



ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Priests of the Parish

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Family Offering: €2,453
Share: €2,826
 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Do the Women's Mini Marathon in **Aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital** 4th June 2007. Sponsor Card & T-Shirt Paddy Brennan 087 631 7702

Thought for the Week

"God will not deny his mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted". -- Sr Faustina

Divine Mercy Sunday

In my young days devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was a popular devotion. This devotion expressed the love of Jesus and also His Mercy. Many people still undertake the nine First Fridays which is part of that long tradition going back to the revelations to Sr. Margaret Mary in the 18th Century.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a 20th Century expression of this prayer with a strong emphasis on the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus who died for us.

In February 1931 Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun. He asked Sr. Faustina to reproduce the image of Him as she saw it with the words "Jesus I trust in you" written below his feet.

Born Helen Kowalska in 1905, Sr. Faustina as she is known today was one of a family of ten. Her family, though poor were rich in the love of God. She joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1927. She died 13 years later, a humble and hard working Sister. She spent her short life devoted to the Divine Mercy of Jesus. She kept a diary that was over 600 pages long.

Sr. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Novena of Divine Mercy which concludes today.

Pope John Paul II said of her at her beatification "Thank you for reminding the world of this great mystery of Divine Mercy..... which today every individual and the whole world needs so very much" She was Canonised as a Saint on April 30th 2001.

GOOD NEWS

HAPPY MARRIAGES SHOULD BE CELEBRATED

A number of people have told us they are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversaries this year. They were married in 1957. We thought it would be good to mark the Diamond, Golden, Ruby, Pearl and Silver Wedding Anniversaries taking place this year at the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday 22nd April. You and your families would be very welcome along on that occasion even if your marriage partner has died. In order to let us know how many are attending, please notify Mary in the Parish Office (Phone: 01 - 455 5368) as soon as possible.



Trocaire Boxes

Now that Lent is over, you are asked to return your Trocaire Boxes to the Parish Office or to the Sacristy. Thank you for your generosity to the needy of the third world

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

This weekends Church Gate collection is in aid of Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Research. Please be as generous as possible

St Agnes Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage.

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 7-12 Sept. Five nights full board accommodation costs €665 per person sharing. A deposit of €200 per person will secure a place.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those helping to fold the newsletters. Please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter home with you.

EFFECTIVE PARENTING

Some years ago at a lecture on education given by the headmaster of the school our children attended, he took as an analogy to parenting the work of the potter. To demonstrate this we are shown three mugs. Mug A had a very sloppy lip which spilled out over the edge, Mug B had an almost closed lip and appeared all scrunched up, while Mug C was of a regular shape such that you would have a cup of coffee from. He explained that when the potter throws the clay and turns the wheel, the hand on the inside expands the clay while the hand on the outside moulds the clay into the shape the potter wants to make.



Parenting can be looked at in a similar light. The hand on the inside is the hand of love and is used to help the child grow and expand, while the hand on the outside is the hand of discipline, which helps to give shape to the child's growth. Both are necessary; too much love produces a child who cannot stand straight and pay proper attention as they have been over indulged; too much discipline and you get a fearful, crushed child whose capacity for learning and play has been impaired. The proper balance of love and discipline produces a happy child, one who is able to learn and play without difficulty.

Learning to drive a car involves considerable practice and we need a licence before venturing out on the road alone. However, to parent we need no such similar licence, yet we are in charge of the most important object of all, namely the child. Understanding how to balance the love and discipline is what effective parenting is all about, and also where the joy of parenting lies.

To this end it is proposed to give a course in the Parish Centre on 'Parenting in the Formative Years 0-10'. The course will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:30pm and will run for seven weeks at a cost of €20, commencing on the 24th of April. If you are interested in attending please ring or text me at 087 905 0212 or simply come along on the first night.

Valerie Collins

Eucharistic Adoration

The next meeting of the Adoration Committee will be on Monday 16th April at 6.20pm



Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th April. Rosary 6.45. Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction And Blessing.

All Are Welcome

Matt Talbot Mass

The Matt Talbot Mass will take place on Tuesday 17th April in the Fr Libermann Oratory, Kimmage Manor Rosary 7:15pm; Mass at 7:30pm.

All Are Welcome

Recently Baptised

Rachel Lisa Noeleen Kirwin
 Ellie Louise McCarville
 Ella May Sinclair
 Sophie Lily Nolan



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

Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross and Blackrock Hospice are looking for participants to run in the 25th Annual Women's Mini Marathon on 4th June to raise €250,000 for the provision of ongoing patient comfort and care services. Call 1850 660 606 or log onto www.olh.ie for further information.

Pope Benedict XVI

This coming Thursday we celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the election of our Holy Father. Let us remember him at Mass and prayer this week. May he continue to enjoy good health.



EASTER PRAYER

(continued from Prayer Around the Cross) will take place on Friday 20th April at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend



Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

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. 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. Fatherlike he tends and spares us: Well our feeble frame he knows: In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Widely as His mercy flows.

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.

A New Hymn of Praise.

Response A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 1. This is the day the Lord has made; Ransom for sin his life he gave. (R)
 2. To save us he was crucified, Raising our hearts when hope had died. (R)
 3. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine. We receive back, his life divine. (R)
 4. So live within us, make us one; Stay with us Lord, till life is done. (R)

Let the Earth rejoice and Sing

Let the earth rejoice and sing alleluia At the triumph of our king, Alleluia He ascends from mortal sight, Alleluia Reigns now at our Father's right, Alleluia Jesus victor, hear our prayer, Alleluia In thy triumph let us share, Alleluia Lift our minds and hearts above, Alleluia Strengthen all men in thy love, Alleluia



Recently Deceased

Patrick O'Brien, Balfe Rd East
 Michal N Lynam, Cashel Ave
 Bernard Connolly, Somerville Pk
 Seamus Behan, Downpatrick Rd
 Eileen Fetherston, Stanaway Ave
 John James Murray, Derry Rd

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 14th April 2007

7:00pm Raymond Massey {1st A}

Sunday 15th April 2007

9:00am Bernard Smith {1st A}

10:00am Christopher Wiggy Jones

11:00am William & Mary O'Byrne

12:00pm Margaret & William Wickham {A}

1:00pm Dolores & Philip Hughes{A}

7:00pm Anthony Ivors {A}

Please Pray for Richard Brophy {A} and Brendan Roe RIP

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

St Agnes Parish

Readers Roster for Saturday 21 / 04 / 07

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday 22 / 04 / 07

9.00am R McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm Pat Condon

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. The Next Readers meeting Tuesday 29th May.

TRAINING DAY

On this Monday afternoon, only essential business will be undertaken in the Parish Office as there will be a Staff Training afternoon from 2.30pm-4.30pm. Please avoid using the office if at all possible. Thank you.