

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his life, passion, death and resurrection, has freed Grace Bennett from Original Sin and bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand" [cf Matt 3: 2].

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, Alyx Halliburton [*Coatbridge*], Maureen (born Flynn) McLaren [*Vancouver*], Bernardine Daly, Mary Crainie, Arthur Kenny, Margaret Bett, Charlie Boyle [*Condorrat*], Linda Fraser

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

Recently Dead: Very Rev Canon Pat Kelly [Receive at Holy Name, Mansewood, Glasgow on Wednesday; Funeral Mass on Thursday at 12.30pm], Jim McLaren [Croy], Mary Rooney [Kirkintilloch], Marion Collins [Barrhead], Marie Docherty [Bishopbriggs], Len Byrne, Robert McCallum [South Africa], Robert McCarthy [USA formerly Drumoyne], Gerald Mulholland [Condorrat], Mrs Patricia Canner [Retford formerly Glasgow], Pat McAspurren [Cardowan], Denis Brown [Plains]

Month's Mind Archbishop Mario Conti [Mass: Thursday 22nd Dec at 1pm in Saint Andrew's Cathedral], Owen Higney

3 Months' Mind Michael Griffin, Mary Frances (born Watson) Greenan,

6 Months' Mind John McLaren

9 Months' Mind Irene Cairney

Special Remembrance David Robertson

Anniversaries: Anne Anderson, James McCondichie, Jay Livingstone, Jim McMahan, John Cairns, Teresa Slaven, Julie Reynolds Johnstone, Eddie Weldon, Bob McLaren, Charlie O'Donnell, Margaret (born Currie) Livingstone, Jeff Paterson, Pets Higney, Jane Friel, Patrick "Pakky" Friel, Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons, James Kiernan, John Waters, Willie Brannan,

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe, St Finian*; Tuesday: *St Lucy*; Wednesday: *St John of the Cross*; Thursday: *St Mary di Rosa*; Friday: *Blessed Mary of the Angels*; Saturday: *St Florian*; (Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Advent [A]*)



Holy Cross Croy

Third Sunday of Advent [A]

10th/11th December 2022

Is 13: 1-6,10; Ps 71 "Come, Lord, and save us."; James 5: 7-10; Mt 11: 2-11

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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)

Caring Sunday St Nicholas' Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust take-home materials are available for uplift in porch area. The *Second Collection* this weekend, 11th/ 12th December will be for this purpose.

Penitential Service with extra Priests on Tuesday 20th December at 7pm.

Nativity Dress Rehearsal by P1- P3 at *Holy Cross Primary* on Wednesday at 1.15pm. Free Show to which all *Senior Parishioners* and *Grandparents* are invited, in *School Hall*.

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

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 Mass at 1.30pm in *St Andrew's Primary*. Friends & Family welcome.

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

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

Correction- Prisoners Week A couple of weeks ago we reported that: “On behalf of the Parish, a donation has been sent to the main *RC Prison Chaplain* for Scotland.” In fact the Donation went to one of the *RC Chaplains* at Low Moss & Barlinnie Prisons- solely for administrative reasons. *Pope Francis* speaking to *Prison Chaplains* said: “*Thinking about this is good for me: when I have the same weaknesses, Why did they fall and I didn't? This is a mystery that makes me pray and draws me to prisoners.*”

Flowers for the Altar Well done *Anonymous Donor* of £250 for *Flowers for the Altar for Christmas*

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



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Christmas

Saturday 24th December

10am *Morning Mass (live-streamed)*

5pm *First Mass of Christmas with Holy Cross Music Group*

9pm *Night Mass of Christmas* (music: *Croy Silver Band* and *Organist Tony Graham*)

Sunday 25th December

10am *Christmas Morning Mass* with *Holy Cross Music Group* & live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*



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 *First Mass of Christmas* (24th Dec), after 9.30 Mass.

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.

Christmas Presents for those materially less- fortunate than our own: Well done those who were able to support this initiative & those who were able to distribute them responsibly, especially *SVDP*.

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 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*. (No Cost but donations to defray costs welcome) Visit <http://cch-events.eventbrite.com/> or www.croycommunityhub.co.uk

Prisoners of Conscience Well done those who were able to send a (Christmas/ Greetings) Card to a *Prisoner of Conscience* who has NOT advocated violence but is being held. If you missed and are willing then there are some materials in Porch area still or visit: <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/> 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.

Query of the Week What is a suitable Collective Noun for the *Stream Team*? Answers so far: “*An Interference of the Stream Team*” and “*A Cable/ Cabal of the Stream Team*.”

Anonymous Quote of the Week “Again, thank you... (Stream) Team for what you do for people who have their own difficulties to face & live with and simply cannot physically ‘get’ to Mass. It continues to be very much appreciated (please accept Cheque for £20).”