



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

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Family Offering: €3,241
Share: €2,692
Many thanks for your support

A writers group will be starting soon in the Parish. For more details please phone 450 3849 or 455 9382

Thought for the Week

"The only thing that comes to us without effort is old age"
Anonymous

Our Parish Finances

This weekend the new Family Offering Boxes should be in your homes. Many thanks for your generosity over the past year. As you know we have computerised our system, so everyone has a new box number. PLEASE DO NOT CROSS OUT your new number as the old numbers are not on the computer. **This is important.** We have discovered that only 824 families are giving by box or Standing Order. We have 5400 households in the Parish. If you are good at your sums it shows that only 15% of households are giving. The Family Offering pays our day to day running costs of the Parish.

Last year the cost of wages, Insurance, heating, lighting, altar supplies etc. amounted to €162,172. On the income side the Family Offering amounted to €134,650 and the other sources of income were Shrines donations and interest.

On the Capital side our main expenditure was the construction of the Parish Centre, which has been greatly admired. The building also accommodates our Parish Offices. While the final account has not been settled the cost of this important asset in the Parish will be over €2 million.

In the past year we also completed the work of recovering the Church kneelers.

We have just received a Report on the state of the Church which was commissioned from Barrett Mahony, Consulting Engineers. Our Church is more than 70 years old and is showing signs of deterioration. The engineers recommend work on the roof which, will to the rear of the Church, involve stripping off parts of the roof area. There is also work required on the windows and storm glazing. At this stage we are uncertain of the costs involved. However it would be safe to say we will have little change out of half a million Euro. We cannot delay this work and I have applied to the Diocese for approval to proceed with the work over the Summer months.

If you are not giving to the Family Offering we invite you to subscribe. If you require a box of envelopes or a Standing Order, please apply at the Parish Office or ring 4555 368 during office hours and we would be pleased to have your help. Let us hope that we can bring the numbers up to over a 1,000 families. You can always drop your Family Offering envelope in the white box at the end of the Church.

May I sincerely thank all our Counters and helpers who week by week do so much in Counting and preparing the lodgement for the Bank. We are short of Collectors in all areas of the Parish. If you wish to volunteer, we would be glad to hear from you. To those who collect house to house may I say a big "Thank You".

Fr John



We would be grateful if you could please either Turn Off your Mobile Phone or set it to 'Silent' when entering the Church.

Novena of Grace.

The Novena begins this Sunday with two Sessions each day at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Do come along if at all possible. It could be a time of Change and Renewal in your life. The Novena concludes on Monday 9th March.

Confirmations.

This year our Confirmations take place on

- **Friday 9th March [Scoil Eoin],**
- **Thursday 22nd March [St. Agnes and Scoil Chelm]**
- **Saturday 24th March [St. Damians School] .**

The Ceremony will begin at **11.00am each day.**

As Bishop Fiachra is recovering from an operation and is not available this year, our Parish Priest has been delegated to Administer Confirmation this year.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

This weekends Church Gate collection is in aid of Delsa Ireland.
Please be as generous as possible

Trocaire Boxes.

On the late side. We now have Trocaire Boxes available at the Church and from Reception in the Parish Centre.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This takes place from 7th-12th September 07. They have been invited to bring 180 sick people. If you know of anyone in your community who wishes to travel as a sick pilgrim please contact **Fr. John Gilligan, Lourdes Office, Clonliffe, D.3.** They are particularly looking for people who have not travelled with the pilgrimage before.



God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee

Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now detest them, Never will I sin again

2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the cross of Calvary; to that cross my sins have nailed him, yet he bleeds and dies for me. **Refrain**

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.

Soul of My Saviour

1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me ye waters streaming from his side.

Resolutions For Lent.

Did you know that most New Years Resolutions centre on losing weight or making more money or taking longer holidays or to stop smoking.

However now that Lent is well underway, we list 10 alternative ideas for the Season. Perhaps you might see how you measure up—Reflect on them.

1. To grow in the knowledge of God's love.
2. To deepen your prayer life.
3. To become more familiar with scripture.
4. To grow in Eucharistic wonder, amazement and awe.
5. To frequent the sacrament of reconciliation more.
6. To learn to conquer an area of sin.
7. To learn to control the tongue
8. To read more spiritual books.
9. To forgive and let go of resentment.
10. To practise the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount.

Church Shop.

We now have St. Patrick's Day Cards and Easter Mass Bouquets in stock.

Recently Baptised

Eimear Elizabeth Kehoe
Megan Sinead O'Shaughnessy-Higgins
James Robert Fox
Ellie Julia Coleman
Alesha Amy Reynolds
Bradley Alan Kennedy



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

Lenten Evening

Prayer Around The Cross
Every Friday in Lent in the Parish Centre from 7:45pm - 8:30pm.

What is God's Path for You.

Evening of Prayer & Reflection .
St. Paul's Convent, Greenhills.
Fri. 9th March, 07. 8.30-11.0pm
Ph. 01 450 5358. Mob. 087 654 7519.
Email stpauls@indigo.ie

Recently Deceased

Rita Colgan, Raphoe Rd.
John Cullen, St. Agnes Pk.
Richard Burke, Cashel Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 3rd March 2007
7:00pm Ann & Larry Agius {A}

Sunday 4th March 2007

9:00am Kevin Heary {A}
10:00am Daniel & Catherine Brohoon {A}
11:00am Elizabeth Healy {A}
12:00pm Peter Downey {2nd A}
1:00pm Nora Doyle {2nd A}
7:00pm Sheila Kavanagh {A}

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish

Readers Roster for Saturday 10 / 03 / 07

7.00pm Sarah Byrne & Alan Ryan

Sunday 11 / 03 / 07

9.00am John Greene & P. Corrigan
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am Frances & M. Healy
12.00pm Sean Byrne
1.00pm June Winders
7.00pm William Elliott

Spare Copies of Prayers of the Faithful are available in the Sacristy.

Please note the next readers meeting will be held on Tues 27 Mar2007 @ 7.30pm. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those helping to fold the newsletters

Eucharistic Ministers.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 13th March at 8pm.
Veronica McDermott.

