



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
Fr. J. Foster Ph. 4650714
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Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

Family Offering: €2,523
Share: €2,417

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

*Bridget O'Brien, Windmill Ave
We express our deepest sympathies to
Her family at this time.
May She Rest in Peace. Amen.*

Thought for the Week

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King

MISSION SUNDAY—OUR MISSION

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 13th October 2007

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 14th October 2007

9:00am Elizabeth Cox R.I.P.

10:00am Rita & John Twamley {A}

11:00am Mary & Christopher Martin {A}

12:00pm Sadie Joyce (7th A)

1:00pm Michael Hickey {2nd A}

7:00pm James Furlong & deceased members of the Furlong family {A}

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

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday 20 / 10 / 07

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 21 / 10 / 07

9.00am John Green

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & 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. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy. Next meeting 30th October @ 7:30pm

**LOOKING TOWARDS THE
YEAR OF MATTHEW**

Avila Carmelite Centre,

Morehampton Rd, Donnybrook

Saturday Nov.17th 2.30pm-5.00pm

Speaker: Father Tony O'Leary C.P.

Cost €10 per person

Please book by November 9th 2007

Mission Sunday is on Oct 21st. The theme for Mission Sunday and for the month of October is "Reflecting God's love...through mission.

Let me give you an account of the earthquake which struck Lima in August as told by two Irish Missionary Sisters in their efforts to reflect God's Love.

"It was 6.40pm on Aug 15th, the feast of the Assumption. We were having tea when suddenly there was a terrible shake and the lights went out. We went to the garden and the shaking continued for three minutes at intensity 7.9. I was praying my companion had fallen and couldn't get up. We were worried about our secretary and called out to her—she was safe—we hugged her and each other. We tried to call her mother who had arrived at our door frightened but alive. Everyone was frightened. Our neighbours house was down. It was a long night and all was darkness with occasional tremors.

Next morning when we went out we saw the awful extent of the damage. We walked around the villages and saw what were once homes, were now rubble. The people were sitting in the midst of it and saying "Thank God we are alive" Further down we found a young mother of two had died. We continued walking and finding more of the same rubble, rubble and more rubble. As far as the eye could see was devastation and death. Hundreds were dead, trapped under their homes.

We got to our Chapel, recently constructed, it survived. The only casualty was the statue of St Martin. A group of youths joined us and like their elders, they were thankful to God they had survived. They asked to pray and this we did on the spot. With their help we cleaned our Chapel. We visited the hospital and there were casualties everywhere.

Seventy per cent of the homes where we work were destroyed. We asked them what was the most urgent need. They told us food and shelter as they were sleeping in the open air and the cold of the desert is severe at night. We organised the people according to areas and set about getting the needed materials. Truck loads of building materials were bought -thanks to Aid from Ireland, friends, relatives and benefactors. Soup kitchens were set up run by the people. Young people are working day after day bagging food and distributing it.

Everyone at this stage is tired and yet there is a great feeling of solidarity and working together as we see signs of temporary shelter going up all over the place. Thanks to so many people. While on the theme of thanks, let me share with you too a lovely experience we had after Mass. One of our native Peruvian missionaries went up to the altar and spoke her thanks to the congregation, mentioning the two of us, she said we not abandon them in their terrible situation. The whole congregation erupted with enthusiastic applause. "Thanks" is such a good word. This thanks we extend to so many generous people who enabled us to help the destitute people of Ica, Peru.

We too are called to take up this challenge of our faith and to "Reflect God's Love" to the community we live in and beyond. How is our life as an individual and Parish doing this?

An Irish Missionary

MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we will be calling on you to pray for the Missions and to financially support the work of spreading the Gospel. The Church Collection will replace \$HARE at all Masses next weekend. Traditionally the people of St Agnes have always been most generous to this annual collection for the Missions

MEMORIES OF A GREAT TEACHER PART 2

Last week we began Sinead Norton Boland's recollections of a wonderful School Principal, Sr. Angela Maher, who hailed from Tipperary and was Principal in the Assumption Primary School in Walkinstown, and this week we continue her story....

For some reason—perhaps because we were both new to the Assumption Primary School in Walkinstown at the same time, she as a mature Principal and I a fledgling teacher—Sr. Angela took a tremendous interest in my own career, my further studies and later, believe it or not, in my love-life!

Long before the latter had developed (or more accurately, had finally stabilised!), Sr. Angela took me on a privileged little tour of the local Convent. No doubt the plan was to let me see for myself the beautifully kept yet tasteful and homely surroundings. After the passage of a number of years, however, she gave up on me in that direction but when I eventually announced my engagement to a man from Co Tipperary, Sr. Angela was ecstatic. This was surely the next best thing to entering the Convent!

In an effusive, all-embracing way, Sr. Angela was genuinely involved with all her staff members. Teachers were valued for their many diverse gifts and she had the ability to recognise and harness individual talents for the good of the school. With a perceptive eye, she noticed all the extra work that teachers do: the tasteful display of Art & Craft work in the corridor, for example, or the success of the camogie team following extra coaching, or perhaps the accompaniment and training of the school choir for Confirmation Day—and she had the wisdom and graciousness to acknowledge and praise all this hidden work.

To be continued next week

**CHURCH GATE
COLLECTION**

THIS WEEKEND'S CHURCH GATE COLLECTION IS IN AID OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE.

Sunday Funnies!!!

*Why be quiet in Church?
The preacher had been speaking for 45 minutes when he asked "Why should people be quiet in Church?" A voice was heard from the back "So that people can sleep!!"*

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



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.



An Evening of Song & Prayer

with

TOM KENDZIA

Endless Is Your Love:
An Experience of Music & Ritual
In

**Church of Our Lady of Mt
Carmel, Firhouse**

On

Wed 17th October @ 7.30pm

Cover Charge €5

(Light Refreshments Afterwards)

Ph: 451 4376 / 087 919 5012

**St Oliver Plunkett, A Journey
to Sainthood**

**St Peter's Parish, Drogheda has
produced a DVD on the life of
St Oliver Plunkett.**

The cost is €10

To order a copy please

Phone 041 - 983 6908

St. [Padre] Pio.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th October. Rosary 6.45pm, Mass 7.00pm. Followed by Benediction and Blessing.

All are Welcome

Matt Talbot Mass

The Matt Talbot Mass will take place on Tuesday 16th Oct in the Fr Libermann Oratory, Kimmage Manor Rosary 7:15pm; Mass at 7:30pm.

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