



# 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

## Recently Deceased

*Teresa Brigid Kearns, Kildare Road*

*Paul Whelan, Cashel Road*

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

*May He Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## Thought for the Week

*"When I was 14 I thought my father knew little about life. By the time I was 21 I  
discovered my father had learned much in the intervening 7 years". --*

*Mark Twain.*

Family Offering: €2,367

Share: €2,294

Many thanks for your continued  
support and generosity

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 16th June 2007

7:00pm Elizabeth Fitzgerald {A}

Sunday 17th June 2007

9:00am Annie & Thomas Howard {A}

10:00am Martin McCarthy {A}

11:00am John Stephen Coonan {A}

12:00pm Sarsfield & Dempsey Families.

1:00pm Buddy Hall {A}

7:00pm Bridget [Bridie] Walsh {A}

Please Pray for: Margaret Ashmore,  
[Birthday Remembrance]

William Stapleton

[Months Mind]

*May their Souls and the Souls of all the*

*Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen*

## A Reflection for Father's Day

When I was giving a retreat in Peru in 1977, a sister who ministers in Lima's central prison brought this lesson home to me. She described how, as Mother's Day was approaching during her first year there, the men in the prison kept asking her for Mother's Day cards. She kept bringing boxes and boxes of cards for the prisoners to send to mama, but she never seemed to have enough. So as Father's Day approached, she decided to prepare for the onslaught of requests by buying an entire case of Father's Day cards. But that case, she told me, is still sitting in her office. Not one man asked her for a Father's Day card. She couldn't even give them away.

She realised then—and as she told me this story with tears in her eyes—that most of the men were in jail because they had no fathers. Not that they were orphans, but they had never been fathered. They had never seen themselves as sons of men who admired them, they had never felt a deep secure identity, they had never received that primal enthusiasm that comes from growing up in immediate contact with an older and secure man. And so they spent their lives trying to become men in devious and destructive ways. They were insecure men who had to prove that they were men, **because no one ever told them that they were.** Their negative acting out invariably became acts of lawlessness, opposition and violence.

## Hope.

We inherit from our miraculous past the theological virtue of HOPE. Hope is always humble and frequently disappointed. Hope is not the house. Hope is not even hands that build the house. Hope is the hands that shape the rubble into some kind of shelter for the night when the house is ruined.

It cannot be separated from its theological sisters FAITH and LOVE but it is not to be confused with optimism which is a conceited and secular cousin. Hope is ingrained in the hardness of history, while optimism is caught like a passing bout of influenza from the ease and pride of life.

Robert Speight, The Property Basket.

## St Agnes Parish

### Readers Roster for

Saturday 23 / 06 / 07

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 24 / 06 / 07

9.00am Veronica 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.*

## 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.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

## ST AGNES PARISH CENTRE

### PART-TIME CARETAKER REQUIRED

Might suit somebody who has recently  
retired

No Weekend Work

Application Forms are available at the  
Parish Office

Closing Date: Monday 18th June 2007

## Recently Baptised

Katie Orla Purtill-Delaney

Callum Thomas Treacy-Parsons

Lexie Leigh Elliott



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

## Corpus Christi Procession.

Many thanks to all those who turned out for the Procession last Sunday night. It brought back memories of times past. Many country parishes continue the practise and it is very much part of the tradition of the Feast. The City of Cork still continues its long tradition of the Procession through the main streets of the City by the Lee. Many thanks to all who helped with our event last weekend. We hope the occasion prompted reverence and devotion for the Blessed Sacrament.

## Citizens Information Service.

A local centre providing information on a lot of topics is now available in the Slade Room of the Parish Centre, on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9.45—12.30 pm.

Enquiries are welcome .

If you have a query the lady will be there to help and advise you.

## Remembering Our Past.

Feast of the Irish Martyrs, 17 in all, beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992 occurs on Wednesday 20th June.

### Namely

Dermot Hurley, Conor O Devany, Patrick O' Loughran, Maurice McKenraghty, Terence O'Brien, Peter Higgins, John Kearney, Patrick O'Healy, Conrad O'Rourke, William Tirry, Dominic Collins, Francis Taylor, Margaret Birmingham, Matthew Lambert, Robert Meyler, Edward Cheevers, Patrick Cavanagh,

## A Day for Babies.

Invitations are now gone out to the children baptised in St. Agnes' over the past year. They are invited along with their parents to a Special Mass in St. Agnes Church at 12.00noon, on Sunday next 24th June, the Feast of the birth of John the Baptist. They will receive a special blessing on that occasion and we hope that parents will bring their babies along. I know the children will be delighted to be there, but they cannot walk or drive themselves to the Church—as yet.

## Rathmines Parish Memories.

Rathmines Church 1856-2006: a 'Journey of Faith' - an exhibition of photographs and documents outlining the history of the church of Our Lady of Refuge in Rathmines, was launched by the Lord Mayor of Dublin , Cllr. Vincent Jackson, and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in Rathmines Library on Thursday 31st May at 7.30pm. The exhibition will run for the month of June.

## Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting will take place in St. Agnes' Church on Tuesday 19th June. Rosary 6.45. Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction And Blessing.

**All Are Welcome**

## Knock 2007.

Our Annual Parish Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 30th August departing from St. Agnes Church at 8.30am.as usual our Pilgrimage takes place on a day especially designated for the sick and the elderly in Knock.

The all-in cost, including morning tea and coffee and 4 course Dinner on the return journey, will be €42.

Priest Chaplain.

**Book at the Parish office.**

## Matt Talbot Sunday.

This weekend we remember Matt Talbot who overcame a problem with alcohol and gave witness to the love of God in his life.

He lead a life of prayer and fasting and died a humble and saintly man in 1925.

**Let us pray for his beatification .**

**There's no danger of  
developing  
eyestrain from looking  
on the  
bright  
side of things.**



## Sing Praise to our Creator

1. Sing praise to our creator, O sons of Adams Race  
God's children by adoption, baptized into His grace  
Praise the Holy Trinity, undivided unity;  
Holy God, Mighty God, God Immortal, be adored  
2. To Jesus Christ give glory, God's co-eternal Son;  
As members of His Body , we live in Him as one  
Praise the Holy Trinity, undivided unity,  
Holy God. Mighty God, God Immortal be adored.

## 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)**

## Sweet Heart of Jesus.

1. Sweet heart of Jesus, Fount of love and mercy,  
Today we come, thy blessing to implore;

O touch our hearts, So cold and so ungrateful,

And make them Lord, Thine own for evermore.

**R.** *Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,*

*O make us love thee more and more.*

2. Sweet heart of Jesus, make us pure and gentle, and  
teach us how to do thy blessed will; to follow close the  
print of thy dear footsteps, and when we fall—sweet  
heart, oh, love us still.