

Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: A fresh list has begun. If YOU would like to have someone mentioned here, first ask permission from the person (or next- of- kin) in writing [cf *GDPR*], and hand in to *Chapel House*. Rosemary Harris, Marie Wall

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

Recently Dead: Alice Douglas [*Balloch- Eastfield*], Nora Currie, Raymond Fazzini, John Lennon, Billy Ryan

Special Remembrance Terese (*born* Krusinckas) McKenna, Paddy & Sarah Doolan, Sammy & Alice Waters, Deceased Members of the McCourt Family, Deceased Members of the McGrath Family, Mary “McCann” Waters, Peter “Junior” Waters

Anniversaries: Peter McKendry, Larry Differ, Patrick O’Brien, James Hester. Pat Livingstone, Robert Mellon, Danny Rooney, James Taggart, Eleanor Ballantyne, Isabella Aitken Brady, Margaret Nash Livingstone, Kathleen McDaid Livingstone, George Brady, Agnes Barnes, Catherine Foley, Mostafa Elbana, Annie Jess, Tracy Wilson, John Gribbin, William Morrison (*Senior*), David Reid, Arthur McKell, Andrew Killiard, Alicia Killiard, Peter Cushley, Ian Shanks

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *Bl Bernard Scammacca OP*; Tuesday: *St Aelred of Rievaulx*; Wednesday: *St Kentigern (Mungo), St Hilary*; Friday: *St Ita, St Remigius, Remy or Remi*; Saturday: *St Fursa, Our Lady of Arabia*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [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

9th / 10th January 2021

The Baptism of the Lord [B]

Is 55: 1-11; Ps 12 “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation”; (1Jn 5: 1-9);

Mk 1: 7-11



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Church buildings are now closed to the public, at least until the end of January.

Baptisms only in emergencies, in which case anyone can baptise (usually *Midwife/ Doctor*) or see Fr Sullivan asap

Holy Mass Normally Streamed at 10am each day on *Parish YouTube Page* and *Parish Facebook Page* or via *Parish Website*

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession at front door of Chapel House, through the window at the side (hopper window will be open & curtain down) after 10am Mass on Saturdays; please stand!

Anointing of & Holy Communion to the Sick, in emergency, contact the *Chapel House*.

Hospitals/ Care Homes have their own protocols, follow Instructions of Staff.

Weddings Maximum 5; Masks must be worn and may be *live-streamed*.

Funerals Maximum 20, but please note: 20 in Hall is *not* allowed at this time.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after streamed *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 available at Door of *Chapel House*, when out for your daily fitness routine. Please bring your own disposable gloves or use 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; (in the “probable” Medium Term: 2 Households, Maximum 6 persons)

Covid- 19 As we re- enter Lockdown, Fr Joe would like particularly to mention those who really stepped up during these past months, July 2020- January 2021. He refers to BOTH the “Normal Volunteers” who regularly assist, AND those who had kept a low profile until now but realised that the parish NEEDED their help. Many also would really like to help but for various reasons have been unable. At this moment he cannot *not* mention *Holy Cross Stream Team* who have really enriched our lives and from whose work we will continue to benefit in the weeks, and months ahead! What has been so remarkable has been the way parishioners who have never spoke to one another have blossomed in these new connections. As *Pope Francis* said recently: do not just seek a “network” but a “fraternity”... and as *Fr Sullivan* has said since coming here: “I could’t ask for better parishioners.”

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.

Justice & Peace Second Collection for *Work of Bishops’ J & P Commission* = £200 (about half of what was raised last year).

Quarterly Collection (to fund *Ecclesiastical Students*) raised £200 (amount was double that of last year). FYI the *Bishops of Scotland* have decided to close the Seminary Building in Rome in 2021 (due to costs of refurbishment etc). No information regarding the future venue for *Training of Priests* has been made.

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MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS TO DO THE THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING LAST YEAR

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

Crib Donations raised= £500 for *St Margaret’s Children & Family Care Society*.

Parish Bulletins Items should reach the *Chapel House* by Thursday evening.

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Baptism of the Lord is this weekend. As expected due to COVID-19, in 2020 we had the lowest number of Baptisms since Fr Sullivan arrived here... but still more than one every two weeks: 28. As this is the *Year of St Joseph*, Fr Sullivan is looking forward to the first baby who will have “Joseph” or “Josephine” in their name... but then he’s biased!



Christmas Season ends with the *Baptism of the Lord*. You may like to consider the grim situation but hopeful people: viz. *Palestinian Christians*, and about *Bethlehem* in particular. Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gX5OC8K2IGw&feature=youtu.be>

World Day for Peace *Pope Francis’* Theme: “*A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.*” We offered (uploaded on *Parish Facebook & YouTube Pages*) a Service for *World Day of Prayer for Peace*. The *Peace Candle*, was placed at the *Altar Rails*. The Candle may well be lit during each Mass during this month. The (*Blessed*) *Wreath of Peace* rests at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.

The whole Message of *Pope Francis* may be found at www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to the 25th January) prepared by the *Monastic Community of Grandchamp* in Switzerland. The theme chosen: “*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses *Grandchamp Community’s* vocation to prayer, reconciliation & unity in the Church and the human family.

Specific Daily Prayers etc for 2021 are available free at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

Due to *Covid-19* there will not be any actual physical gathering during the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*). You may wish (at some point during the *Week*) to read John 15:1-17 and then recite (as a household or on one’s own) the following *Prayer*: “*Lord, you invite us to abide in you who are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person.*”

And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you and one another is lost. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. That as one family we may praise your name. Amen.”

Please consider showing your support for *Christian Unity* by posting unity messages and details of your events to *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Twitter wall* – simply add the #wpcuwall hashtag to your Twitter post (note there is a delay before they appear).

Bishops of Scotland “*Survivors of abuse* of any form deserve the greatest care and respect. Their courage in coming forward to disclose their experience to personnel within the Church can never be underestimated. So, Church personnel must take care to provide an immediacy of response (as well as sensitive care) to anyone who wishes to talk about the harm they have suffered.” Visit <https://www.scsafeguarding.org.uk/Survivors>

Quote of the Week “*I could see that there is wonderfully impressive involvement of the parishioners in the life of the parish*” [from a recent letter regarding the visit of an Irish Priest here in late 2019].