

Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his passion, death & resurrection, and by the Grace of Christ in this Sacrament has freed Michael Alexander and Effie Baxter from Original Sin & bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. "I (John the Baptist) have baptised you with water; but he (Christ and in this Sacrament) will baptise you with the Holy Spirit" [cf Mk 1:8].

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: Elizabeth (born Purves) Kinsler [Carrickstone; Receive: Tuesday 19 Dec at 9.55pm; Funeral Mass: Tuesday 19 Dec at 10am; the family has asked this be live-streamed, courtesy HC Stream Team], 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; Receive: Wednesday 20 Dec at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Thursday 21 Dec at 10am; the family has asked this be live-streamed, courtesy HC Stream Team], Thomas "Tommy" Kelly [Moodiesburn], Paul O'Byrne [near Loughborough]

Month's Mind Baby Indi Gregory

2 Months' Mind Wadea Al-Fayoume

3 Months' Mind Kathleen Smith, Charlie Gribbin

6 Months' Mind Robert "Roy" Reynolds

Special Remembrance James & Charles Hart, Brian Campbell, Caroline Glachan

Anniversaries: 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, Susan Starrs McGuire, Daniel Stobo [1], Agnes Doolan, Ann Montgomery Wilson, Ella Clark, David Barrie, Mary Barrie, Edward McCarroll, Robbie Milne, Tommy Taggart, Bill & Cathie McAteer, Margaret Henry, Jenetta Mary Massie, John "Jocky" Bennett, Patsy (Livingstone) Durkin, Danny Brady, Kathleen Brady, Eileen Starkey, Elizabeth (born McGrory) Kelly, Ownie O'Donnell, Annie Jess, Tracy Wilson, Margaret (Currie) Livingstone

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Flannan*; Wednesday: *St Fachanan*; Thursday: *St Peter Canisius*; Friday: *St Flavian, St Hunger*; Saturday: *St John of Kanty*; (Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Advent [B]*)



Holy Cross Croy

Third Sunday of Advent [B]

16/17 December 2023

Is 61: 1-2,10-11; Lk 1: "My soul rejoices in my God"; 1Thess 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8,19-28

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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

Penitential Service with extra Priests Monday 18 Dec at 7pm. In addition, on Monday, *Comboni Fr Javier* will be available after 10am Mass for the *Sacrament of Confession/ Reconciliation*. Two weeks ago, *Pope Francis* encouraged us: “*Advent is a good time to ‘approach his forgiveness’ through the sacrament of reconciliation and make more time for prayer & Bible reading.*”

Caring Sunday *St Nicholas’ Fund/ Pastoral Care Trust* take-home materials are available for uplift in porch area. The *Second Collection* this weekend, 16/ 17 December will be for this purpose. To donate by Card, please do so at the Porch Area but put a wee note to that effect in *Collection Bag* (to distinguish from *Parish Collection*). Please hand in any *St Nicholas/ PCT Boxes* before *Christmas*.

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 O-so- dedicated Cleaners.

Collections from *Sick/ Housebound & unable to get to Mass* for £190. Well done!

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*.

Mondays of Advent Mass at 9.15am in *St Andrew’s Primary*. Friends & Family welcome.

End of Term Service for *Holy Cross Primary* here on Friday at 1.10pm. Friends & Family welcome.

Bereavement Group meets on Monday 18 December at 7.30pm in *Chapel House*.

¿**Thinking about becoming an R C?** returns on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.15pm.

Well done! *Anonymous Donors* of £90 for *SCIAF* & £90 to *Parish* and then £25 to *Hall Dishwasher*.

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

Warm Welcome for those who wish, the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* open 7- 9pm Monday-Thursday will pause on Thursday (21 Dec) and the response will be reviewed. Well done the Groups & individuals who kindly offered hospitality on certain evenings. Well done to *NL Council* for the free Period Products. Well done to *HC St Vincent de Paul Society* who are assisting re heating.



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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 23 December:

10am Morning Mass (*Organist Mr Joe Curtis* live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*);

6pm *Vigil Mass* (music with *Mr R Graham* with *Organist Mr Tony Graham*);

Sunday 24 December

9.30am Mass (with *Holy Cross Music Group* & live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*);

11.40am Mass (music with *Our Lady’s High Caritas Group* with *Organist Prof John Pitcaithley*);

5pm Mass *First Mass of Christmas* with *Children’s Nativity Tableau* & Music by *Holy Cross Music Group*;

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

Monday 25 December:

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

Saturday 30 December 2022

10am *Morning Mass* (live-streamed courtesy *HCStream Team*).

6pm *Vigil Mass of Holy Family* (music: *Mr R Graham* with *Organist Mr Tony Graham*);

Sunday 31 January 2023

9.30am Mass (with *Holy Cross Music Group* & live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*)

11.40am Mass (music with *Our Lady’s High Caritas Group* with *Organist Prof John Pitcaithley*);

Monday 1 January 2024: Mary Mother of God and World Day for Peace

12noon *Day Mass of Mary Mother of God* with *Holy Cross Music Group* & live-streamed courtesy *Holy Cross Stream Team*. The *Theme for World Day for Peace* is “*Artificial Intelligence and Peace.*” This Parish will mark the *Day* immediately after 12noon Mass *inside/* at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.

The remarkable advances made in the field of artificial intelligence are having a rapidly increasing impact on human activity, personal and social life, politics and the economy. Pope Francis calls for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects. He recalls the need to be vigilant and to work so that a logic of violence and discrimination does not take root in the production and use of such devices, at the expense of the most fragile and excluded: injustice and inequalities fuel conflicts and antagonisms. The urgent need to orient the concept and use of artificial intelligence in a responsible way, so that it may be at the service of humanity and the protection of our common home, requires that ethical reflection be extended to the sphere of education and law. The protection of the dignity of the person, and concern for a fraternity effectively open to the entire human family, are indispensable conditions for technological development to help contribute to the promotion of justice and peace in the world.

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) at 5pm. Rehearsals after Sunday 9.30am Mass. NB the *Tableau* will NOT be recorded or streamed.

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.

