

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his passion, death & resurrection, and by the Grace of Christ in this Sacrament has freed Adaline Angela Audrey Mackie from Original Sin & bestowed on her Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "...I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ" [cf 1Cor 1: 4].

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, Kathleen Currie, Jim Currie,

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

**Recently Dead:** Betty Cahill [Croy; Receive: Tuesday 19 Dec at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Wednesday 20 Dec at 10am; the family has asked this NOT be live-streamed], Mary (born Meechan) Kelly [Bellshill formerly Croy], Peter Creron [Crosshill], Margaret (born Tomnay) Gorman [Shettleston], Thomas "Tommy" Kelly [Moodiesburn],

**Month's Mind** Margaret Carberry

**3 Months' Mind** Kathleen Smith, Charlie Gribbin

**6 Months' Mind** Robert "Roy" Reynolds

**Special Remembrance** James & Charles Hart, Eleanor (Hart) O'Hara, Brian Campbell

**Anniversaries:** Bill Quigley, Ellen Paton, Jay Livingstone, Ramon Fazzini, Jim McMahon, Teresa Slaven, Alexander Massie, Denis Brown, Julie Anne Johnstone Reynolds, Pat Boyce, Charles Hart, John O'Hara, Gerry Martin, Thomas "Tam" Curran, Janet Mary Massie, Charlie Clark, Anne Anderson, Bob McLaren, Mr Jeff Paterson, Eddie Weldon, Willie Brannan, Patrick "Packy" Friel, Charlie O'Donnell, Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons, George Curtis (Junior), Samuel Brady, Eliza Yard Brady, Albert Brady, Joseph Maina, James Kiernan, John Waters

In the Good Company of...

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



# Holy Cross

## Croy

Second Sunday of Advent [B]

9/10 December 2023

Is 40: 1-5,9-11; Ps 84: "Let us see, O Lord, your mercy & give us your saving help"; 2Pet 3: 8-14; Mk 1: 1-8

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"Holy Cross Croy" on YouTube, Facebook & X (Twitter),  
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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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* next weekend, 16/ 17 December will be for this purpose.

**Special Christmas Clean** Volunteers requested for Mondays at 10.30am or Tuesday at 5pm... other times also available, see Fr Joe or one of our dedicated Cleaners.

**Advent Mass** on Mondays continues at *St Andrew's Primary*...& daily at *St Maurice's High School*.

**Exchange of (Mass &) Confessionals** on Thursday at 10am, *Fr Mulholland* from *Our Lady & St Helen's* will be here.

**Flourish:** Advent/Christmas edition is free Porch Area/ on line at <http://flourishnewspaper.co.uk>. Updates on future parish provision, Glasgow's new Catholic Museum; tips on how to evangelise; letter from twin city of Bethlehem & Pope Francis on the 800th anniversary of first crib scene.

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

**Christmas Quarterly** is now due. Proceeds will go to the *Ecclesiastical Students Fund*.

**Dates for your Diary** Saturday 23 December Vigil Mass (music with *Mr R Graham*) at 6pm; Sunday 24 December, Masses at 9.30am (with *Holy Cross Music Group & live-streamed courtesy Holy Cross Stream Team*) & then 11.40am Mass; then 5pm *First Mass of Christmas* with *Children's Nativity Tableau & Music* by *Holy Cross Music Group*; and then 9pm *Night Mass of Christmas* (Music: *Croy Silver Band* and *Organist Tony Graham*) Monday 25th December: 10am *Christmas Morning Mass* with *Holy Cross Music Group & live-streamed courtesy HCStream Team*.

**Cumbernauld Centre Crib** Well done those who were willing and able to support the recent "*Blessing of/ Prayer at*" Ceremony, courtesy The Centre Cumbernauld Authorities.

**Cumbernauld Chess Club** off THIS Wednesday returns 20 Dec in Parish Hall then off till 10 Jan 24

**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 usually available.



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**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.

**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.

**Craighalbert's Christmas Show** Tuesday morning, 19 Dec. If YOU would like to represent the parish with Fr Joe, please see him asap., to enjoy this celebration with *Children with Motor Impairments*. Working with families and partners to deliver integrated learning, therapy and care for children in Scotland, supporting the enablement of children affected by motor impairments to achieve their potential and fulfil their ambitions.



**Smiles all Round !** *Christmas Presents for children* for those financially less well- off. Well done those who were able to support this fine initiative. They were distributed by *SVDP* and others.

**Prisoners of Conscience** Well done those who were able to support this recent fine initiative. For those who missed, some Materials (from *Action of Christians Against Torture*) are in Porch Area.

**Anonymous Donor** Well done for Flowers for the recent Feast of *Immaculate Conception*.

**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*).

**Emergency First Aid at Work Training** by NL Council at *Garrell Vale Centre*, Kilsyth on Tuesday 12 December, 9.30am- 4pm. Any Pass-keepers for this training (parish Expense) see Fr S asap.

**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 do 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.

**For Those who are Suffering from an Abusive Past** *Healing Retreat*, Restoring Human Dignity Monday 15 to Saturday 20 April 2024 at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those who are victims of rape, incest or abuse by a religious/ member of the clergy. If interested in this confidential healing retreat, contact: *Grief to Grace* at [margaret.clarke@griegtogracesuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griegtogracesuk.org)

**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...*