

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his passion, death & resurrection, and by the Grace of Christ in this Sacrament has freed both Willow Sophia and Zak Law from Original Sin & bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. “Come you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world” [Matt 25: 34]

Wedding Bells recently rang out for John Neil-Rice and Emma Leigh Somers. “For love is strong as death... The flash of it is a flash of fire, a flame of the Lord himself” [cf Song of Songs 8:6-7]. The Flowers from their wedding are adorning the Church Building... well done!

Your charitable prayers are requested for...

Sick: Paul McGarr, Dorothy Starkey, Rev Sr Jeanette SND, Sammy Waters, Eileen Reilly [Inverness], Gabriella Carlomagno, Lawrie Cordiner, Margaret Hackett, James “Jim” Thompson [Spain], Kathleen Currie, Jim Currie

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

Recently Dead: Margaret (born Gallagher) Kelly [Moodiesburn], Billy Brackenbridge, Eileen Angus [Glasgow], Christopher McPhee, Marion O’Brien [Robroyston formerly Cumbernauld], Peter Creron [Crosshill], Kathleen Law [former HT of Sacred Heart Primary], Shane McGowan, Margaret Gorman

Month’s Mind Margaret Carberry, Tom Breslin

Special Remembrance Frank Drummond

Anniversaries: Ian and Elizabeth Sinclair, Danny Comri, Jim McCondichie, Jim McLaren [1], Richard (Dick) McLaren, Elaine McKay, Jim McMahan, John O’Neill, Lizzie Hadnum, Baby Emily Durkan, Teresa Slaven, Daniel Stobo [1], Bill Quigley, Ellen Paton, Jay Livingstone, Ramon Fazzini, Jim McMahan, Teresa Slaven

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St John Damascene*; Tuesday: *St Birinus, St Hedda*; Wednesday: *St Nicholas*; Thursday: *St Ambrose*; Friday: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (the only one of us, by *Christ’s Grace*, preserved from *Original Sin*); Saturday: *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent [B]*)

Pope Francis’ Intentions for December *For persons with disabilities* “We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.”

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Holy Cross Croy

First Sunday of Advent [B]

2/ 3 December 2023

1s 63: 16ff, 64:1ff; Ps 79: “God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us & we shall be saved”; 1Cor 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33- 37

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we are a Fairtrade Parish & a Laudato Si’- registered Parish

Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan PVG Scheme renewed September 2022

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

Holy Mass: Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 9.30am & 11.40am.

Weekday Mass at 10am which is (normally) Streamed Live on Parish YouTube Page, via Parish’s Website & Parish Facebook, search “Holy Cross Croy” courtesy Holy Cross Stream Team.

Children’s Liturgy by PVG’d Catechists during Sunday Morning Masses- term-time.

Baptisms Normally Sundays at 12.35pm (see Parish Priest after whichever Sunday Mass attended)

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

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 (barring funeral).

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>

Finance For those who are able (without putting their own security at risk), could you consider a payment, automatically through your bank, or directly from your electronic banking to the parish account? Select the scheme your bank has for you to be in control. Please Contact the parish for Parish Bank Account details then YOU can set this up. To Donate “on-line” please visit https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG181 or Scan the QR code with your phone to make a donation. Contributions can also be ‘gift-aided’ so that we can reclaim the tax from the Government. Please contact the Parish for more information.

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



SPRED Family Mass will be held here this Sunday (3 Dec) at 11.40am. Readings will be mimed and SPRED Members will lead the Music. We take this opportunity to congratulate all those who work in *Special Religious Education*- SPRED.

If you are interested in meeting SPRED members or finding out more about their work simply pop into the parish Hall after 11.40am Mass.

Thinking about becoming an RC? Weekly Meet on Wednesdays at 7.15pm in the *Chapel House*.

Friday Mass (10am) by *Holy Cross Primary*- this Friday (*Immaculate Conception*), barring funeral.

Advent Mass on Mondays begins this week at *St Andrew's Primary*...and daily at *St Maurice's*.

Exchange of (Mass &) Confessionals on Saturday 9 December one of the Priests from *St Patrick's Kilsyth* will be here for 10am Mass followed by Confessions (barring a funeral). Similarly, on Thursday 14 December *Fr Mulholland* from *Our Lady & St Helen's* will be here (& Fr Joe there).

Catholic Education Sunday Well done Staff & Pupils at *Holy Cross & St Andrew's Primaries* and at *St Maurice's & Our Lady's High Schools* who enlivened Masses last weekend. Special *Collection for Catholic Education* = £550 Theme "Pilgrims of Faith" <https://sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week/>

Pre-loved Wheelchair and Walking Frame (at Wheelchair accessible door- Pass-keepers please be aware) have been donated to the Parish in fond memory of the *Anonymous Donor's* mother RIP.

Anonymous Donor of £25 to assist with the *live- Streaming*. Well done!

Statistics of the Week to date, Parish *Facebook Page*, re 5 November 2023, Parish Bulletin "Reached" 1448 people; Bulletin for 12 Nov "Reached" 1284 people; Bulletin for 19 Nov "Reached" 1102 people; Bulletin for 26 Nov "Reached" 807 people.

Warm Welcome/ Heat Hub for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* will be open 7- 9pm Monday to Thursday evening inclusive; on occasion, a hot beverage will be available. *North Lanarkshire Council*- supplied Period Products available.



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Christmas Presents for those financially less well- off. Please either label "boy aged 6" or "girl/ boy aged over 10..." etc or leave unwrapped. In *Porch Area* by this weekend, Sunday 3 December. They will be distributed, by *SVDP* and others.

Prisoners of Conscience *Justice & Peace Group & Caritas* Volunteers will invite you to send a Christmas/ Greetings Card to a *Prisoner of Conscience* who has NOT advocated violence but is being held this weekend 2/ 3 December. The Materials come from *Action of Christians Against Torture*.

Some are Christian, in which case you may wish to send a "Religious" card. 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 street or a neighbouring street or odd- or even-numbers of the street. Just write "2023" on the sheet with the street name and take the required number of cards.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during *Saturday Morning Confessions*, barring a funeral (& not during *Lent*), will begin in 2024 (as discussed at the recent *Parish Pastoral Council*).

Children's Nativity Tableau at the *First Mass of Christmas* (24 Dec) Rehearsals after Sunday 9.30am Mass for the next few Sundays. NB the *Tableau* will NOT be recorded or streamed.

St Nicholas' Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust Boxes will be available for uplift next weekend. The *Second Collection* on 17 December will be for this purpose.

Craighalbert's Christmas Show Tuesday morning, 19 Dec. If YOU would like to represent parish with Fr Joe, please see him asap., to enjoy this celebration with *Children with Motor Impairments*.

Lentfest 2024 AGAP is seeking actors for forthcoming theatre productions. Open Auditions on 4 December, 5- 8pm in *Archdiocesan Offices*, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. Musicians, poets & anyone wishing to take part in Lentfest as a performer or helper, & from any person or organisation wishing to propose an event for inclusion please visit: www.linktr.ee/agapglasgow or call 0141 552 5527

St Aloysius College, Glasgow Junior and Senior School Open Morning: Friday 8 December - 10.30am – 12noon; *Kindergarten* Open Morning: Friday 8 December - 10.30am – 12noon

Sad, Sad News The *Carmelite Sisters*, Waterside, Kirkintilloch, who have supplied Hosts for Mass for this parish from at least the 1960s will no longer be able to so (from the New Year) as they are moving to smaller premises. You may well wish to visit them before 2024, to wish them "all the very best" for their new *Foundation*. We take this opportunity to thank the *Sisters* for being a "Powerhouse of Prayer" for so long in this area.

Quote of the Week As a passing Organist checks out the "old" Choir Material in the Choir Loft Cupboards: "The stuff they were singing would give *Taylor Swift* or *Maria Callas* a run for their money... and these were working *Miners* without trained voices!"

