

## Intimations

Wedding Bells recently rang out for Anthony James Slaven and Juliette Catherine Carson. "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now" [cf Jn 2: 10]. Flowers from their wedding are adorning the Church this weekend.

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:** Rev Fr Michael Savage [Retired pp of *St Margaret Mary's*, Castlemilk, Glasgow & *Schoenstatt* Member], Matthew Currie [*Croy*; *Receive*: Monday 8 January at 6.30pm; *Funeral Mass*: Tuesday 9 Jan at 10am], Joseph McCann [*Kilsyth*], Liz Hansford [*Kent*], Hugh Corrigan, Elsie Weston [*Doncaster*]

**Month's Mind** Mary (born Meechan) Kelly

**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, Jay Livingstone, James & Nora Kelly, Adele & Annie Sharkey, John Campbell

**Anniversaries:** 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, Dan Durick, Lizzie Crainie Higgins, Josie Waters, Larry Differ, Gerry Kane, Robert Mellon, Anne (born Logue) Brannan, Frank Flynn, Josie Waters, Eleanor Ballantyne, Alice & Sammy Waters, Paddy & Sarah Doolan, Patrick O'Brien (POB), Neil McNeill [1; *Milngavie*], Anna Taggart

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*; Tuesday: *Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*; Wednesday: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus, St Munchin, St Geneviève*; Thursday: *St Elizabeth Ann Seton*; *Blessed Zedislava of Lembang OP*; Friday: *St John Neumann*; (Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord [B]*)



# Holy Cross Croy

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [B]*

30/ 31 December 2023

Gen 15: 1-6,21:1-3; Ps 104: "He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant forever"; Heb 11: 8,11-12,17-39; Lk 2: 22-40

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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 (but earlier when there is a funeral)

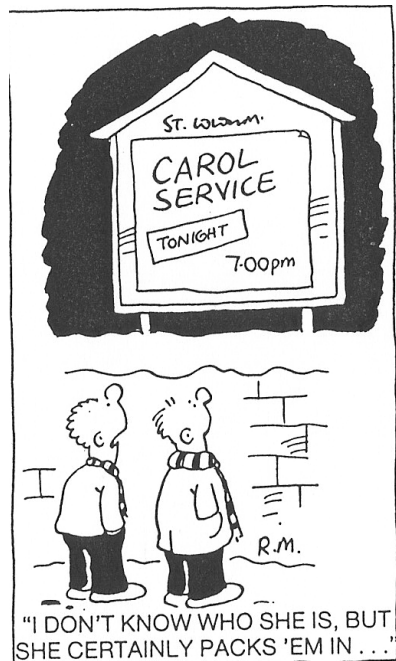
**Bulletins & LARGE PRINT** Bulletins: on-line; either Parish Website or Facebook or Twitter Pages; also available in Porch Area & at Door of *Chapel House*.

**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), please 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. 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

**Look Back on 2023 What was new?** On 1 January 2023 (Theme: “There is light even in the darkest hour”) our Invited Guest was from *Salvation Army*. Given the advice about a *Family Bible* (at *Sunday of the Word of God*), parishioners were encouraged to consider using the *Family Bible* (and/ or a *Family Crucifix*) at a Funeral Liturgy... or indeed a Family Book of the Gospels. We had a well- supported visit from *CRUSE Bereavement*. For the first time, (outwith COVID) for years, we had NO Adults to be Baptised or Received into the Catholic Church at Easter (though for 2024 we have 5 “Enquirers”). *Deanery Councils* were set up in the Archdiocese... and in time *South Cumbernauld Pastoral Area* was set up- though we will continue close co- operation with other neighbours. A New Tradition was begun, when we visited the *Statue of St Joseph the Worker* in the Grounds on 1 May, immediately after morning Mass. “*The Chosen*” was popular presentation of the life of *Jesus of Nazareth*, having the groups(!) meet regularly.... with four- week sessions in June and in October. We had a very informative visit from a guest who works with “*Freedom from Torture*.” *Bishop J Toal* kindly led the *Corpus Christi Procession*. Figures at the outside *Calvary Scene* were repainted (free of charge by FD & anonymous Donor). *Guttering & Down- pipes* in Hall were brightly painted by JD & JMc, matching the Church and House. At *World Youth Day* in Lisbon we were well- represented, and LB reported back on her experiences at weekend Masses. New outside Seating Bench was donated (in fond memory of deceased members of G & Q Families RIP). *QR Codes* for each Parish (for on- line donations) were created by Archdiocese. During *Season of Creation*, we had suggestions for each week (eg recycle clothes). Some sad news: *Churches Together in Cumbernauld* ceased ... but *ad hoc* Initiatives will still be circulated and supported. The Archbishop set up *Deanery Councils* to propose new ways of working together at parish level: we were linked with *Our Lady & St Helen’s*, Condorrat. At the international level, “*For a Synodal Church: Communion Participation & Mission*” met in Rome, and specifically this parish has followed and contributed at each possible level. In addition, the Parish has followed & supported the various interventions by *Pope Francis* re the *Israel- Hamas War*, including his proposed *Days of Fasting & Prayer*. For *Remembrance Sunday*, *NLCouncil* efficiently organised the replacement of the dilapidated Fence at the *Shrine to the Fallen*. Post-COVID, there was a return to the usual (high) numbers at the *Rosary & Blessing of Graves* at *Eastfield Cemetery*. Deacon KMcG addressed us on the subject of *Prison Through-care*. Helpfully, *Caritas Pupils* from both *St Maurice’s* and *Our Lady’s High Schools* willingly made cards for our annual *Prisoners of Conscience Campaign*. Thoughtfully, a Pre-loved wheelchair & walking frame were donated to Parish. Generously, 4 Places were given to the parish inviting us to *Craighalbert’s Christmas Show*. In a happy complaint, for the first time, we ran out of *Christmas Cards* (which are distributed around the streets of the parish). Re Statistics, during 2023 we nearly doubled our *X (Twitter)* followers (from 8 to 14)... and *Facebook* has reached 2,852 “likes” & 3,928 “followers.”



**Well done!** *Anonymous Donor* of £30 for *Flowers for the Altar* at *Christmas*.

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

**Quote of the Week** “The *Christmas Card* from *Holy Cross Parish* is the only one I ever get. During COVID, however, I put the one from 2019 ‘up again’.”

**Saturday 30 December 2023**

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*.” *Pope Francis*... 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...

This Parish marks the *Day* immediately after 12noon Mass either *inside* or at the *Shrine to the Fallen* (w.p). The *Peace Candle* will be placed at the *Altar Rails*. The *Candle* may well be lit during Mass for the month of January. The (*Blessed*) *Wreath of Peace* will rest at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.



**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*.

**Crib** the *Magi* have caught the “*Early Camel*” and arrived at the *Crib*, bearing Gifts of “*Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh*.” Thanks to the *Holy Ghost Fathers* in *Arba Minch*, Ethiopia (& elsewhere) for the *Frankincense & Myrrh*. We take this opportunity to congratulate the *Crib- builders* and the *Chickens* at *Auchenstarry* for the straw. *Donations* will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*- The Society helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. Visit [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

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

**Special Collection** Next weekend, (6 / 7 Jan) there will be a *Special Collection* for *Justice & Peace Issues*. *Christmas Quarterly* (to fund *Ecclesiastical Students*) is now due.

**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*], *OL High Caritas*, *Harpist (L McKellar)*, *Sacristan*, *Readers*, those who compose the *Prayer of the Faithful*, “*Extraordinary*” *Ministers of Holy Communion*, *Altar Servers*, *HC Stream Team*, *Piety Stall- keepers*, those who organised and performed in the *Nativity Tableau*, those who aerate after (busy) Masses, *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 2023. Well done to those who took the *Parish Christmas Card* around the houses. 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 Blessings on all parishioners at this time for their kindnesses & all expressions of good will*.”