

Intimations

Abundant Baptismal Blessings recently bestowed on *Eilish Jane Devine*. “Yes, blessed is she who believed...” [cf Lk 1: 45].

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, Mary Thompson, Helen Watson, Nicky Lamb, Michael McCann

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

Recently Dead: Margaret (McMillan) Latter [*Leicestershire*], Ellen McGhee [*Motherwell*], Michael McCabe [*Ardrossan*], Catherine (Rena) Mulligan, Patrick Matongo [*London*]

Month's Mind Nicola Blake, Kathleen McGuire

Special Remembrance of all *Deceased Relatives, Friends & Benefactors*, James & Nora Kelly, James, Irene & Mary Griffin, Thomas & Emma Shiels, Hugh & Annie Gallagher, John McNeil, Michael Gallagher, Pauline Gallagher, James Graham, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, James & Marie Rafferty, Agnes Graham, David Robertson, Francie Taggart, Edward McBride, Helen Taggart

Anniversaries: Rev Fr Peter Sweeney, Rev Sr Anna Friel MMM, Agnes Doolan, Tommy Taggart [1st], Elizabeth Kelly [5th], Danny Brady, Ownie O'Donnell, Annie Jess, Susan McGuire, John McKay, Robbie Milne [11th], Gerry Kane, James McVey, Ella Clark, John “Jockie” Bennett, Christopher Adam, John O'Hara, Patsy (Livingstone) Durkin [3rd], Jane Daugela, Jim Daugela, Ella (Higney) Clark, Moira Crainie, Anthony (Tony) Quinn, Peter Owen O'Brien, Elizabeth & Tommy Barrett, John Lang, Mary Ford Dixon, Hannah & Joe [18th] Rodgers, Maggie McGoldrick, Mary Barrie, David Barrie, Edward McCarroll, Jeannie McCarroll, Margaret Canavan, Josie Waters, Dan Durick, Danny Rooney, James Taggart

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St John*; Tuesday: *The Holy Innocents*; Wednesday: *St Thomas Becket*; Friday: *St Sylvester I*; Saturday: *Mary, the Mother of God*; (Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord [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


Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph [C]

25th / 26th December 2021

1Sam 1: 20-22,24-28; Ps 83 “They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord”; 1Jn 3: 1-2,21-24;
Lk 2: 41-52

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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, & with *Hymn Books*. A “fogger machine” has been purchased & will be used between Masses (& windows open). The solution used kills 99.99% of micro-organisms including bacteria, viruses, spores, fungi and moulds. The solution is totally safe to use- non-toxic, non-hazardous, non-allergenic. The Parish Collection is by (*Cash or Chip & Pin*) “plate” on the way in or way out.

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)

Christmas Congratulations to those who help make this time so uplifting: Fr Billy Harrison (*Salvatorian*), Fr Javier Alvarado (*Comboni Missionary*), Pass-keepers, those who keep the grounds, 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*, 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*, "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 2021. 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 fabric of the Hall. 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, the Sound Engineers & Directors!

Finance Next weekend, the Retiring Collection will be for *Justice & Peace Issues*. *Christmas Quarterly* is now due. Proceeds will go to the *Ecclesiastical Students*- helping to fund seminarians.

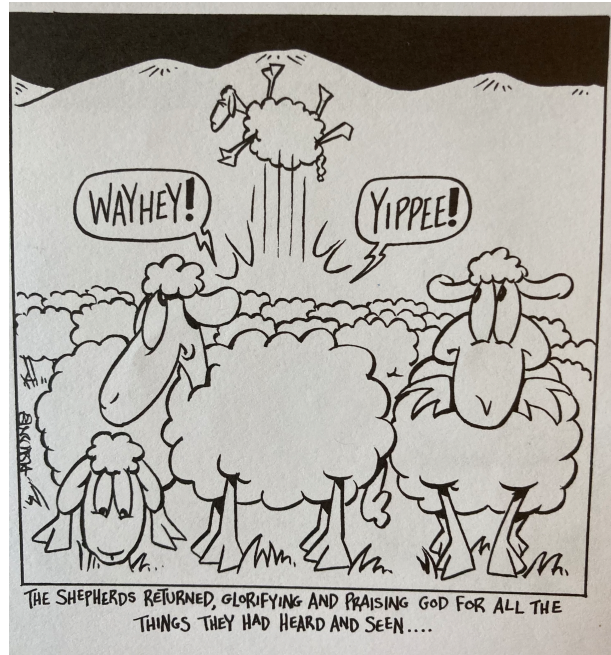
The Bishops of Scotland "The obligation to attend Mass on *Sundays and Holydays of Obligation* will be reinstated from (this) weekend..." Bishop Toal of *Motherwell Diocese* adds: "... If you are

afraid to come back to *Sunday Mass* at present, take your time in deciding when to do so and do not feel it as a weight on your conscience if you are not fulfilling the obligation. By following your conscience in your own particular mitigating circumstances, it should not be considered a serious sin to make this decision."

Crib Donations will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*. The Society helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. If you would like to apply to be considered as an adoptive/ fostering parent, contact the Society at 274 Bath St, Glasgow; 0141- 332 8371 or try www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

Flourish available free

Well done the *Anonymous Donor* of Chocolates for the *Altar Servers*



Christmas

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*

* *NO VIGIL MASS* * on Saturday evening

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 *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. As with Government Advice, please take a "lateral flow test" before being in close contact with those NOT of your "bubble."



New Year At noon: *Mass of Mary, Mother of God* on Friday 1st January 2022. It is also the 55th *World Day for Peace*. The Theme is "Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace." This Parish will mark the Day immediately after 12 noon Mass on Saturday 1st January at the *Shrine to the Fallen*. Visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>

New Year It is a laudable custom to sprinkle one's house with *Holy Water* after "the Bells." *Holy Water* is available from the Porch Area; use sanitised hands.

Looking back 2021 What was new? The first novel highlight of the year must be participating in the *Year of St Joseph*. This parish took part firstly by means of the weekly *Prayer* on Wednesdays, and by various Parishioners offering their thoughts on the each line of the *Litany of St Joseph*, these Reflections ran for 33 Days & led up to many of us Dedicating ourselves to *St Joseph* on his Feast Day (19th March); moreover 150 Statues of the *Sleeping St Joseph* have been sold by the ever-reliable *Piety Stall-keepers*; and as a fitting finale, a *Statue of St Joseph the Worker* was erected and the *South Quadrangle* landscaped beautifully. The *Men, Women & Children* who worked the *Mines* (& others) were herewith remembered and importantly *Mons Hugh Bradley* (Diocesan Administrator & "Croy Boy") visited & blessed the Statue. Another "first" would be that *Cumbernauld Churches Together* "blessed the Crib" in *The Centre Cumbernauld*. In related matters, Holy Parishioner *Frank McKendry* (who is currently home but self-isolating & is joining us with his prayers) was ordained a *Holy Deacon* (in Rome) and both the *Annual Walk for Vocations* to *Carmel*, *Kirkintilloch*, was able to resume, as was an abbreviated *40 Hours* and *Corpus Christi Procession*. As added texture to parish life, a kind Donor, funded Parish Mass cards "For a Special Intention" & then both the Parish website was re-vamped and new *Parish Logo* launched to wide acclaim. Re Finance, *Contactless Giving* was introduced both to the Parish and to the Hall, indeed the giving of this Parish is over 90% of pre-COVID levels (surely one of the best statistics of type for all of Scotland) *well done!* Fabric highlights (apart from *St Joseph*) would include the new "slats" for the benches at the *Memorial to the Fallen*. Regarding hospitality, we were able to welcome two separate *COP 26 Pilgrimage Groups*, & although *Pope Francis* wasn't able to attend, the *over- 80s* of the parish had invited him to stay. We are, however, joining *Pope Francis* on the *Synodal Pathway*, this pathway is still continuing and members of the *PPC* are helping us reflect. As 2021 ends, over 3,432 now "follow" the *Parish Facebook Page*, and 2,550 "like" it. Re these figures, partly is thanks to the *Stream Team!* Finally 2021 has brought many blessings (& trials) to this parish or to our personal lives... As Fr Joe has said since he arrived here: "I couldn't ask for better parishioners."