



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DAY FOR LIFE—IRELAND, SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2007

What is Day for Life?

The Church has a consistent and very clear message on the sacredness of human life. Day for Life is our annual celebration of this message. "Its primary purpose is to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church and in civil society a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition" EV 85. The Church also has a great deal of experience in all areas of pro-life work and has given the world a lead in the intellectual, political and social battle to save and protect all human life from conception to natural death.

Why does the Church oppose abortion?

The Church believes that every life has been created by God in his own image and likeness – that all life is sacred from the moment of conception to the point of natural death. The Church opposes abortion because it is the taking of an innocent human life.

What does the Church mean by pro-life?

To be pro-life means to promote human dignity and development in every sphere of life: to say 'yes' to life. The Church is opposed to all direct attacks against innocent human life e.g. abortion, abortifacient pills and devices, the abortion pill and the morning after pill, destructive embryo and embryonic stem cell research, genetic engineering, euthanasia, etc. because it believes that every life has purpose, meaning and inherent value.

What alternative does the Church offer?

This year sees the 30th anniversary of Cura in Ireland: the 10th anniversary of The Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative in Scotland and the 30th anniversary of the Life Care and Housing Trust in England and Wales. All these groups are charities caring for women in a crisis pregnancy situation. Through these agencies and many individual committed Catholics, the Church has for many years been at the forefront of offering practical, emotional and spiritual care to women and babies in need. In recent years this care has developed to include specific services to the many women, and men, who suffer grief, pain and loss following an abortion experience.

How does the Church promote a 'Culture of Life'?

27th October 2007 is the 40th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act in England, Scotland and Wales. During the past 40 years, the Church—local and universal—has been at the forefront of challenging people to think more deeply about 'life' issues. Through such prophetic documents as *Humanae Vitae*, *Evangelium Vitae* and the promotion of Day for Life, the Church desires to share with everyone the reasons for her pro-life beliefs. There is a consistent vision at the heart of the pro-life issue. The Church has answers worth hearing and questions and challenges to share aimed at helping people to come to that deeper understanding demanded by the seriousness of the current situation. The Catholic Church is a pro-life Church. For us, being pro-life is not an optional extra—it is at the heart of what we believe. 'We believe in one God ... maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen' *The Nicene Creed*.

PRAYER: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of life. Every human life is your gift to the world. Each person is unique, with a task you have entrusted to them alone. Help us always to promote the basic rights of all, and to recognise that we are all parts of one body, dependent on one another, and called to share a common life. AMEN.

Recently Baptised

Zara Bernadette Laffan
Jake Mark Jason Brogan
Katie Ann Aileen Maloney



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

CRUMLIN & DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Invite you to a coffee morning and
information on positive mental health
in a changing world, The impact of
Culture and diversity will take place
on St Agnes Parish Centre on
Wednesday 10th October from 10am
to 12 noon.

CURA

The Catholic Church's Agency
which offers support and help
to those who are faced with a
crisis pregnancy. All services at
CURA are free and confidential

For more information about
CURA or to contact them,
please call

Helpline: 1850 622 626
Email: curacares@cura.ie
Website: www.cura.ie

Items to be included in the
Newsletter should be left in the
Parish Office no later than noon on
the Wednesday before each weekend
in the week of publication

Recently Deceased

Yvonne Dempsey, Somerville Drive
Kathleen O'Brien, ex Captains Rd
Mary Maureen Walsh, Co Meath
Annie Higgins, Derry Drive
Liam Whelan, Cherryfield Rd.
Colm Deagan, 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 6th October 2007

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 7th October 2007

9:00am Winnifred Dunne {A}

10:00am Joseph & Sarah Abraham{A}

11:00am John Greene {A}

12:00pm Joseph Lyons {2nd A}

1:00pm Joseph Scanlon
{Birthday Remembrance}

7:00pm Frances, William & Gerard
Flynn {A}

Please Pray for Annie Fox
Eddie Manning

whose anniversaries occur at this time
May their Souls and the Souls of all the
Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday 13 / 1 0 / 07

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 14 / 10 / 07

9.00am V McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am Pat Morrison

12.00pm Richard Tobin

1.00pm C Nagle

7.00pm J O'Rourke

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. Next meeting 30th October @
7:30pm

DRUGS AWARENESS

Talk for parents on the subject of young people
and drugs in our community on Thursday 11th
October at 7:00pm in Rosary College.

Thought for the Week

"Those who deny freedom to others,
deserve it not for themselves."
Abraham Lincoln.

Memories of a Great Teacher (Part1)

Most of us began our school days in our local convent school. I remember fondly Sr. Assisi, a Holy Faith Sister, now deceased, who greeted a tearful little boy on his first day in school. After the first day I enjoyed the remainder of my Junior Infant year in her classroom. Not everyone had such memories of their days with the "Nuns" in various schools. However the Sisters are sadly almost gone from our schools.

A recent article in "Intercom" magazine caught my eye. It was written by Sinead Norton Boland, who taught in the Assumption School in Walkinstown. She recalls her first day as a teacher there meeting her first Principal and she writes "For teachers, first Principals are a bit like first loves—unforgettable, for better for worse! Mine was wonderful, dear Sister Angela of the Sisters of Charity, a good natured, vivacious, ebullient nun who proudly hailed from Co. Tipperary". Sister Angela died in 1995.

I am sure many of our readers will remember Sister Angela and/or Sinead. With her permission I am reproducing extracts from her article as a tribute to that fast disappearing breed of Sisters who served education in poorer days and who gave up everything so that children would receive the best of education. I hope the people of Ireland will not forget their enormous contribution to Primary and Post Primary Schools.

Sinead writes so well of her recollections of Sister Angela in Walkinstown and I know that over the next few weeks you will enjoy reading her story of this good natured, vivacious nun. It may recall for you memories of your school days—Happy ones I hope!

Fr John PP

BLESSED COLUMBA MARMION

A priest of the Diocese of Dublin, he was born in Queen Street, where his parents were shopkeepers and baptised in Arran Quay Church. He was ordained in 1881 and served as a curate in Dunderum Parish and then as a Professor in Clonliffe College. He then became a Benedictine Monk at the Abbey of Maredsous in Belgium and Abbot there in 1909. He died in 1923. He was the author of three best selling spiritual classics: *Christ the Life of the Soul*; *Christ in His Mysteries* and *Christ the Ideal of a Monk*. He was beatified in Rome on the 1st September 2000 and we celebrated his feast last Wednesday.



Blessed Columba Marmion, Pray for us.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting takes place on Tues
9th Oct in the Parish Centre @ 7:45pm

All Are Welcome.

Hope

Hope is knowing that I have been forgiven, my guilt removed.
Hope is knowing that there is a future, a life after death.
Hope is knowing that there is love, that there is a God, and I am loved by Him.
Whatever happens He does care.
Hope is knowing that He has plans, even if I do not understand them.

From the "Mystery of Love" by
Cardinal Basil Hume



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 soul 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.

Praise to the Lord

1. Praise to the Lord the almighty, the king of creation. O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation. All you who hear, now to his altar draw near, joining in Glad adoration. 2. Praise to the Lord let us offer our gifts at his altar; Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter, Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast Victims with him on the altar.

The King of love my shepherd

1. The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his praise to sing? Praise him. Praise him. Praise him. Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress: Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise him, Praise him, Praise him, Praise him. Glorious in his faithfulness.

