



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A Big Thank You



To the residents of St Michael's House who helped fold the newsletters this week.

Due to pressure on space we have to leave some notices out. We hope to carry them in our next week's newsletter.

Sunday Mass Collections

Family Offering: €2,560
Share: €2,442

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world has walked out."
Anon

Airs & Graces

It cannot be true that Jesus never laughed, yet we seldom see images of him laughing. Artistic impressions favour the serious look, the disappointment on his face. I know of only one picture—sent to me from the Philippines—where he's portrayed laughing his head off. Far from being irreverent, it shows a man full of life who can appreciate the funny side of things.

There is some hope for our sanity [and sanctity] when we can laugh at ourselves, at our 'airs and graces' as we try to impress one another. 'consider the lilies in the field', said Jesus. They don't have all our anxieties; they just open their heart and be themselves.

If we could trust life instead of trying to control it, we might allow our Guardian Angels bit of elbow - room and learn that everything does not depend on us. The truly spiritual ones can laugh because they know that everything is in God's hands; there is no need to be afraid.

Laughter is a sign of the presence of God, not laughter as ridicule at another's expense but the laughter of human beings at what foolish children we are, how little we understand, but how much we are loved. Such laughter celebrates diversity, creates communion and proclaims how good it is to be alive. And isn't that what Christianity is all about?

Courtesy Hugh O'Donnell. S.D.B.

OCTOBER; Month of the Rosary.

To mark this time of year, the Family Rosary Group in Lifford, Co. Donegal are promoting the recitation of the Rosary, especially in the family setting. Our Parish Shop has a very special offer of Rosary Beads at €1 each.

In their concluding lines of their covering letter they ask and encourage people to "Restore the beautiful tradition" where the Irish people honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Emigrant Sunday

This weekend we remember our emigrants. There are few families who do not have members living overseas. We often hear of the successful people. However for others emigration is not a success story. They are lonely and perhaps have turned to alcohol to ease their pain. This weekend we are called upon to contact our emigrants overseas to say we are thinking of them. Keep them in your prayers.

Church Gate Collection

This weekend the collection is in aid of the Third World Charity, Self Help Development, International. They ask your support for their work.

Price of Gas.

This week the price of gas rose by 34% - way above inflation. This affects the cost of running the Parish Church which is a large consumer of gas. The Diocese has had a special deal with Bord Gais, which has now been discontinued on the orders of the EU, so that our increase is about 50%.

I will now be endeavouring to improve the insulation levels of the Church where there is a huge heat loss. I will be requesting approval from the Diocese to initiate this work. Improvements will take some time to complete. I will keep you informed.

Fr. John.

St. Oliver Plunkett ; Day of Prayer for Peace & Reconciliation.

Next Thursday, 12th October, is the Anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Oliver Plunkett. The Peace Process in the north of Ireland has been progressing slowly and steadily. It will soon reach another important juncture in November. We are asked to pray for continued peace and a successful conclusion to the efforts of the British and Irish Governments who are working together to bring about a meeting of minds in Northern Ireland.

Family Offering Envelopes.

We would like to thank all our parishioners who contribute so generously to the Family Offering Collection. We are updating our records, and would be grateful if you would put your name and address on your envelopes for the next few weeks.

SUPERVISOR

[PART-TIME / JOB SHARING]

Required in local Day Centre catering for over 50 elderly persons per day. Duties include ; Administration, Supervision & Delegation in day-to-day running of Centre.

HOURS : 9am to 4 pm, 2/3 days a week.

Apply in writing [including CV] to
Management Committee, Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre, Lorcan O'Toole Court, Kimmage Road West, Dublin 12.
Closing Date : Friday 20th October.

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for

Saturday 14 / 10 / 06

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 15/ 10 / 06

9.00am Veronica McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am Pat Morrison

12.00pm Richard Tobin

1.00pm Catherine Nagle

7.00pm Joan O'Rourke

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

Please note the next readers meeting will be held on Wed 1st November. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green

Adoration Meeting

Mon 16th October in the parish centre At 7.30pm.

All members of the committee are asked to attend if possible



Catholic Papers

I would like to remind people that the Catholic papers have to be paid for. Last week six Catholic standards were taken, they cost €1.50 each. Many thanks for your cooperation. J.F.



Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

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.

Stay with us Lord

- R.** Stay with us Lord we pray you, Alleluia.
1. You are the bread come down from heaven;
You are the food of life eternal.
 - R.**
2. You are the light which illumines the world,
Brightening our way, dispelling our darkness.
 - R.**
3. You are the Christ the divine Son of God,
You are the pledge of life eternal.
- R.**

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,

In whom the world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God,
Through all our lives be near us,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next.



MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 7th October 2006

7:00pm Catherine Booth {A}

Sunday 8th October 2006

9:00am Vincent Powell {A}

10:00am Jenny & Paddy O'Connor {A}

11:00am Henry O'Brien {A}

12:00pm John Greene {A}

1:00pm Teresa, John, Jem & Carmel Murphy R.I.P.

7:00pm Francis Ronan & Family

ST DAMIAN'S MASS CENTRE

11:00am Joseph & Sarah Abraham {A}

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

Parish Youth Ministry Course

This Autumn there is a training course with theory & practical application for developing youth ministry in the Parish.

The Six week course covers Overview of youth ministry, Young people today, Initiatives that work, Exploring prayer & Spirituality, Planning & Child protection.

DATES: Thurs: 12th, 19th & 26th Oct, 9th, 16th & 23rd Nov.

TIMES: 7.45—9.30pm.

VENUE: Knocklyon Parish Centre, Knocklyon, D. 16. [Just off M50]

This course is supported by our Parish Pastoral Council and anyone who is interested should let us know through the Parish Office 455 5368 by the end of the week. The Parish will pay the fees