

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:

Kathleen Welsh
Mark Birt

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

Months Mind:

Sadie Clinton 3mm

Pat Waters 9mm

Anniversaries:

John Cairns
Eddie Weldon
Bette & Charlie Hawkes

Edward McCarroll
Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons
Robert McLaren
Willie Anderson

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PARISH BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Advent
14th December 2008

Today is known as *Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday*.
We rejoice in the anticipation of the
impending birth of our Saviour. It is God's will
for us this Advent season, that we should
discover joy !

Holy Mass

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| 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 |
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| 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

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

SPRED

Many thanks to all our friends at SPRED for the uplifting Mass last Sunday, it was wonderful and we hope you don't wait too long to come back to our Parish

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.

New Church Hall

Electricity and gas are now connected ! The flooring will be laid this week and the furniture is being delivered on Friday. Unfortunately, because of the frost no outside work has be 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

St Nicholas Care Fund Caring Sunday

Today's second collection is for the fund formerly known as the Pastoral Care Trust. In the late Cardinal Winning's words, its role is to " do at home what SCIAF does overseas " Over the years your generosity has raised over £ 1.5 million. The money raised has gone to over 400 groups who work in communities where poverty is a daily reality.

Please be as generous as you possibly can be to today's second collection.