saw us "virtually" link up with the *Poor Clare Sisters*, *Bothwell*. Perhaps in prescience with *Pope Francis*, even before *His Holiness* declared this his Year, the *Piety Stall* had sold nearly 80 Statues of the "*Sleeping St Joseph.*"

Finally, 2020 has brought many blessings (& trials) to the life of this parish... As Fr Joe has said since he arrived here: "*I couldn't ask for better parishioners.*"