

Carols for Life at St Patrick's - Wednesday, 16 December 2009

A successful evening of Christmas music and readings raised £400 for the new Life Shop in Dumbarton High Street.

The event was held in St Patrick's Church, Strathleven Place, and the church choir, conducted by Marie Therese Cleary, was in fine voice for the occasion.

Monsignor Peter Magee performed some wonderful music from Mozart on the piano and St Michael's parishioner, Noel Donnelly, who played the harp, was accompanied by soloist Bertha Currie. Danielle sang Away in a Manger.

The programme featured readings by liturgy group members Jean McColgan and Ian Murray, who read extracts from Mother Teresa's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech.

Canon Gerry Conroy, the parish priest, said: "It was a wonderful evening of music and song. It's a pity more people don't stop all the rushing around, which so many of them do at this time of year, and take time out to relax and enjoy with their family and friends a concert like this one, which is what Christmas is really about."

St Patrick's events committee chairperson, Veronica Adam, said: "We were delighted with the way things went. The people who came enjoyed themselves thoroughly and were very generous in what they gave to the Life charity."

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