

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, Charlie Boyle [Condorrat], Linda Fraser

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

Recently Dead: Daniel Stobo [Glasgow formerly Balloch- Eastfield], Lizzie (born Crainie) Higgins [Croy], James "Jim" Maher [Cumbernauld], Robert McMahon, Catherine (Kuchta) Spengel, Margaret Bett [Glasgow], Paddy Rogers [Co Leitrim], Rev Fr Otis Young, Ruth Prats

Month's Mind Robert Rae, John McNeil, Jim McLaren

Special Remembrance Hugh Rae, James Graham, James & Marie Rafferty, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, Agnes Graham, Danny Comrie, Annie & Peter Waters, Dan Comrie, Chriss Comrie, James Mulholland, James & Norah Kelly, Annie & Adele Sharkey, Thomas & Emma Shiels, Hugh & Annie Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, James Griffin, Mary Griffin, Irene Griffin, John Cardle, Archie & Alice Crainie, Alec & Janette McCann, Rose Nash, Patrick O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Harry Murphy, Ann (born Curran) Murphy, Grace Carr, Robert Carr

Anniversaries: 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, Robbie Milne, Anthony (Tony) Quinn, Peter Owen O'Brien, Gerry Kane, John McKay, Jane Daugela, Jim Daugela, Edward McCarroll, Jeannie McCarroll, David Barrie, Mary Barrie, Mr Eddie Keating, Mary Ford Dixon, Ann Montgomery Wilson, Peter Montgomery, Dan Durick, Mary Kearney Currie, John Lang, Elizabeth & Tommy Barrett, Rev Sr Anna Friel MMM

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Stephen*; Tuesday: *St John*; Wednesday: *The Holy Innocents*; Thursday: *St Thomas à Becket*; Friday: *The Holy Family [A]*; Saturday: *St Sylvester I*; (Sunday: *Mary, the Mother of God*)



Holy Cross Croy

The Nativity of the Lord

24th/ 25th December 2022

Is 9: 1-7; *Ps* 95 "Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord"; *Tit* 2: 11-14; *Lk* 2: 1-14 or *Is* 62: 11-12; *Ps* 96 "This day new light will shine upon the earth, the Lord is born for us"; *Tit* 3: 4-7; *Lk* 2: 15-20

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"Holy Cross Croy" on *YouTube*, *Facebook* & *Twitter*, and is a *Fairtrade Parish*

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)

Christmas Congratulations to those who help make this time so uplifting: 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*), *Croy Silver Band*, 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 2022. Well done to those who took the Parish Christmas Card around the houses & homes.

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!

Christmas Quarterly is now due. Proceeds to *Ecclesiastical Students-* helping to fund seminarians.

Special Collection this weekend to help pay for the recent decorating of the *Church Building*, which hopefully is welcomed.

St Nicholas' Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust Boxes: please return asap.

Crib Well done to the Sheep & Cattle from *Mr Montgomery's Farm* who donated straw for the Crib. *Donations* will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society-* The Society helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. 274 Bath St, 0141- 332 8371 or www. stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

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

Congratulations for the *Anonymous Donation* of £50 towards the "recent edition to the altar... I have nothing but fond memories of *Holy Cross Church*... I wish you a *happy & holy Christmas*..." ...and another "well done" to the *Anonymous Donors* of Chocolates for the Altar Servers!



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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*

8.30pm *Carol Service* (music: *Croy Silver Band and Organist Tony Graham*)

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*

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.

New Year At noon: *Mass of Mary, Mother of God* on Sunday 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*. The Invited Guest this year is *Mr James Currie* from the *Salvation Army*.

New Signage on Parish Grounds The "strap-line" (on the roadside one) is a paraphrase from Fr William (Bill) Anderson, the QR Code leads to possible evangelisation and the logo was created by *25WestDesign*. The overall design of the Signage is by *Cole AD* and realised by *Signs Express*. Well done the *Anonymous Donors* of £500 to help fund this initiative.

Western Catholic Calendar on sale in Piety Stall= £3.20

Men's Acoustic Night in aid of *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* on Friday 30th December at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. Recent *Acoustic Night* in aid of *The Wayside Homeless Charity* = £440

Online Prayer event for young *Catholics* aged 20-40 Join for post- Christmas *R & R = Rosary & Reflection* via Zoom on Tuesday 27th Dec at 8- 8.30pm. Info & tickets: 2040network@gmail.com

Archbishop Bill: "May I wish you peace and joy this *Christmas Season*. A peace & joy that comes not from the world in which we live but from God. Every Christmas we are reminded that God is actively present in our life. Each Christmas we are urged to recognise the love that God has for us. And it is knowing, in the depth of our heart, that we are valued & loved by God that gives us peace. Someone cares for us, and that someone is not just anyone, it is God. In this imperfect world we can't avoid difficulties and problems. At Christmas we don't cover these over with tinsel and fairy lights and pretend that all is well. But we do recognize that we do not face these challenges on our own, because God cares. We are valued and we are loved. We are not alone because God is with us. With my blessing for Christmas and New Year. +William Nolan Archbishop of Glasgow "

