

Your Charitable Prayers are Requested

For those who are sick at home or in hospital:

May Fitzsimons
Larry Differ
Anne Allan
Sadie Canavan
Anne McLaughlin
John Casey

John McNally
Jim Lochrie
Freda Canavan
Angela McLaughlin
Debbie White
John Docherty

We extend our sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the bereaved of those who have died from our Parish:

Lately dead – may they rest in peace:

Alistair McMurdo
Danny Brady

Mary Durning

In our charity, we remember those whose anniversary occur around now:

Months Mind:

Kathleen McAtee Limond 9mm

Anniversaries:

Hugh McCartan
Denis & Mary Mellon
John Mellon
Denis Mellon
George Dailly
Peter O'Brien
Susan McGuire
Maggie McGoldrick
Annie McCarroll
Mary Caffrey

Danny Brady
Allen & Bobby Robertson
Frank Gallagher
Ella Clark
Annie Carroll
Alice Lang
Jean McCarroll
Mary & Peter Gallagher
Alice Cairney

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PARISH BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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In today's Eucharist we remember the everlasting love of God, which was revealed in the covenant with God's people. We pray that Christ will truly come into our hearts this Christmas

Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil:	6:00pm
Sunday:	9:30am & 11:40am
Monday to Saturday:	10:00am
Holidays of Obligation:	Vigil: 7:00pm, 10:00am & 7:00pm
Confession:	Saturdays after 10.00am & 6:00pm Mass or by arrangement.

Christmas 08	Mass Times
Wednesday 24th December	Vigil Mass 5.00pm
	Carols 8.30pm
	Night Mass of Christmas 9.00pm
	Christmas Day 10.00am

ONE MORNING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday 26th December	12 noon
Saturday 27th December	10.00am
Thursday 1st January	12 noon
Friday 2nd January	12 noon

Confessions

**After Masses on Monday and Tuesday, Monday evening 6pm
– 6.30pm.**

Croy Parish Christmas Appeal 08 – COLOMBIA

Helping the Poor this Christmas

Maria Madre del Redentor is a parish in Bogota's poor south side and during my visit to Colombia in the summer I promised that our parish would help them this Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas lets not forget the poor and underprivileged.

As we strive to build up God's Kingdom on earth, lets share our riches with our brothers and sisters who're struggling to survive. Having a special concern for the poor in life, is terribly important, lets give priority to people who're poor and looked down on, rather than giving a place to the wealthy and powerful. If you would like to help I will pass on all donations. Last year because of your generosity and an incredibly strong pound we sent \$8000 USA Dollars to another project in Colombia. So far an incredible £3295 has been collected.

New Church Hall

Electricity and gas are now connected ! The flooring has been laid and the furniture was delivered on Friday. Unfortunately, because of the weather no outside work has been done for the last two weeks

A few have let me know that they are interested in establishing a Hall Committee, many thanks.....there is still room for more

How do we know that Jesus was born on 25 December ?

We have no idea of the date of his birth. This date was chosen as it was mid-winter's day in the Julian calendar used in Rome in the 4th century. In our calendar the winter solstice occurs on 21 December. In an ancient Egyptian calendar in fell on 6 January, a date still followed by some Eastern Churches for Jesus' birthday, and in our Church for celebrating the Epiphany. As pagans celebrated the winter solstice as the return of the unconquered sun, Christians celebrated the coming of Christ, the light of the world.