

Come home to Church for Christmas - Wednesday, 16 December 2009

Catholics in Dumbarton who are "resting" from practising their religion are being urged to "come home for Christmas."

Canon Gerry Conroy, the parish priest of St Patrick's, is backing a nationwide campaign to pray for lapsed Catholics to come back to church.

The initiative is being targeted at mothers and is devoted to the patronage of St Monica, whose persistent prayer saw her son, St Augustine, embrace the Christian faith.

Canon Conroy said: "We want mothers to pray for their children who are 'resting' Catholics – we used to say 'lapsed' but that sounds a bit cold – and to support them to reconnect with their local Christian community.

"There is a warm welcome awaiting them at St Patrick's. We would love to see these people back at church this Christmas."