



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

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 Fr. P. Coffey Ph. 4650707  
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Don't Forget that the Coffee Dock is open in the Parish Centre Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon. Why not drop in for a cuppa and a chat

**Family Offering: €2,252**  
**Share: €2,575**  
 Many thanks for your support

*Thought for the Week*

*"Let us walk together this Lent seeking forgiveness, renewed love and service of one another in the Lord"*  
 Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Birmingham

**LENT BEGINS**

It is that time of year when Lent begins. The word Lent means spring and I see the early daffodils are already thrusting up their heads with an odd one even in flower. In the past we looked upon Lent as a time of pain—fasting and giving up things. The traditions of the past still continue, but let us also make it a positive and hopeful time in our lives. Like the daffodil, it is a time to open our lives up to others—to brighten up their lives. Let us bring the joy of Christ to the people we live with and share our lives with. This might be a penance if we are the grumpy type and awkward—"angular" as they say.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday—the time we make our Lenten resolutions. The ashes distributed this year began life as the Palm on Palm Sunday last year. They are now used to mark our foreheads to signal to ourselves and others that our Lenten journey has begun. This year we will have the help of some of the lay people with the distribution of ashes. This has been the custom of many other Parishes for a number of years because of the decline in the availability of Priests. The words I will be using as I mark your forehead will be *"Turn away from sin and follow the way of Jesus Christ"*

These words express the hope that we will try to be like Jesus Christ in this year of 2007.

*Fr John*

**SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT**

1. Be more attentive to daily prayer, and Mass
2. Fast a little so that we might be more generous to the underprivileged in our world
3. Support the work of TROCAIRE or other charity of your choice
4. Purchase at the back of the Church the booklet "WALK WITH ME" - prayers and reflections for each day in Lent. (Price €1.50 each)
5. Join in the celebration of PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS every Friday in Lent in the Parish Centre 7.45pm - 8.30 pm

**CITIZEN INFORMATION SERVICE**

**A centre has now opened each Monday and Tuesday morning in the Slade Room in the Parish Centre from 10.00am to 12.30pm**  
**Do feel welcome to call if you seek information and advice on:**

- **Social Welfare Entitlements;**
- **Health Board Payments;**
- **Consumer Rights;**
- **Housing;**
- **Taxation;**
- **Education;**
- **Family Law; etc.**

**We are there to help you, All enquiries are in confidence**

**Annual Sunday**

Support the work of ACCORD, the agency that supports marriage and the family. Your generosity will enable their work to expand. The special collection at all Masses this weekend is in aid of ACCORD and replaces the SHARE collection. Thank you for your generosity

**Drimnagh Castle Primary School**

**Drimnagh Castle Primary School is celebrating 50 Years this year. They would love to hear from past pupils who live in our Parish. Please contact the school on 01-455 2066.**



**An Caisleán needs your help.**

**Matt Talbot Mass**

The Matt Talbot Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th February in the Fr Libermann Oratory, Kimmage Manor Rosary 7:15pm; Mass at 7:30pm.

**All Are Welcome**

**Padre Pio Prayer Group**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th February. Rosary 6.45. Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction And Blessing.

**All Are Welcome**

**Lenten Evenings**

**Prayer Around The Cross**  
**Every Friday in Lent in the Parish Centre from 7:45pm - 8:30pm, beginning Friday 23rd February**

**FAMILY OFFERING BOXES**

**At the beginning of March our new Parish Family Offering Envelopes should reach all our Parishioners who are contributing. The boxes are now ready for distribution from the Parish Office and many hands are needed to help deliver them to the houses throughout the Parish. This year because of computerisation everyone now has a new number.**

**\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE NUMBER ON YOUR BOX TO YOUR OLD NUMBER\*\*\***

**If you are not contributing, please apply to the Parish Office for a box or standing order**

**Also the Christmas Dues acknowledgements are awaiting delivery. Please volunteer to assist with the deliveries in your area. As the saying goes 'Many hands make light work'**

**Many thanks in advance for your assistance.**

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY**

This weekend we are reminded of the need for sobriety. The appalling death rate on the roads continues. So many young people die at the wheel of a car due largely to excessive speed, combined with drink often during the night hours.

Please drive with care and drink sensibly and **remember don't drink and drive.** This weekend pray for all who have died in road accidents over the past year and remember their grieving families

**Recently Baptised**

*Ella Summer Steacy & Kelly Maria Steacy (Twins)*  
*Carla Elizabeth McCann*  
*Sienna Sarah Kearney*  
*Abby Alisha Ronan-Byrne*  
*Chloe Carmel Phillips*



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

**16th Divine Mercy Conference**

24th - 25th February 2007  
 RDS Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Speakers:  
*Fr Vincent Travers O.P., Author & worldwide Missionary Lay Apostle*  
*Fr Killian Byrne, Spiritual Director to Foyers of Charity.*  
*Fr Cathal Price CC, Kilbarrick/Foxfield Parish*

*Tickets Sat €20; Sun €15; W/End €25*

*Conference Hours Sat 9am to 9pm; Sun 9am to 5.30pm. Advance booking & enquiries Tel 831 3119, 839 3691, 831 5647. Book early to avoid disappointment*



**Christ be near at Either Hand**

1. Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind before me stand, Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around, above, below.
2. Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart, Christ abide and ne'er depart

**Lord Accept the Gifts we offer**

1. Lord, accept the gifts we offer, at this Eucharistic feast; Bread and wine to be transformed now, Through the action of thy priest. Take us too Lord and transform us, Be thy grace in us increased
2. May our souls be pure and spotless, As this host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out, Like the grape that forms the wine, As we, too, become partakers. In this sacrifice divine.

**Sweet Sacrament Divine**

1. Sweet Sacrament Divine, hid in thy earthly home, lo! Round thy lonely shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise, Sweet Sacrament Divine. [R.]
2. Sweet Sacrament of Peace, dear home of every heart, where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart, there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery, Sweet Sacrament of Peace. [R.]

**Be Thou My Vision**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art: Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord: Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son, Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.



**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to those helping to fold the newsletters at this time of year.