

Intimations

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Dorothy Starkey, Jim Reilly, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Paddy Murphy, John Myles, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Gena Caddle, Helen (born Shaw) McGarry, Patrick Brady, Margaret Paterson Jamieson [Toronto formerly Croy], Eileen Reilly [Aviemore], Fr David Lloyd, Kathleen (born Bolan) Brady

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

Recently Dead: Maureen (born Hamilton) Kelly [Croy], Danny Comrie [Kilsyth], May Rooney McGowan [Airdrie formerly Croy], Fr Christopher Gilfedder, Maureen Kelly [East Kilbride], Patrick O'Rourke [Carfin], Michael Casey [Moodiesburn],

Anniversaries: Fr Francis Xavier Barry, Jeff Paterson, Mary Brady Donaldson, Sammy Brady, Eliza Yard Brady, Albert Brady, George Curtis, Charlie Clark, Julie Ann Johnston [1st], Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons, John Cairns, Eddie Weldon, Pat Boyce, Jay Livingstone [25th], Brian Walsh, Bob McLaren, Willie Brannan, Margaret (born Currie) Livingstone, Pat Gallacher [21st], Patrick ("Pakky") Friel [50th], Charlie O'Donnell, Alexander Massie [100th], Allan Adam [60th], James Jimmy McCann, James Kiernan, John Waters

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Lucy*; Tuesday: *St John of the Cross*; Wednesday: *St Mary di Rosa*; Thursday: *Blessed Mary of the Angels*; Friday: *St Florian*; Saturday: *St Flannan*; (Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Advent [C]*)

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 Croy

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) [C]

11th / 12th November 2021

Zeph 3: 14-18; Is 12 "Sing & shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel,"


Phil 4: 4-7; Lk 3: 10-18

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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed July 2017

COVID- 19 Masks to be worn (unless exempt); "Track & Tracing" is suspended (after a Risk-Assessment). Receiving *Holy Communion (low Gluten Hosts available)*: you may receive *Holy Communion* on the tongue at the very end of the *Communion Procession*. We may sing, and with *Hymn Books*. Kneelers not yet in use- you may bring your own cushion etc.

Holy Mass Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 9.30am & 11.40am. No *Sunday Mass Obligation*. Mass is Streamed Live on *Parish YouTube Page*, via *Parish's Website & Parish Facebook*, search "Holy Cross, Croy" all courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

Baptisms Normally at 12.45pm (in an emergency anyone can *Baptise*- usually Midwife/ Doctor)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession: on Saturdays 10.30am- 11am and 6.40- 7pm at *Wheelchair Access Door of Church Building*. Please stand.

Anointing of & Holy Communion to the Sick/ unable to attend Mass contact the *Chapel House*. Care Homes & Hospitals have own Protocols to be followed. Ask Staff to Contact the RC Chaplain.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Tuesdays

Bulletins & LARGE PRINT Bulletins: safer to view on-line; either *Parish Website* or *Facebook Page*; also available in *Porch Area & at Door of Chapel House*- use sanitised hands.

Parish Safeguarding: Tel: 07707868421/ 07598976603 or email: holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk
Policy Document available <https://www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2/tabid/131/Default.aspx>

Hall Bookings: Maximum at present, 100 persons. At present only allow ONE Hire per day is permitted- to allow for good "airing" and for the Seat covers to be changed (where necessary) email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1- 2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716)

The Bishops of Scotland “The obligation to attend Mass on *Sundays and Holydays of Obligation* will be reinstated from Sunday, 2nd January, first of New Year and Solemnity of *Epiphany of the Lord*

In accordance with the common teaching of the Church this obligation does not bind those in ill health or those otherwise impeded from attending Mass. Nor, in the context of Covid, does it bind those showing symptoms of the virus or with underlying health conditions, or those with responsibilities for people in need of special care.”

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission Pope Francis is asking all Catholics to consider: *Communion, Participation and Mission*. Here, Parish Groups are invited to participate in the *Synod* & then the wider Parish/ Community. Each *Parish Group/ Society* is asked to consider some questions and/ or send one or two representatives to a Parish Meeting in early February.

There are many possible questions (& you can compose your own) but a suggested minimum 3 are: (1) If you are a Christian how can this parish support you as a Christian... if not a Christian, how can we support you in your humanity? (2) What would meaningful participation in the parish look like? (3) How can our parish be a light for our community, to share with others the love of Jesus and his saving truth?

Flourish Newspaper is available in Porch Area or online at <http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk>

“**The Scottish Catholic**” (every 2 weeks) is due to be available in Porch Area = £2

Caring Sunday *St Nicholas Fund* this weekend with a *Special Collection*. Entrance will be for Parish; Retiring: *St Nicholas Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust*. Please return any “Boxes” before Christmas.

Christmas Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation with extra Priests Tuesday 21st Dec at 7-8pm. Exposition of the *Blessed Sacrament*. Pope Francis again encourages Priests to offer more opportunities for this *Sacrament*. Pope Francis insists: “*The first thing you need to know about me is I’m a sinner*.”

Flowers for the Sanctuary (at *Christmas*) Well done the *Anonymous Donors* of £200 and of £20.

St Andrew’s Primary *Advent Masses* continue on Tuesdays

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

Helping Refugees at Christmas: Try www.refugeecouncil.org.uk or <https://care4calais.org> or www.refuweege.co.uk.

Men’s Acoustic Night Last month raised = £560 for “*The Wayside*” Homeless Charity.

Western Catholic Calendar on sale in Piety Stall = £3.20



Christmas

Friday 24th December

10am *Morning Mass*

2pm *First Mass of Christmas* (Fr Javier Alvarado; music: Mr J Curtis & Mrs J McDonald Tullan)

4pm *Mass of Christmas* (Fr Billy Harrison)

6pm *Mass with Holy Cross Music Group...* and live-streamed (courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*)

8pm *Night Mass of Christmas* (music: Mr & Mrs Graham)

Saturday 25th December

9.30am *Christmas Morning Mass* with H C Music Group and live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*

11.40am *Christmas Mass*

Sunday 26th December

9.30am *Morning Mass of Holy Family Mass with Holy Cross Music Group* & live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*

11.40am *Morning Mass of Holy Family*



While only every second pew is in use, *Track and Trace* is not required. There will be “Track & Tracers” on duty at the Christmas Masses IN CASE the cords have to be “lifted” - hence the extra Masses with visiting Priests.

Christmas Card to parishioners. 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. Just write “2021” on the sheet with the street name and take the required number of cards.

Blessing Statue of St Joseph Well done *Mons Hugh Bradley* (Diocesan Administrator of Glasgow-*Sede Vacante* and “*Croy Boy*”) also Organist James Greechan and Mr John Higney (who saw to the Recording & uploading), Altar Servers, Sacristan, Reader & Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Pass-keepers, Cleaners & Sanitisers... and well done those who prepared the Grounds, the *Men’s Acoustic Night* (who paid for the Statue of *St Joseph the Worker*), ordinary parishioners who paid for everything else & all involved in this “*Finale*” to the *Year of St Joseph*.

Prisoners of Conscience *Justice & Peace Group* invites you to send a (Christmas/ Greetings) Card to a *Prisoner of Conscience* who has NOT advocated violence but is being held. The Materials come from *Action of Christians Against Torture*. Some are not Christian, in which case you would send a “non-Religious” one. The person MAY get the card... if (s)he doesn’t then the Guard or the Bureaucrat who throws the card away may well pause... may not beat the person up... may reconsider the release of the person. No judgement on the sentence should be made... just encouragement. Nor do we necessarily agree with the person’s politics. Visit <https://www.acatuk.org.uk>

Parish Bereavement Group meets Tuesday 14th Dec at 7.30pm at *Committee Room, Parish Hall*.

Justice & Peace Group meets Wednesday 15th Dec at 7pm in *Parish Hall*. Agenda includes: *Prisoners of Conscience, World Day for Peace* (1st January), *Assisted Suicide Response, Investment/ Disinvestment*.

Croy Silver Band will hold a Christmas Concert in Church Building on Monday 20th December. “THE BAND IS BACK” from 7.30pm in *Holy Cross Church Building*. Admission: FREE! Come along celebrate the return. Take a break from Christmas preparations for an hour of light entertainment. Everyone welcome.