

Intimations

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

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

Recently Dead: Lizzie (born Crainie) Higgins [*Croy; Receive:* Wednesday at 6.30pm; *Funeral Mass:* Thursday at 10am; the family has asked this NOT be live-streamed], Robert McCallum [*South Africa*], Robert McCarthy [*USA formerly Drumoyne*], Gerald Mulholland [*Condorrat*], Mrs Patricia Canner [*Retford formerly Glasgow*], Pat McAspurren [*Cardowan*], Denis Brown [*Plains*], James “Jim” Maher [*Cumbernauld*], Robert McMahon, Catherine (Kuchta) Spengel

Month’s Mind Archbishop Mario Conti [*Mass:* Thursday 22nd Dec at 1pm in *Saint Andrew’s Cathedral*], Owen Higney, Robert Rae, John McNeil

3 Months’ Mind Mary Frances (born Watson) Greenan,

9 Months’ Mind Irene Cairney

Special Remembrance David Robertson, Hugh Rae, Janes Graham, James & Marie Rafferty, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, Agnes Graham

Anniversaries: Eddie Weldon, Bob McLaren, Charlie O’Donnell, Margaret (born Currie) Livingstone, Jeff Paterson, Petsy Higney, Jane Friel, Patrick “Pakky” Friel, Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons, James Kiernan, John Waters, Willie Brannan, Brian Walsh, Rena (Catherine Devine) Mulligan [1st], Ella Clark, Tommy Taggart, John “Jocky” Bennett, Agnes McManus Doolan, Moira Crainie, Danny Brady, Ownie O’Donnell. Anne Jess, Susan McGuire, Kathleen (born Bolan) Brady [1st], Patsy (Livingstone) Durkin, Ella (Higney) Clark, George “Junior” Curtis, Albert Brady, Pat Carlin, Alice Higney

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Tuesday: *St Fachanan*; Wednesday: *St Peter Canisius*; Thursday: *St Flavian, St Hunger*; Friday: *St John of Kanty*; Saturday: *St Adele, St Lucian*; (Sunday: *The Nativity of the Lord*)



Holy Cross Croy

Fourth Sunday of Advent [A]

17th/18th December 2022

Is 7: 10-14; Ps 23 “Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory”; Rom 1: 1-7; Mtt 1: 18-24

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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)



New Year At noon: *Mass of Mary, Mother of God* on Friday 1st January 2023. It is also the 56th *World Day for Peace*. The Theme is "There is light even in our darkest hour." This Parish will mark the Day immediately after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 1st January at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.

St Nicholas' Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust Boxes: please return by Christmas. The *Second Collection* last weekend raised £600. Well done those who were willing and able to support this Initiative.

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

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

Outside Notice-Boards on should be appearing this week. It was agreed that the one at the gate should have a QR Code leading to some "good news." Well done for the £500 from *Anonymous*

Warm Welcome for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* will be open 7- 9pm Monday to Thursday evening inclusive. This will end on Thursday (22nd Dec) and the response will be reviewed. Well done the Groups & individuals who kindly offered hospitality. Well done to *North Lanarkshire Council Warmplace* for a donation of £144 to assist with heating costs. Well done to *HC St Vincent de Paul Society* who are also assisting re funding.

Hall Matters: After discussion with the *Parish Fabric & Finance Team*, the Cost of an (adult) evening Hall Hire will rise to £110 to keep up with inflation and help cover heating costs. A children's party hire will remain at £75

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

End of Term Service for *Holy Cross Primary* in Church Building on Thursday at 1.10pm. Friends & Family welcome.

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

Erskine "Caring for Veterans since 1916" was sent a cheque for £50 on behalf of the Parish, for their work (on the occasion of *Remembrance Sunday*).



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Christmas

Saturday 24th December

10am *Morning Mass (live- streamed)*

5pm *First Mass of Christmas with Children's Nativity and Music by 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*

Saturday 31st December 2022

10am *Morning Mass (live- streamed)*

4pm *First Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God*

6pm *Second Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God* (music:

Mr R Graham)

Sunday 1st January 2023

12noon *Day Mass of Mary Mother of God* with *Holy Cross Music Group* & live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*



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

Bereavement Group meets on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm in *Parochial Hall*.

Parish Family Initiative met recently. Agenda included: some sort of a Gift from the Parish on the Wedding day and some sort of welcome around the Parish Feast Day for newly married couples. There was also discussion of ways to encourage the (parents of the) newly baptised. Its work basically involves encouragement to families to be the "building block" of society.

Bishops' Conference of Scotland- Commission for Marriage, Family and Life Provision for Marriage Counselling in Scotland In order to help provide married couples in difficulty we are aiming to recruit a national network of counsellors who can assist those who seek help. At this stage we are appealing to those who are already qualified as counsellors & who would be interested in completing some further training. If interested, please phone 07706 063936 to have an initial chat.

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*.

Online Prayer event for young *Catholic Adults* aged 20-40 Join us for a post- Christmas rosary and reflection via Zoom on Tues 27th Dec at 8- 8.30pm. Info & tickets email: 2040network@gmail.com

Monthly Pro-Life Mass on Wednesday, 21st Dec at 7.30pm at *Holy Cross*, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards- all welcome. Celebrant: *Fr Lukose Kannimel*.

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...*

We long to see Thee so, No other joys can please us, We want Thee Baby Jesus, The sands of time run slow.
Chorus: *O come, O come, O come. Our Saviour dear to be... [by S.N.D.]*