

Your Charitable Prayers are Requested

For those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Tom McLaren	Issie Scott
Bobby Turkington	Hughdie Canavan
Jim Adam	Maureen McLaren
Mark Egan	Tricia Canavan
Joseph Frew	Helen Clinton
Henny McGuire	Freda Canavan
Joseph Doyle	Pauline Kane
Anna Macdonald	Mary Waters
Pauline Kane	Rena Macdonald

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:

Theresa Slavin	Charlie Mulgrew
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In our charity, we remember those whose anniversary occur around now:
Months Mind:

Anniversaries:

Edward McCarroll	Hugh McCartan
Eddie Weldon	Bob McLaren
Tom Macdonald	Cissie Brown
Charlie Clark	Hughie Brown
Anne White	Agnes Brown

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PARISH BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Advent

11 December 2011

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, we rejoice that the Lord is near. We look forward to the joy and hope that the Lord's coming will bring.

Holy Mass

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

Croy Parish Christmas Appeal 2011 Brasil

Bishop Derek Byrne a Kiltegan priest has been working as a volunteer missionary in Brasil for a number of years. Three years ago he was ordained a Bishop for Guiratinga Diocese, an area covering 36,000 square kilometres with only 16 priests and 53 Religious. A few months ago I promised him that we would support his Diocese this Christmas.

Derek wrote to me last week, Paul, I'm delighted to hear from you and I have indeed a parish badly in need of help, any help your parish can give will be very much appreciated. Parish: Santa Terezinha do Menino Jesus Town: Tesouro, Mato Grosso Population: 2,500 mostly catholic Most are either employed by the local town administration, or are retired. Some work on the local farms

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.

Envelopes

Parish Weekly Envelopes are available for collection from The Sacristy.

Ladies Guild

The Guild has stopped for The Festive Season and will recommence mid January

St Nicholas Care Fund

TODAY is Caring Sunday and the second collection will be for The Archdiocesan Advent Charity.

Parish Book Club

Are you interested in joining our Catholic Book Club? The books chosen for discussion will deepen your understanding and appreciation of our Catholic faith and prayer life. The discussions will be interesting and informative, and we will share our individual perspectives. Each week we focus on two or three chapters, so the pace isn't overwhelming, proposing to meet in Parish Hall on four Mondays of Advent. Third meeting Monday 7.00pm will last no more than one hour.

Festival of Light Carol Service

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Esk Walk Town Centre *TONIGHT* 11 December 7.30pm. Cumbernauld Gaelic Choir, Cornerstone Praise Band & Croy Parish Silver Band.

Tea and Toast

After 10.00am Mass on a Tuesday morning visit the hall for tea and toast !

Stall

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

Fairtrade Christmas Coffee Morning

TODAY after 9.30am Mass in The Parish Hall