

## Intimations

Christ the Redeemer by his passion, death & resurrection, and by the Grace of Christ in this Sacrament has freed Eimear Devine Innes and James Hamilton Grant from Original Sin & bestowed on them Abundant Baptismal Blessings. “God has called you & he will not fail you” [cf 1Thess 5:24]

Wedding Bells recently rang out for Christopher David Innes and Siobhan Sarah Maria Devine. “(Love) is a flame of the Lord himself. Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown.” [cf Song of Songs 8: 7].

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, Mary Thompson

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

**Recently Dead:** Elizabeth (born Purves) Kinsler [Carrickstone]; Paul O’Byrne [near Loughborough], Jim Campbell [his Funeral Mass on 29 December at 10am, at Our Lady & St Helen’s, Condorrat], Liz Hansford [Kent]

**Month’s Mind** Baby Indi Gregory

**2 Months’ Mind** Wadea Al-Fayoume

**Special Remembrance** Thomas & Emma Shiels, John & Ann Meechan, James Forsyth, Francy Taggart, Edward McBride, Helen Taggart, James, Irene & Mary Griffin, Annie & Hugh Gallagher, Benny Lappin, John McNeil, James Graham, Kathleen Rafferty Macdonald, James & Marie Rafferty, Agnes Graham

**Anniversaries:** 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, Brian Walsh, Jim Meechan, Mary Ford Dixon, John McKay, John Lang, Elizabeth & Tommy Barrett, Ella (Higney) Clark, Jeannie McCarroll, John Tough, Jane Daugela Jim Daugela, Peter Owen O’Brien, Anthony (Tony) Quinn, Moira Crainie, Maggie McGoldrick, Edward (“Eddie”) Keating, Peter McKendry (Fr Frank McKendry will visit to celebrate an Anniversary Mass for his father on Friday at 10am, here), Dan Durick, Lizzie Crainie Higgins, Josie Waters, Larry Differ

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Tuesday: *St Stephen*; Wednesday: *St John*; Thursday: *The Holy Innocents*; Friday: *St Thomas à Becket*; (Sunday: *The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph* [B])



Holy Cross  
Croy

Fourth Sunday of Advent [B]

23/ 24 December 2023

2Sam 7: 1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 88: “I will sing forever of your love, O Lord”; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38

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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 (but 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; Second Collection* last weekend = £500 (of which £75 was *Gift- Aided*). Please hand in any *St Nicholas/ PCT Boxes* before *Christmas*.

**Website Donations (via Archdiocese)** for this Parish to mid- December = £586.20. Well done those who are willing and able to support the parish financially on-line!

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** during Saturday morning *Confessions/ Reconciliation*. This will begin on Saturday 6 January 2024... barring a funeral or other exigent circumstances.

**Helpful Guidance** from *Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith*, which issued a declaration entitled "*Fiducia supplicans: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings*" with the approval of *Pope Francis*, which opens the possibility for same- sex couples (& others) to receive a simple blessing that does not give the impression of a marriage. Visit: <https://loom.ly/XAq8qG4>  
N 30. "...While "it is not appropriate for a Diocese, a Bishops' Conference, or any other ecclesial structure to constantly and officially establish procedures or rituals for all kinds of matters," pastoral prudence and wisdom—avoiding all serious forms of scandal & confusion among the faithful—may suggest that the ordained minister join in the prayer of those persons who, although in a union that cannot be compared in any way to a marriage, desire to entrust themselves to the Lord and his mercy, to invoke his help, and to be guided to a greater understanding of his plan of love and of truth."

N. 38. "For this reason, one should neither provide for nor promote a ritual for the blessings of couples in an irregular situation. At the same time, one should not prevent or prohibit the Church's closeness to people in every situation in which they might seek God's help through a simple blessing. In a brief prayer preceding this spontaneous blessing, the ordained minister could ask that the individuals have peace, health, a spirit of patience, dialogue, and mutual assistance— but also God's light and strength to be able to fulfill his will completely."

*NB If anyone is affected by these issues, s/he is welcome to speak to Fr Sullivan.*

**Well done** the *Anonymous Donor* of *Boxes of Chocolates* for the *Altar Servers*.

**Warm Welcome** in the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* has paused until 2024 and the uptake will be reviewed. Well done the *Groups & individuals* who kindly offered hospitality on certain evenings... and remember: "*They also serve who only stand and wait.*" Well done to *NL Council* for the free *Period Products*. Well done to *HC St Vincent de Paul Society* who assist re heating costs.

**Statistic of the Week** At a recent *Hall Hire*, the *Bar* brought in *NO CASH*... all was paid by *Card*.

← "What a nerve! There wasn't a single Native in it!"



**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*;

8.15pm *Carol Service* with *Croy Silver Band* and *Organist Mr Tony Graham* & live-streamed courtesy *HCStream Team*;

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

**Monday 25 December:**

10am *Christmas Morning Mass* with *HC 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 either *inside* or at the *Shrine to the Fallen* (w.p).

*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 & antagonisms.

**Men's Acoustic Night** in aid of *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* on Friday 29 December at 7.30pm in the *Parish Hall*. Recent *Acoustic Night* in aid of *The Wayside Homeless Charity* = £500

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

**Tea & Toast on Tuesdays** off till Tuesday, 9 January 2024. Well done those who organise & run it!

;**Thinking about becoming an RC?** returns on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.15pm.

**Croy Community Choir** which meets in *Parish Hall*- off till Tuesday, 9 January 2024

**Cumbernauld Chess Club** which meets in *Parish Hall*- off till Wednesday, 10 January 2024

**Quote of the Week** "Hello Father, Could you be so kind as to inform me of the times of the *Christmas Eve Mass and Carols* please. I come from... but my dad's family hail from *Croy* ...was there last year and enjoyed it very much. Kindly yours..."

