

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed both Finlay George & Nathan Jack Daly from Original Sin and bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "...our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted" [Rom 13: 11].

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Dorothy Starkey, Mary (born Owens) McCormack, Catherine Curry, Jim Curry, Eileen Reilly [*Aviemore*], Nicky Lamb, Jean Robertson, Jim Ringrose, Brian Hughes, Elizabeth Lynagh, Mark Costello, Vincent Trama, Susan McGuire, Alan Starkey, Mary Taggart, Adam Johnston, Elizabeth "Betty" McCann, Walter Schmidt, Denis Brown, Alyx Halliburton [*Coatbridge*], Maureen (born Flynn) McLaren [*Vancouver*], Bernardine Daly, Mary Crainie, Arthur Kenny, Margaret Bett, Charlie Boyle [*Condorrat*]

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

Recently Dead: Jim McLaren [*Croy*; Receive: Wednesday at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Thursday at 10am], Robert Rae [*Croy*], Christopher McMullan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Walter Inglis [*Bellshill*], Mary Rooney [*Kirkintilloch*], Marion Collins [*Barrhead*], Marie Docherty [*Bishopbriggs*], Len Byrne

3 Months' Mind Michael Griffin

6 Months' Mind John McLaren

Anniversaries: Jim McMahon, Ramon Fazzini, Ellen Paton, Lizzie Hadnum, Elaine McKay, Baby Emily Durkin, Maureen Kelly, Fr Francis Xavier Barry, Aidan Patrick & George Joseph Curtis (twins), Maria Curtis, Mary Donaldson, Sammy Brady, Eliza Yard Brady, Charlie Clark, Anne Anderson, James McCondichie, Jay Livingstone, Jim McMahon, John Cairns, Teresa Slaven, Julie Reynolds Johnstone

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Birinus, St Hedda*; Tuesday: *St Nicholas*; Wednesday: *St Ambrose*; Thursday: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (the only one preserved from *Original Sin*); Friday: *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*; Saturday: *Our Lady of Loretto, St John Roberts*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) [A]*)

Pope Francis Intentions for December: *Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations* "We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation." Or visit <https://youtu.be/bsJxQAKiTHM>



Holy Cross Croy

Second Sunday of Advent [A]

3rd/4th December 2022

Is 11: 1-10; Ps 71 "In his days justice shall flourish & peace till the moon fails."; Rom 15: 4-9;
Mtt 3: 1-12

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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed September 2022

COVID- 19 Re the *Sign of Peace*: in this parish, we will continue to "bow in our bubbles." Receiving *Holy Communion* (low Gluten Hosts available); those distributing *Holy Communion* will continue to sanitise hands & to wear a mask/ visor; *Holy Communion* on the tongue better at the very end of the *Procession*. A "fogger machine" will still be in use and windows opened regularly.

Day Visits: Church Building open early morning till early evening, but do not cross the cords.

Holy Mass: *Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 9.30am & 11.40am.* Weekday Mass is at 10am. *First Morning Mass* is Streamed Live (unless otherwise advertised) on *Parish YouTube Page*, via Parish's Website & *Parish Facebook*, search "Holy Cross Croy" courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*.

Children's Liturgy by Trained & PVG'd Catechists during Sunday Morning Masses- term-time.

Baptisms Normally Sundays at 12.45pm (see Fr Sullivan)

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

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 after Mass on Tuesdays.

Weddings: Normally contact *Parish Priest* at least 6 months beforehand

Holy Rosary Monday- Saturday around 9.30am (earlier when there is a funeral)

Bulletins & LARGE PRINT Bulletins: on-line; either *Parish Website* or *Facebook* or *Twitter Pages*; also available in *Porch Area* & at *Door of Chapel House*.

Parish Safeguarding: Tel: 07716387645 / 07707868421 or email: holycross.croy-psc@rcag.org.uk
Policy Document available <https://www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2/tabid/131/Default.aspx>

Hall Bookings: Maximum 125 persons. To Hire Hall email: holycrosshall.croy@rcag.org.uk (or Tuesday 6- 7pm or Friday 1- 2pm: Mobile: 07763 592716)

Flourish free copies in porch area or visit www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk

Special Christmas Clean Volunteers requested for Mondays at 10.30am or 6.30pm... other times also available, see Fr Joe or one of our conscientious Cleaners.

First Holy Communion in 2023 *Final Call* for those who wish to hire the Parochial Hall on Saturday 13th or 20th May. Otherwise the dates will go elsewhere.

Piety Stall many Confirmation Gifts, Youth Catechisms, Christmas Cards etc available

Warm Welcome for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* will be open 7- 9pm Monday to Thursday evening inclusive (to be reviewed at the beginning of the School Holidays).

Thursdays of Advent Afternoon Mass in *St Andrew's Primary*. Friends & Family welcome.

Caring Sunday *St Nicholas Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust* next weekend with a *Special Collection* and take- home materials are available for uplift in Porch area

Catholic Education Sunday Well done the Staff & Pupils at *Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primaries* and at *St Maurice's & Our Lady's High Schools*. The *Collection* for *Catholic Education*= £500

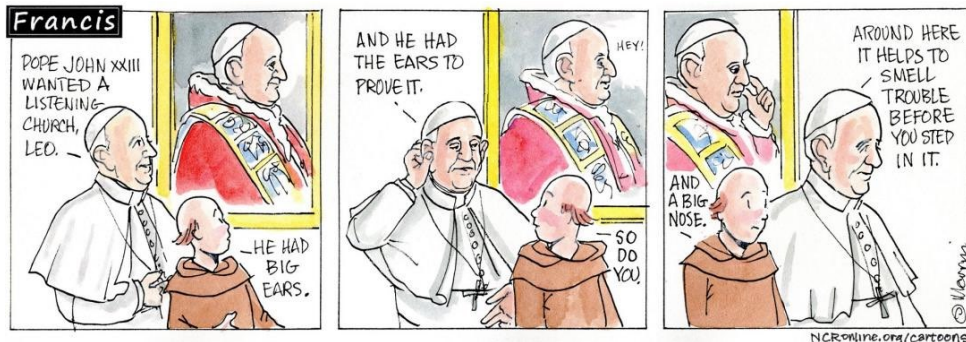
Exchange of Confessionals with *St Patrick's* Kilsyth next Saturday 10th Dec. Fr Sullivan will be there for their morning Mass followed by *Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation* while one of the *St Patrick's* Priests will be here (barring a funeral).

Archbishop Bill writes (to the P7): "May I thank you for sending the Letters requesting *Confirmation* and letting me know about the *Saint's Name* you had chosen. I enjoyed the *Confirmation Mass*... and I hope the *Gift of the Holy Spirit* will enable you to do great things."

Archbishop Nolan writes: "Well done to everyone involved in the *Confirmation*... *Holy Cross, Croy* wins the Award of the most (pastorally) visited parish!..."

Cumbernauld Chess Club meets on Wednesdays, 7- 9pm in Parish Hall, new Members welcome.

Safeguarding Every Group which uses Hall must submit their *Safeguarding Policy* before Christmas



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Christmas Presents for those financially less well- off. Either label "boy aged 6" or "girl/ boy aged over 10..." or leave unwrapped. In Porch Area by this Sunday, 4th Dec.

Prisoners of Conscience on 3rd /4th December, *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.



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 "2022" on the sheet with the street name and take the required number of cards.

Rehearsals for the *Children's Nativity* at 5pm at *First Mass of Christmas* (24th Dec), after 9.30 Mass.

Justice & Peace Group meets Wednesday 5th December at 7pm in *Parish Hall*.

Marriage, Family & Life Parish Group will have its first Meeting on Monday 12th December at 5pm (or 7pm for those who can't manage earlier time) in *Parish Hall*. This would encourage (especially young) families & would mirror the Commission at Bishops' Level. Its work basically involves encouragement to families to be the "building block" of society.

St Nicholas' Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust Boxes are available for uplift in porch area. The *Second Collection* on 18th December will be for this purpose.

Men's Acoustic Night in aid of *The Wayside Homeless Charity* on Friday 9th December at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. Recent *Acoustic Night* in aid of *St Maurice's Pupils' Work in Malawi* = £500

Festival of Light on Sunday 11th Dec. at 7.30pm in *St Mungo's*, Cumbernauld. Fr Sullivan has been asked to "give the *Benediction*."

Pantomime Screenings (No Cost but donations to defray costs welcome) of "Jack & the Beanstalk" on Thursday (15th Dec) at 7.30pm and then "Pantoland" on Friday (16th Dec) at 4.30pm and then "Cinderella" at 7.30pm in *Parish Hall* with kind planning of *Croy Community Hub*. Visit <http://cch-events.eventbrite.com/> or www.croycommunityhub.co.uk

Used Stamps for the *Missions*: see box in porch area.

We long to see Thee so, To see Thee newly born. We long for Christmas morn. The sands of time run slow,
Chorus: *O come, O come, O come. Our Saviour dear to be, O come, O come, O come, We have no King but Thee.*

We long to see Thee so, To see the angel's glory, To hear their midnight story And with the Shepherds go.
Chorus: *O come, O come, O come. Our Saviour dear to be...*