



# ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Priests of the Parish

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### CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT

Youth 2000 is an organisation of young people (aged 16-35) who work to spread the good news of the Catholic Faith throughout the island of Ireland. It is one of the New Movements in the Church referred to and welcomed in recent times by the late Pope John Paul II.

Youth 2000 runs regular weekend residential retreats for 16-35 year olds as well as prayer groups and school retreats. Their next event, a National Christmas Retreat for Young People aged 16-35, takes place at St Paul's Girls Secondary School, Greenhills from Fri 15th to Sun 17th Dec 2006. The retreat will comprise of talks, prayer, sharing, games and craic and promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore their Catholic Faith and make many new friends.

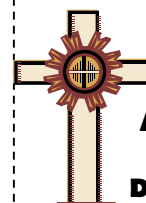
No charge for weekend—donations only—all food provided—just bring a sleeping bag. For more information contact Youth 2000 @ 01-675 3690 or Paul 087 837 5680 or visit their website www.youth2000.ie

### ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

#### Our 9 hour course

- Consists of talks and discussions on all aspects of relationships, and the sacrament of Marriage
- Offers you an opportunity for some time out with your partner in a relaxed atmosphere where you can talk about your future life together
- Does not require you to speak publicly about your relationship
- Is presented by married people and a priest who are trained facilitators
- Offers helpful advice on the practical details of the wedding ceremony
- **For more details please phone 01 -478 4400 or visit www.accord.ie**

### ADORATION COMMITTEE



**Please note that a meeting of the Adoration Committee will be held on Monday 11th December at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.**



Perrystown / Manor Estate Community Centre Dinner Dance  
15th December  
Music by the GOOD TIMES  
Dancing 8pm-1am  
Tickets € 32  
Meal served at 8.30pm sharp  
To avoid disappointment please book early. Enquiries/Tickets—  
Please phone Nancy @ 456 2373

### St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for

#### Saturday 16 / 12 / 06

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

#### Sunday 17 / 12 / 06

9.00am John Green  
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 30 Jan 2007 @ 7.30pm. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy*

### DEEP GRATITUDE

To all who made our 79th Christmas Fair a huge success  
To Fr John Deasy and Priests; To the super committee and many Helpers; to the people of the Parish who braved the elements; to our Benefactors, relatives and friends.  
The Parish Centre like the Christmas Fair was a sell out!  
*The Columban Sisters*

### Christmas Cards

A great selection of Christmas Cards are available from Carmel at the back of the Church. Funds are in aid of the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre.  
Pack of 10 - only €3

### Recently Deceased

Christina Molloy, Stanaway Rd  
Mary McMahon, Lorcan O'Toole Ct

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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### ST AGNES CHURCH

##### Saturday 9th December 2006

7:00pm Jack McManamly {A}

##### Sunday 10th December 2006

9:00am Ann O'Rourke {A}

10:00am Leo Mooney {Months Mind}

11:00am Margaret & James Byrne & Sarah RIP

12:00pm Margaret & William Byrne {Anniv.}

1:00pm Daniel Dempsey {3rd A}

7:00pm Mary & Dinny Dunne {A}

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

### Enjoy a Cuppa

Now that our Coffee Dock is up and running, why not drop in any weekday morning between 10am and 12 noon and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.



### Sunday Mass Collections

Family Offering: €2,081  
SHARE: €2,656

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

### Thought for the Week

*"We work so that the pathways of the world are open to Christ"*  
Pope Benedict XVI.

### THY WILL BE DONE

We have just celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and it is appropriate at this time to say a few words about Mary's role in bringing about the Incarnation—the birth of Jesus, our Saviour.

Her 'final answer' to the Angel's message was: YES! LET GOD'S WILL BE DONE! Hers was total surrender in trust to God.

Very often our prayer is: 'Thy will be changed,' and 'My will be done'. Most of the time our prayers are asking God to change something—sometimes ourselves, more often others, most often of all the circumstances of our lives. Perhaps, in our weakness, it is the only prayer we are capable of. But Mary was capable of much more. Although only a teenager, she was able to say YES to God's plan of redemption.

But Mary's YES was not a once off thing. It was an ABIDING YES that continued throughout her life in spite of the pain and suffering it entailed.

All of us have made our commitments and promises. May God, through the intercession of His Mother, help us to be faithful and to live up to these commitments

*Fr Peter Coffey*

### AT A CINEMA NEAR YOU

Beginning this week a major film on Christmas is going on general release. It is called "The Nativity Story". In order to experience the true meaning of Christmas, perhaps you go and see it yourself and bring along your children and grandchildren



### CARDINAL DESMOND CONNELL

Our former Archbishop was on a visit to the Parish early in the week and wishes all our Parishioners a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. We would wish to send him our good wishes in return.

### Vincent de Paul Special Collection

This annual occasion always receives the generous support of our Parishioners. The Society asks your support again this weekend. The Special Collection in aid of the Society will take place at all Masses in place of the Share Collection.

### Catholic Youth Care

Acknowledge with thanks the donation of €7,453.00 From St. Agnes, Crumlin.

### FAREWELL

Sr. Mairead who has been Community leader in the Irish Sisters of Charity Convent on Armagh Road is departing to a new posting in Seville Place. Her six year appointment is now over and we wish her every happiness in her future ministry.

Many will know Sr. Mairead from her involvement in our Schools as a Principal and teacher. She has been involved in the Parish Liturgy groups, Prayer groups and the Women's World Day of Prayer. We would like to thank her most sincerely for her good work in the Parish Community

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the residents of St Michael's House for helping to fold the newsletters



### All people that on Earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the lord with cheerful voice; Serve him with gladness, praise him well, Come now before him and rejoice.
2. Enter his gates with songs of praise, Come to his courts, approach with joy; Honour and bless him all our days, Gladly for God our lives employ.

### 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 that 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.**

### Hail Queen of Heaven.

1. Hail Queen of heav'n, the ocean star, Guide of the wand'rer here below; Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care Save us from peril and from woe. Mother of Christ, star of the sea, Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.
2. O gentle, chaste and spotless maid, We sinners make our prayers to thee: Remind thy son that he has paid The price of our iniquity. Virgin most pure, star of the sea, Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

