

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 McNally
Jim Lochrie
Freda Canavan
Angela McLaughlin

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:

Sarah Barclay
John McGinley

Patsy Thompson

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

Months Mind:

Anniversaries:

John Gillespie
Alice Cashin
John O'Neill
Ian & Elizabeth Sinclair
Margaret & Denis Hackett
Francis Xavier Barry
Emma Boisky
Fransiska Geon
Jean Shiels

Margaret Wilson
Mary Williamson
Willie Brady
Edward Brady
George Brady
Pat Christie
Alice Shiels
Catherine Frame
George Frame

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PARISH BULLETIN

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
30th November, 2008**

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

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Thursday 11th December at 7.00pm in The Presbytery.

Church Stall

Our stall is well stocked with religious Christmas Cards and 2009 Religious Calendars. Please support our stall, the cards are of the finest quality and are sold on to you at competitive prices.

Envelopes

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

Life up The Row! Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project

A multimedia musical experience exploring the life, times music and humour of the Durham Miners in the 19th Century. This show is a revised version of the production staged previously at The Edinburgh Festival. Sunday 7th Dec 7.30pm Croy Miners. Tickets only £6 available from Fr Paul

Christmas Shopping

As you prepare for Christmas shopping, please think about those who are less fortunate than us, 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 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 them that our Parish would help them this Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas let's 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. Last year because of your generosity and an incredibly strong Pound we sent \$8000 USA dollars to another project in Latin America.

New Church Hall

Hopefully the Gas and Electricity will be connected this week, which will enable us to crack on and get the project finished as soon as possible.

Not one person has volunteered their services in the setting up of a Hall Committee, without a committee, our new hall won't open !!