

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, Edward McAllister [Airdrie- apologies for last week's error], Susan (born O'Hara) Thompson

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

Recently Dead: Mary Ann (born Mulligan) Barr [Cumbernauld; Receive: Saturday 13 Jan at 9.55pm; Funeral Mass: Saturday at 10am], Samuel "Sammy" Rae Boyle [Croy; Receive: Monday 15 January, at 6.30pm; Funeral Mass: Tuesday 16 Jan, at 10am; the family has asked this be live-streamed courtesy Holy Cross Stream Team], Ginny (born Waters) Walsh [Croy; Receive: Sunday 21 January, at 5.30pm (please note earlier time); Funeral Mass: Monday 22 Jan, at 10am; the family has asked this NOT be live- streamed], Rev Fr Michael Savage [will be received into the Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, Campsie Glen, on Thursday, 18 January at 7pm with transfer to Saint Margaret Mary's, Castlemilk on Friday, 19 Jan for the Funeral Mass at 12 noon], Angela Doherty [Cambuslang], Irene Doyle, Jim McInnes [Glasgow], Andy Hay [Cumbernauld], Stewart Campbell, Kathleen Cochrane [Glasgow], Christopher McGuire [Fairlie], Alex Belmez Carroll [Spain]

Month's Mind Darren Mitchell [Glenboig]

2 Months' Mind Mary Starkey

6 Months' Mind Charles Shaw

Special Remembrance Louta Ismael, Michel Balette, Jude Evenor, Joachim Didon, John Conway

Anniversaries: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), John Weston Sr [Doncaster], Jane (born O'Donaghue) 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, Danny Rooney, James Taggart, James Hester, Ian MacDonough, Rev Fr Colman McGrath, HE George Cardinal Pell, Frank A M Noakes, Mary McArthur, Mary Patricia (born Weldon) Brady [10], Patrick Brady, William Morrison (Senior), David Reid, Alicia Killiard, Andrew Killiard, Annie (born Gribbin) Blair

In the Good Company of...

Feast days Monday: *St Ita, St Remigius, Remy or Remi*; Tuesday: *St Fursa, St Joseph Vaz*; Wednesday: *St Anthony*; Thursday: *St Margaret of Hungary*; Friday: *St Faolan (Fillan), St Wulstan, St Henry of Uppsala*; Saturday: *St Fabian, St Sebastian, Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi*; (Sunday: *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]*; in addition it is *Sunday of the Word of God*)



Holy Cross Croy

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

13/14 January 2024

1Sam 3: 3-10,19; Ps 39 "Here I am Lord! I come to do your will"; 1Cor 6: 13-15,17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

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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 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 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)

Sunday of the Word of God is next Sunday (*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*) has been instituted as the *Sunday of the Word of God*, devoted to its “celebration, study and dissemination.” This year the Motto is “*Remain in my Word*” [Jn 8: 21]. Visit <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/parola/motto2024.html>

Invitation A number of Parishioners already follow “*The Wednesday Word*.” The Sunday coming’s Gospel is offered to read and prayed over. Next Sunday (20/ 21 January) you will be invited to do likewise: *Read the Bible in a Prayerful atmosphere*, either on one’s own or in an informal group. This is sometimes called *lectio divina*.

Recording of images in this Parish Statement: The first *Morning Mass* is normally live-streamed. Occasionally, also things like *First Holy Communion*, *Confirmation Celebrations* and *Funeral Masses* are live-streamed. These will be advertised as such, prior to broadcast. *Holy Cross Stream Team* endeavour NOT to include faces of “ordinary” Parishioners. Any person who happens to be at a live-streamed Service should not be identifiable. Those Reading or for example, carrying the Coffin, will normally be visible. Any PERSONAL Photographs should be only taken with permission and then cropped (of others) before being published on-line etc. Any queries, please see the *Parish Priest* or one of the *Stream Team*.

Justice & Peace Letter from Archbishop Nolan: “My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Astronauts share a unique experience, for they have been able to go into outer space and look down in awe and see the beauty of the earth. The astronauts see the earth as God gave it to us, one earth, one world. But for us, when we look at our maps, we see a world that is divided by lines, indicating the borders and the barriers that partition this one world into territories and countries. We put up walls, we erect fences of barbed wire and we say to our fellow human beings “this is my land, this land and its resources are not yours but mine”. But God has given this one world to all of humanity, so that all human beings can live and flourish and grow, sharing its resources. We have, of course, got to manage creation, and organise it. We cannot have chaos. But can we say to someone living

where it is arid and barren, that they have no right to come here where the soil is good and the food is plentiful, because this is my territory? Do migrants and refugees not have God-given rights to move to a better life? And the borders we create are often the cause of friction. How many wars are fought over disputed territory, both sides claiming it as their land? How much conflict as people seek to claim for their own the oil, the gas or the mineral wealth that lies under the surface? How many countries grow wealthy, keeping for themselves the riches of the earth and see no obligation to share with the poor? We are a long way from living in a world where all benefit from the gift of creation given by God to all. We are a long way from peace when countries continue to fight for what they claim is theirs. We are a long way from a united world where we work together for the good of all humanity. We are not the owners of God’s earth, we are its stewards. The astronauts in space see a world that is beautiful and so it is. It is also rich and plentiful, with resources given to us by God for the good of everyone. Poverty will only disappear when the earth’s resources are fairly shared. Only when we act as stewards and not as owners of creation will there be peace and justice on earth. May Jesus the Prince of Peace inspire us to work for justice and so establish a peaceful world.”



“Your first baptism, is it?”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 - 25 January) For 2024, materials were prepared by an ecumenical team from *Burkina Faso* facilitated by the local *Chemin Neuf Community (CCN)*. The chosen theme is “*You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself*” (Lk 10:27). Brothers and sisters from the *Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou*, *Protestant Churches*, *ecumenical bodies* and the *CCN in Burkina Faso* collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections. They experienced their work together as a real path of ecumenical conversion. To access Resources, Visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>



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.

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.”

¿**Thinking about becoming an RC?** Meets Wednesday 17 January at 7.15pm in Chapel House

Special Collection last week = £400 to the work of the Bishops’ *Justice & Peace Commission*.

Christmas Quarterly Collection = £50 - which goes to the *Ecclesiastical Students’ Fund*.

St Nicholas’ Fund/ PCT Boxes Please return asap

Anonymous Donor of £100 towards *Cleaning Materials* for *Church Building*. Well done!

Infant Beginners Primary School Registration Children who reach the age of 5 years between 1 March 2024 – 28 February 2025 should register TO START August 2024: for *Holy Cross Primary* Monday 15 Jan 10- 12noon & 1- 2pm; Tuesday 16 Jan 1- 2pm & 3.15- 4pm; Wednesday 17 Jan 1- 3pm; Thursday 18 Jan 1- 3pm; Friday 19 Jan 10-12pm; and for *St Andrew’s Primary* Registration will take place: Monday 15 Jan 1 – 2pm; Tuesday 16 Jan 9.30 - 11.30am; Wednesday 17 Jan 1 - 2pm; Friday 19 Jan 9.30am – 11.30am Please bring your child’s birth certificate, Baptismal lines (if possible) and as a proof of residency, a council tax bill or a copy of missive/ let agreement

Charismatic Renewal invitation to an afternoon of *Renewal*. Venue: *St Gregory’s Church Hall*, 130 Kelvindale Rd, Glasgow G20 8DP. Saturday 20 January: 12.30 – 5pm. Tea and Coffee provided. For more information phone: Minin 07448786569 Email: glasgow.service.team@gmail.com

SPRED Online: Are you free to volunteer with SPRED? Can you be a friend to someone with a learning disability who needs your help to grow in faith and take part in parish life? You are invited to meet others who are already involved at an open hour on Zoom on Wednesday, 24th January at 7.15pm. Email glasgow.spred@btconnect.com for more information and your personal invitation or to make another arrangement if Zoom doesn’t suit you.