Your Charitable Prayers are Requested

For those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Helen Clinton Moira Crainie John Clinton Sarah Ouinn Robbie Milne Larry Differ Ianie McCamlev Helen Durkin Frances O'Donnell Baby Chloe Friel Anne Leiper Tricia Canavan

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

Tom Macdonald

Lately dead – may they rest in peace:

Laura Stewart Mhairi Convy Robert Russell Colin McLaren Neil McArthur May Callaghan

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

Cathie McCarroll Weir 9mm Anne Leary 3mm

Anniversaries:

Danny Brady Edward McCarroll Ella Clarke Alice Cairney John O'Neill Owenie O'Donnell

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PARISH BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Advent 19 December 2010

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The Advent spirit of waiting longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. We are to be found blameless when He comes, living lives of honesty integrity.

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 2010 MASS TIMES

Friday 24 December Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Carols 8.30pm

Mass 9.00pm

Christmas Day Mass 10.00am

One Morning Mass on Christmas Morning

Sunday 26 December Mass 9.30am & 11.40am

Monday 27 December Mass 12 noon

Tuesday 28 December Mass 12 noon

Saturday 1 January Mass 12 noon

Sunday 2 January Mass 9.30am & 11.40am

Monday 3 January Mass 12 noon

Tuesday 4 January Mass 12 noon

NB. NO VIGIL MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY

CONFESSIONS: MONDAY 20th, TUESDAY 21st & WEDNESDAY 22nd after 10.00am Mass.

CROY PARISH CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2010 BRASIL.

Fr Tom O' Connor a Kiltegan priest from Co Limerick, has been working as a volunteer missionary in Sao Paulo, Brasil for a number of years. A few months ago I promised him that we would support his missionary society and his projects this Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas let us not forget the poor. If you would like to help I will pass on all donations. Email from Tom received last week.

Dear Paul

Greetings from a very cold and frosty Ireland. My dear Mum died last Sunday morning and I got home on Monday night. It was sudden but oh so peaceful and beautiful. She was 81 on 27th of Nov and died very early into the 28th of Nov. A lovely symmetry. It was also the 1st Sunday of Advent. We gave her a royal send off on Wed, 1st December. Your email touched me very much. I find it amazing you should get in touch with me at this particular time. I was thinking of you very much last week during our assembly in Sao Paulo. We were making a list of all those who worked with us. Then comes your email! I always associate you with a very difficult time in my own life - the violence in the parish. That night we went to comfort Edileuza on the death of her only son, Jairo and his friend Cabecinha. Well last Friday Edileuza was guest of honour at the MA defence by a young German Medical Missionary of Mary in Sao Paulo. Regina Reinart wrote her thesis on the effects on the lives of mothers when their children die a violent death. Regina defended her thesis with great aplomb last Friday and Edileuza was present and got special mention. She is a heroic and valiant woman and continues to be an inspiration to us all. Any funds that you can raise will be most welcome. I will divide them between a school for poor children run by Maria Jose in Aracati and a project which will be led by Regina in Salvador, Bahia as from early next year. Regina worked in M Boi for nearly 4 years -2000 -2004.I returned to Brazil in Feb 2009 and am Assistant Regional Leader and I live in the central house. Eddie McGettrick is the Regional Leader. I also work with Dermot Daly in a very poor parish just up the road from the Central House. It is a place called Jardim Pery Alto. It is a very deprived area and not much happens there. It has been left behind both socially and Church wise. Plenty of challenges hope you continue in good health. How is your Mum? Regards to all in Croy. Will the Tic do anything this year? I always think of you when they win something. Thanks again for the lovely surprise. Abracos.

Tom O C