

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

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

Recently Dead: Kathleen (born Bolan) Brady [Croy; Receive: Tuesday 11th January at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Wednesday 12th Jan at 10am], Margaret (McMillan) Latter [Leicestershire], Ellen McGhee [Motherwell], Michael McCabe [Ardrossan], Patricia Matongo [London], Catherine (Murphy) McGrellis [Bonnybridge], Daniel "Danny" Wightman, Catherine (Rena) (born Devine) Mulligan, Catherine Philips [Australia], Betty Lang [Kildrum]

Month's Mind Kathleen McGuire

Special Remembrance of all *Deceased Relatives, Friends & Benefactors*, 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, Bill & Cathie Burns, Agnes, Lilian & Margaret (Burns), Francie Taggart, Edward McBride, Helen Taggart, Patricia (born Lamb) Stewart

Anniversaries: Rev Sr Anna Friel MMM, 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, Ana Taggart, Larry Differ, Mr Edward "Eddie" Keating [12th], William & Isabel McGrath, Patrick O'Brien [30th], Danny Rooney, James Taggart, Agnes Barnes, Peter McKendry, Robert Mellon

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Munchin, St Geneviève*; Tuesday: *St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Blessed Zedislava of Lemberg OP*; Wednesday: *St John Neumann*; Friday *St Raymond of Penyafort, St Cnut*; Saturday: *St Nathalan, St Peter Thomas*; (Sunday: *Baptism 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


The Epiphany of the Lord [C]

1st / 2nd January 2022

Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71 "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord"; (Eph 3: 2-3,5-6); Lk 2: 1-12

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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 especially to Fr Billy Harrison (*Salvatorian*) and Fr Javier Alvarado (*Comboni Missionary*),

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.

While only every second pew is in use, *Track and Trace* is not required. As with Government Advice, please take a “lateral flow test” before being in close contact with those NOT of your “bubble.”

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

Bishops of Scotland Due to the latest COVID situation, the obligation to attend Mass on *Sundays and Holydays of Obligation* will NOT be reinstated for the time being.

Flourish visit: <https://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk/downloads/Flourish-December-2021.pdf>



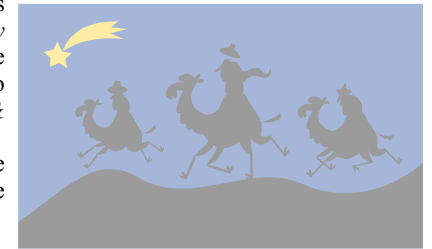
Parish Bulletins Items should reach the *Chapel House* by Thursday evening.

When an *Anniversary* is handed in to the *Chapel House* (before Thursday evening) then please presume that the details will be appear in the Bulletin, the following weekend. Please mark: “For the *Parish Bulletin*.”

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.

<— Re Cartoon: Yes, it’s a Repeat of this time last year cartoon, because...

Crib the Magi have “arrived” at the Crib, bearing Gifts of “*Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh*.” Thanks to the *Holy Ghost Fathers* in *Arba Minch*, Ethiopia for the *Frankincense & Myrrh*. We take this opportunity to congratulate the *Crib-builders* and to thank the *Sheep & Cattle* from *Mr Montgomery’s Farm* for the straw. The Crib will be taken down in a few days but the *Nativity Banner* will remain until the Feast of the *Presentation of the Lord* (2nd February).



New Year At noon (no earlier Mass): *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>

Pope Francis wishes “to propose three paths for building a lasting peace...”

Dialogue between generations to build peace... Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. The global crisis we are experiencing makes it clear that encounter and dialogue between generations should be the driving force behind a healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present “with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes”, but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others, in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future...

Teaching and education as drivers of peace... In recent years, there has been a significant reduction worldwide in funding for education and training; these have been seen more as expenditures than investments. Yet they are the primary means of promoting integral human development; they make individuals more free and responsible, and they are essential for the defence and promotion of peace. In a word, teaching and education are the foundations of a cohesive civil society capable of generating hope, prosperity and progress.

Creating and ensuring labour builds peace... there is a need to promote, welcome and support initiatives that, on all levels, urge companies to respect the fundamental human rights of workers, raising awareness not only on the part of institutions, but also among consumers, civil society and entrepreneurial entities. As the latter become more and more conscious of their role in society, the more they will become places where human dignity is respected. In this way, they will contribute to building peace. Here, politics is called to play an active role by promoting a fair balance between economic freedom and social justice. All who work in this field, starting with Catholic workers and entrepreneurs, can find sure guidelines in the Church’s social doctrine...

Justice & Peace Group meets on Wednesday 5th January at 7pm via *ZOOM*. Contact Details from Chapel House. Agenda includes: Christians in the *Holy Land*; J & P and the *Synodal Process*.

Happy & Blessed 2021 New Year to all our Readers