

# Your Charitable Prayers are Requested

For those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Nicky McKendrick  
Eddie Keating  
Marion McColl  
Larry Differ  
Moira Crainie  
William Morrison  
Anne Lang Whyte  
Lily Bennett

Helen Clinton  
Jim McGee  
Robert Mellon  
J Hunt  
John Tang Lang  
Mary Daly  
Karen Orr  
Baby Holly Orr

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

Marie Casey

Lately dead – may they rest in peace:

Cissy Brown  
Bill Waddell

James McGurren  
Charlie Egan

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

Anniversaries:

Richard McLaren  
Denis Mellon  
Mary Mellon  
Elaine McKay

John Gillespie  
Ian & Elizabeth Sinclair  
Winnie Brewster  
John O'Neil  
Jean Wilson

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## PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Today the season of Advent begins. We join the Church around the world, awaiting the joyful coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our God is watching over us; he is the careful potter, the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

# Holy Mass

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

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## Christmas Shopping

As we prepare for Christmas shopping, please think about those who are less fortunate than we are, much more than we could ever imagine. Today across the world 1.3 billion people live on less than 50p a day; 3 billion live on under £1 a day; 1.3 billion have no access to clean water; 3 billion have no access to sanitation; 2 billion have no access to electricity.

According to UNICEF, 30,000 children die each day due to poverty, and they die quietly in some of the poorest villages on earth, far removed from the scrutiny and the conscience of the world. Being meek and weak in life makes these dying multitudes even more invisible in death.

## Croy Parish Christmas Appeal 09 Ecuador

Fr Eddie Vesey a priest of our Archdiocese has been working as a volunteer missionary in Guayaquil, Ecuador for a number of years. A few months ago I promised him that we would support his parish 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, let's 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. Let's 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.

## Eternal City of Rome 2010

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome end of July 2010 ( one Week )

Wonderful 4 star hotel 2 minute walk from Vatican City, Day Trip to Assisi, Visit all the Major Basilicas, Visit ancient Rome, Free time for shopping or to revisit places of interest.

Cost approx £650 (depends on exchange rates, taxes and fuel prices )Deposit £100 non refundable and name as appears on Passport to Fr Paul

## Stall

The stall is fully stocked with religious Christmas Cards and 2010 Calendars. Please support our stall, the cards are of the finest quality and are competitively priced.

## Family Planning - God's Way- Nature's Way

The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with **no side effects**. For an information pack or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland 0141 221 0858

## Envelopes

Parish weekly envelopes for the next financial year are available. **Please collect your envelopes in the sacristy after all Masses**. If you pay income tax and don't use envelopes, please consider doing so as we are able to claim gift aid which is a tremendous boost to parish income, however, it could and should be much better.

## Christmas Dance

Christmas Dance Friday 18th December New Parochial Hall, Tickets available from the stall £8 includes hot finger buffet..

## Season of Advent

Walk with Me, A journey of Prayer for Advent, available in porch £1