



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Priests of the Parish

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
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Family Offering: €2,608
Share: €2,662

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

*Tony Power, Balfe Rd East
William Grehan, Fernvale Drive.*

*We express our deepest sympathies to
Their families at this time.*

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Thought for the Week

"Our life is what our actions make it".

Waiting in Hope

Advent is a journey, and the destination is Christmas. So much of this journey, like your whole life's journey is about letting yourself be open to what God is trying to say to you through the rituals, images and stories of the season. The wonderful thing is that your experience of Advent will change from year to year. But the best part of the journey is that you bring the unique gift of your own life experience to it. Imagine yourself on a long car ride with family, maybe on your way to a family vacation or visiting relatives? How many times on the way does someone in the car ask, "Are we there yet?". Even though it sometimes seems like time is standing still, the car and everyone in it are moving slowly towards a destination. And along the way, despite some periods of anxiety and frustration, it's not all that bad! Perhaps on the long ride, you get a chance to do things you might not have had a chance to do otherwise. Maybe you read a book, chat with family, listen to some music, or play games. Whatever the case, there is activity on the journey.

Like a long car ride, Advent is a journey towards a destination. It is a time of waiting. But also like the car ride, it is a journey of activity along the way. What is it we are waiting for during Advent? The obvious is "Christmas!" but Advent is about more than just waiting for a holiday, and it's even about more than just waiting for the birth of Christ. What we do during the journey itself is just as important as the destination. How will you spend your time of waiting this year? Consider these questions as you journey through the first week of Advent:

1. *What are the places in my life where I am waiting for God to do something for me?*
2. *How can I focus on the journey of Advent more than the destination, to make the most out of my waiting?*
3. *What can I do to prepare the way of the Lord in my home? In my school? In my community?*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The feast occurs this year on Saturday next, the 8th December. The Vigil Mass will be on Friday evening at 7.00pm. Masses for the Feast will be at 8.00am; 9.00am; 10.00am; 11.00am and 12 noon, there is no 1.00pm Mass, and the evening Mass on Saturday will be the Vigil Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent - not the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Christmas cards in aid of the Lorcan O'Toole Centre are available from Carmel [at back of Church] Fantastic Value @ €4 per pack of 12.



Eucharistic Adoration

Continues daily from 11am. We would like more adorers especially for Mon 1-2pm; Tues 4-5pm; Thurs 12-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, please leave a note at the Oratory door or in the Parish Shop. The next committee meeting is on Thursday 6th December at 6.15pm



Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

**ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION
IN PLACE OF SHARE
AT ALL Masses next weekend
Please be generous**

Our Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to our Salesian brethren, who have lost a young and able Confere in Fr Joe Lucy S.D.B. He died suddenly last Sunday. He was a Parish Chaplain in Sean McDermott St. Parish and Vice Provincial of the Order in Ireland.

May He Rest in Peace.

Reiltín M. Ni Bhroin

Reiltín was a distinguished educationist and closely involved with Ard Scoil Eanna on the Crumlin Road. This School was founded by her father in 1939 and began upstairs over one of the shops in St Agnes' Park. She was a woman of strong faith which she passed on to her pupils and she had a lifelong commitment to the Pioneers. Our sympathy to all her extended family.

May She Rest in Peace.

Advent Prayer

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord"

Beginning Tuesday 4th December at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre.



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear, Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!
2. O come, now Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

Christ be our Light

Christ, be our Light! Shine out through the dark, shine! Christ be our Light! Shine in your Church gathered today. Longing for Light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth we turn to you. Make us your own, your Holy people, light for the world to see. Christ be our Light! Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us, make us your living voice. Christ be our Light!



Rosary Procession

To honour the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Special Candlelight Procession through the Streets of Dublin will take place on 8th Dec departing from Church of St Teresa's Clarendon St. at 6.15pm and proceeding via O'Connell St to Church of St Saviours, Dominick St for Benediction & enrolment in the Brown Scapular

Handels Messiah

will be performed by the **Culwick Choral Society** in aid of **Fighting Blindness** In **St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on the 5th & 6th December at 8pm.** For tickets please contact **Fighting blindness at 01 - 709 3050**

Latin Mass Chaplaincy

On Sunday 2nd December, the Latin Mass Chaplaincy will hold its inaugural Sunday Mass in it's new home, St Kevin's, Harrington St. The Mass will be at 10.30am (confessions from 10), and will be a Solemn high Mass. The Lassus Scholars will sing Palestrina's Missa Brevis.

The Latin Mass Chaplaincy was established by Archbishop Martin in response to Pope Benedict's Apostolic Letter Summorum Pontificum, and caters for the faithful of the Archdiocese attached to the older form of the Roman Liturgy (commonly called the Tridentine Mass)

Regular Latin Mass times in St Kevins are as follows:-

Sundays and nonworking Holy Days:	Sung Mass at 10.30am (confessions at 10)
Working Holy Days:	Low Masses at 8am and 7pm
Monday to Friday:	Low Mass at 8am
Saturday:	Low Mass at 9am
First Fridays:	Low Masses at 8am and 7pm

Further information from Fr Gerard Deighan, The Presbytery, Harrington St, Dublin 8, Tel. 087 288 4638

Patricians Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th December in St Agnes Parish Centre. The discussion will be on Christmas and the Family
All are Welcome

Parish Shop

"Put Christ in Christmas"
Mass Cards, Crib, Booklets and tiny gifts for the children are available.

Walk With Me.

Many of you will be familiar with this little booklet which provides us with a journey of prayer and reflection for Advent and the Christmas season. It has proved popular with parishioners in the past and this year's edition is now available from Carmel and the Parish Shop at €1.50. These daily readings will provide us with spiritual food from the 2nd December until the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord the 13th January 2008.

Receive O Father in Thy Love

1. Receive O Father in thy love, These humble gifts of bread and wine: That with ourselves we offer thee, Returning gifts already thine.
2. Behold this host and chalice, Lord, To thee on high the gifts we raise: Through them may we our honour pay, Our adoration and our praise.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder thy power through-out the universe displayed.
Chorus: Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art, then sings my souls my saviour God to thee How great thou art, how great thou art.
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees when I look down from lofty mountains grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gently breeze.

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday 08 / 12 / 07

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 09 / 12 / 07

9.00am Veronica McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am Pat Morrison

12.00pm Richard Tobin

1.00pm J Green

7.00pm J O'roure

Spare Copies of Prayers of the Faithful are available in the Sacristy. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy.

Recently Baptised

Ben Jamie Coughlan
David Hugh Maloney
Shayla Maura Crotty
Dayne Anthony Lawlor
Kaseyleigh Maria Cruise
Chloe Kate Kavanagh
Amy Mary Smyth



We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.