



## ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Priests of the Parish

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### 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: €2,496  
St. Vincent de Paul: €19,561

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

### Thought for the Week

"Forgiveness does not make the other person right, it makes you free."  
Anon.

### Courage not Paralysis

Last Mondays Gospel reading was taken from St. Luke, Chapter 5, Verse 17-26. Perhaps you might take down your Bible and read it. I have always found the story told fascinating. It is about the paralyzed man who needed the help of relations and friends to bring him to Jesus. You will recall how they had to cut a hole in the roof of the house in order to lower him before Jesus.

The kind of paralysis I wish to mention this day is the kind where good people feel unable to speak out against evil. This can be because of the fear of intimidation or being laughed at. Through silence evil is unchallenged. The Church and society can also remain silent.

Recently I must say I admired the Parish Priest of Darndale near Coolock who spoke out publicly about the drug problems in the area. At the latest funeral of a victim and in the presence of those who know who were selling drugs he condemned in strong words the dealers who brought such pain into the lives of families in the area.

In his efforts to fight against those who pedalled drugs in the Parish, he himself was the victim of intimidation with the word rat daubed on his house and Church.

We must commend the courage of Father Terry Murray in speaking out. In speaking the truth of the Gospel he too had to pay a price and it takes a brave man to hold his ground against evil.

Let us pray for Father Terry, who certainly has not been paralysed into silence. His faith and courage will win out in the end. Father John.

### Help Needed.

Christmas day is a special occasion in the life of the Parish. It is important to have music at all the Masses except the 8am which is a "Quiet Mass". We have musical assistance at all the remaining Masses except the 9am. Anyone willing to lend a hand with music at that Mass would they please contact Fr. John at 4555 368 or 4550 955.

We have a new organ-piano up beside the altar which has a piano keyboard making it easy to play. So you do not need to be an organist.

### THANK YOU

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



### Many Thanks.

This weekend we will be distributing our Parish Newsletters, Parish Calendar and Dues Envelopes for all homes in the Parish. We need your help with the distribution. Call to Carmel at the back of the Church to collect a bundle for your area. May I thank all who volunteered to help with the packing of the bags on last Tuesday evening.

### Advent is the greening of the earth with hope

That springs from the tired dryness of the old church year,  
A greening with the hope  
That when human history comes full term  
And the birth pangs of creation erupt  
Into a new heaven and a new earth,  
And God, Immanuel Is everything to everyone.

### Advent is preparing to give birth

To the One who has come and is coming,  
Mindful that our life's work is to conceive him,  
With the seed of God's grace,  
And bear Jesus to our world.  
Advent is recognising, welcoming and befriending  
The vulnerable and the stranger,  
The desert places in myself and others, Believing it is there God stirs and saves.

### Reminder

Our Pre-Christmas Penitential Service with Confessions will take place this year on Wednesday 20th December in St. Agnes Church at 7.30pm.  
Please come along and make your peace with God for Christmas.

### Mary Help of Christians.

Special Christmas Mass 'With carol singing' in Salesian Oratory  
Thursday 21st December 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

### Toy Giving Ceremony

This Sunday 17th Dec. at the Carol Service at 4pm.  
New toys and gifts will be greatly appreciated.

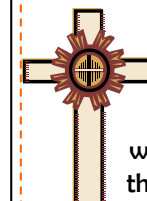


### All people that on Earth do dwell

- 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.
- 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.

- Receive O Father in thy love, These humble gifts of bread and wine; That with ourselves we offer thee, Returning gifts already thine.
- 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.



### NO ADORATION CHRISTMAS WEEK.

There will be no adoration in the Oratory during Christmas week, **25th—29th inclusive**, as the Church will be closed for much of the time.

The Adoration will recommence on **Tuesday 2nd January.**

### Did You Know ?

I was on the phone to a priest friend in Scotland last Sunday night. He told me that only one Christmas card in a 100 posted this Christmas in the United Kingdom will have a religious design and message.

**Food for thought. Snowman, Santa and holly bushes are in and Christ is out.**

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The members of the Conference in the Parish wish to acknowledge your great generosity last weekend. Our Parishioners and others attending the Church donated almost 20,000 Euro. Well done and many thanks.

### S.F.O. Area Meeting

Takes place Monday 18th December, 3-4pm Oratory, St. Columban Sisters, [Back Fr. Kitt Court]  
Lecto Divine-Divine Office and prayers of intercession before the Blessed Sacrament. [third Order Franciscans]

### St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for

**Saturday 23 / 12 / 06**  
7.00pm M. Rooney & J. Cleary  
**Sunday 24 / 12 / 06**  
9.00am Vera Brennan  
10.00am Family Mass  
11.00am M. Finnegan  
12.00pm M. McManus  
1.00pm Liam Buckley  
7.00pm Olan Twomey

*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*

### 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

### Matt Talbot.

Tuesday 19th December Fr. Libermann Oratory, Kimmage Manor.  
Rosary 7.15pm  
Mass 7.30pm.  
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

### Baptisms.

We congratulate and welcome the following people into our Parish.

**Zack John Kaye**  
**Glen Sean Anthony Kelly**  
**Anthony James Duffy**  
**Ryan Thomas Keane**  
**Ross Michael Brennan**  
**Taylor Louise Clinton**



### Padre Pio Prayer Group

Next Meeting Tuesday 19th December  
Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm  
Followed by Benediction and Blessing.  
**All Are Welcome.**

