

## Intimations

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:** Samuel Boyle [Croy], Mary Ann (born Mulligan) Barr [latterly Cumbernauld; Receive: Saturday at 9.55pm; Funeral Mass: Saturday at 10am;], Jinny (born Waters) Walsh [Croy], Rev Fr Michael Savage [Retired pp of St Margaret Mary's, Castlemilk, Glasgow & Schoenstatt Member], Matthew Currie [Croy; Receive: Monday at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Tuesday at 10am; the family has asked that this be live-streamed, courtesy HC Stream Team; the Novena will be early/private on Tuesday], Hugh Corrigan, Angela Doherty [Cambuslang], Irene Doyle, Edward McAllister [Airdrie]

**Month's Mind** Mary (born Meechan) Kelly, Darren Mitchell [Glenboig]

**2 Months' Mind** Mary Starkey

**Special Remembrance** Jay Livingstone, James & Nora Kelly, Adele & Annie Sharkey, John Campbell, Louta Ismael, Michel Balette, Jude Evenor, Joachim Didon, John Conway

**Anniversaries:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), Gerry Kane, Robert Mellon, Frank Flynn, Josie Waters, Eleanor Ballantyne, Alice & Sammy Waters, Paddy & Sarah Doolan, Patrick O'Brien ("POB"), Neil McNeill [Milngavie], Anna Taggart, John Weston Sr [Doncaster], Jane (born O'Donoghue) Scott [Cumbernauld], Agnes Barnes, Mary Hudson Coyle, Martha Campbell, William & Isabel McGrath, Mostafa Elbana, Pat Livingstone, Isabella Little Brady, Margaret Nash Livingstone, Kathleen McDaid Livingstone, Patrick Carlin, George Brady

In the Good Company of...

**Feast days** Monday: *The Baptism of the Lord, St Nathalan*; Tuesday: *St Adrian of Canterbury, St Andrew Corsini*; Wednesday: *Blessed Ann of the Angels Monteaquado, Blessed Gonsalvo Amarante OP*; Thursday: *Blessed Bernard Scammacca OP*; Friday: *St Aelred of Rievaulx, St Benet (Benedict) Biscop*; Saturday: *St Kentigern or Mungo, St Hilary of Poitiers, Our Lady of Arabia*; (Sunday: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]*)

**Pope Francis' Intentions** for January: *For the Gift of Diversity in the Church* "Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit to help us recognise the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."



# Holy Cross Croy

## The Epiphany of the Lord [B]

6/7 January 2024

Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71 "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord"; Eph 3: 2-3,5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

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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 X(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.bc.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

**Bereavement Group** meets Tuesday 16 January at 7.30pm in Committee Room of Parish Hall. If YOU would like to assist in the important work, please simply “turn up.”

**Meetings for both Holy Cross and St Andrew’s Primary Parents** on Wednesday 17 January in Parish Hall: 6.30- 7pm for P3 *Reconciliation (Confession)*; 7.15- 8pm for P4 *First Holy Communion*. Remember your child’s *Godfather* or *Godmother* should be the first “port- of- call” for assistance.

**More Helpful Guidance** from *Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith*, regarding “*Fiducia supplicans: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings*” which opens the possibility for same- sex couples (& others in irregular situations) to receive a simple blessing that does not give the impression of a marriage. On this occasion, the Dicastery includes a suggested *Blessing; lex orandi- lex credendi* (law of prayer is the law of faith). Read the full document here: <https://loom.ly/C09COBE> NB If anyone is affected by these issues, s/he is welcome to speak to Fr Sullivan.

“*Lord, look at these children of yours, grant them health, work, peace and mutual help. Free them from everything that contradicts your Gospel and allow them to live according to your will. Amen*”. Then it concludes with the *Sign of the Cross* on each of the two persons.

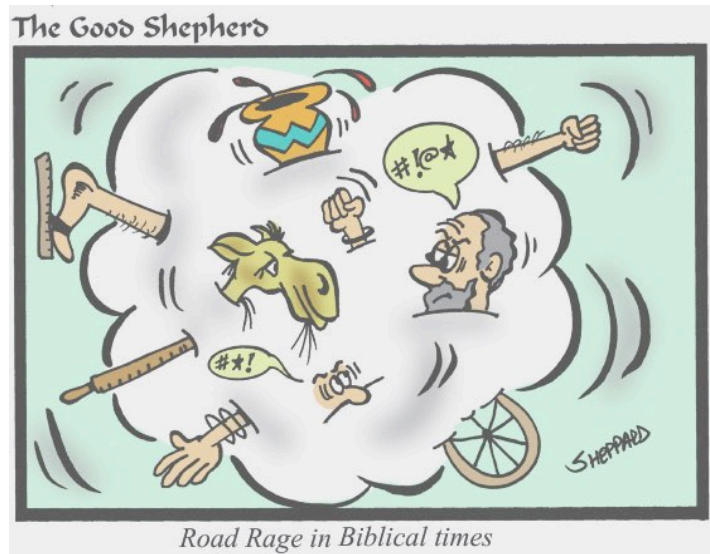
**Oops (1)..** in a recent Bulletin we forgot to *Congratulate* those who “Bring up the Offertory” and those who take the “Parish Collections etc to the Bank.” Well done!

**Oops (2)...** *Look Back on 2023* We forgot to include: “The *Anonymous Donation* of 2 *Altar Cloths*.”

**Evening Prayer for the Feast of St Kentigern** will take place in *St. Andrew’s Cathedral*, Clyde St, Glasgow at 7pm on Friday 12 January. All welcome.

**Infant Beginners Primary School Registration** for *Holy Cross Primary* Monday 15- Friday 19 January; and for *St Andrew’s Primary* similarly begins 15 January 2024

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



**St Nicholas’ Fund/ PCT Boxes;** Please return asap.

**Warm Welcome** in the *Committee Room* in the *Parish Hall* begins again this Monday. Well done the Groups & individuals who kindly offered hospitality on certain evenings... As the Poet, *John Milton* reminds us: “*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.

**Crib** the *Magi* have 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. *Crib Donations* will fund *St Margaret Children & Family Care Society*- The Society helps couples to adopt, foster & support children. 274 Bath St, 0141- 332 8371 or [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)



**Heebie Jeebies** - your pp has them, having lighted candles so close to straw so... The *Crib* will be taken down in the next few days but (*in lieu*) the *Nativity Banner* will remain until the Feast of the *Presentation of the Lord* (2 February, which is Forty days after *Christmas Day*).

**Special Collection** This weekend, (6 / 7 Jan) a *Special Collection* for *Justice & Peace Issues*.

**Bereavement Group** meets Monday 8 January at 7pm in Committee Room of Parish Hall.

**Holy Cross Ladies Guild** recommences on Thursday 11 January at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. New members made particularly welcome. We take this opportunity to congratulate those who organise & run this fine initiative.

**New Year 57 World Day for Peace.** The *Theme* 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... Well done those who were able to mark this after Mass on *New Year’s Day* at the *Shrine to the Fallen*. The *Blessed Peace Candle* lies at the *Altar Rails*. The *Candle* may well be lit during each Mass for the month of January. The (*Blessed*) *Wreath of Peace* rests at the *Shrine to the Fallen*.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** during Saturday morning *Confessions/ Reconciliation* has begun... barring a funeral or other exigent circumstances.

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

¿**Thinking about becoming an RC?** returns on Wednesday 17 Jan at 7.15pm in *Chapel House*.

**Croy Community Choir** resumes on Tuesday, 9 January at 7.15pm in *Parish Hall*.

**Cumbernauld Chess Club** which meets in *Parish Hall*- returns on Wednesday, 10 January at 7pm. Visit . Visit <http://www.cumbernauldchess.org.uk/>

**First Rejection of 2024** (from *British Heart Foundation*) “Thank you for your application for a funded defibrillator package on behalf of (*Holy Cross, Croy*), reference \_\_\_ I regret to inform you that, after careful consideration, your application has not been successful at this time.” FYI: the nearest (& publicly- accessible), defibrillator is situated at *Sports Hub, Croy*.

*A happy & a holy 2024 New Year to all our Readers*