



**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

Peter Dunne, Windmill Ave.
Patricia Curtis, St. Agnes Pk.
Kevin Lawlor, Cherry Grove.
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

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

Family Offering: €2,896
Share: €2,544
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"Silences make for real conversations between friends."
Anonymous

Why Religion

Have you ever asked yourself any of the following questions? What is the purpose of my religion? Is it to get me into heaven when I die? Does it have any practical relevance in my everyday life?

Perhaps one of the real purposes of religion is to reveal the truth. We all want to know the truth so does my religion speak truth to me and if so how does it do this? John's Gospel tells us that 'In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God', therefore the Word and God are the same. It also says that 'In Him was and the life was the light of men' The light in us is directly from the Word of God.

As Christians we acknowledge the 'Word made Flesh' in the form of Jesus Christ. His words are directly from the Word of God. Jesus has told us that the 'Kingdom of God is Within'. Is the kingdom within us the light that John speaks of? Can it penetrate the darkness to bring us to this kingdom?

When we are lost and ask directions we listen carefully so that we can find our way again. Likewise when we listen carefully to the words of Jesus we can find our way home, as his directions are clear and precise. He tells us that he is the Way the Truth and the Life, and that nobody gets to the Father except through Him.

Jesus' whole life was an example of how to become one with the Father.

Our religion is full of Jesus' words and when we truly listen and hear those words in our minds and hearts we naturally obey and can find ourselves in the kingdom within. We experience peace, joy, enlightenment, happiness and gratitude. We have strength to meet our daily duties, go out to others, let our light shine. The world needs our light as do our families and friends. Taking time out to be still, to pray, to read scripture, to walk in the park and see the glory of creation all around us is fundamental to our spirit, which cries out to be one with the Lord.

Contributed by a Parishioner.

Laetare Sunday.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, 18 March, is called Laetare Sunday, named after the first Latin word of the Entrance antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, you who love her. It was a Sunday when there was a relaxation of the old Lenten discipline. It is also called Mothering Sunday with two strands of history, the first a link with the cathedral as the mother-church of the diocese and secondly a day when servants went home to visit their families and in some places also to attend with their families the church where they were baptised. They gave their mothers a special simnel cake.

Laetare Sunday is also Mother's Day. Good wishes to all Mothers.

Emmaus.

March 21st [8.0pm-9.30pm] No Charge-Donations accepted.
Journey through Lent-Facilitators; Sr. Patricia O'Malley & Br. Hugh Moloney.
March 24th [9.30am-4.30pm] The Art of Stillness- Facilitator John Doherty BA. MSc. MMin. Cost €85 [Including Workshop & Lunch]

Lenten Evening

Prayer Around The Cross takes place every Friday in Lent in the Parish Centre from 7:45pm - 8:30pm.

St. Joseph.

Bank Holiday Monday, 19th March is the Feast of St. Joseph. We have his statue in the top left of the Church. We include a little reflection below on St. Joseph and wish all who have him as a baptismal patron a happy Feast day.

A March Saint.

Saint Joseph -19 March.

The virtues of St. Joseph have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out: faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority, and fruitful reticence'.

Courtesy of Intercom.

Recently Baptised

Claire Ann Malone
Alyssa Eireann Locke
Phillip Jason Kennedy
Jamie Michael Carroll-O'Sullivan
Louise Marion Heavy
Emily Louise Dolan

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

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

Chrism Mass.

The only Mass celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday is the Mass at 10.0am in the Pro-Cathedral, when the Holy Oils used in all the Churches of the Diocese are blessed.

If two people would like to represent the Parish on that morning, please come forward and give your names to the Parish Priest.

Introducing a Shared Mass.

In order to satisfy the demand for Weekend Mass Intentions, beginning Sunday the 7th of October, the 7.00pm Saturday evening will be a shared Mass each weekend.

PME Variety Group Presents

"Can't Stop The Beat"

At PME Community Centre, Limekiln Lane
March 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th at 8.00pm Sharp

Tickets available from Box Office At 086 3386 182/ 087 262 1682
Or at PME centre on Sundays between 2pm and 5pm.

Admission €10

Group Bookings available for

WED. 21st ONLY

At 8 each for 20 or more

Book Early to avoid

Disappointment.

Date for Your Diary.

As is usual we will be celebrating the Annual Mass for those marking their Marriage Jubilees this year on the second Sunday after Easter which this year occurs on Sunday 22nd April. The Mass will be at 12 Noon.

More about this Celebration later.

St. Agnes Parish 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.

Mary.

Eucharistic Adoration.

There will be no Adoration on Monday 19th March-Bank Holiday. The Committee Meeting will be held on March 26th at 6.20pm

Matt Talbot Mass

Tuesday 20th March, Fr. Libermann Oratory, Kimmage Manor.
Rosary 7.15pm. Mass 7.30
All are most Welcome.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

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

All Are Welcome



God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee

Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now detest them, Never will I sin again

2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the cross of Calvary; to that cross my sins have nailed him, yet he bleeds and dies for me. **Refrain**

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.

Soul of My Saviour

1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me ye waters streaming from his side.

2. Strength and protection may his passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign, in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye

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.

3. Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day, Christ be my unchanging friend, Guide and shepherd to the end



THANK YOU

A big thank you to those helping to fold the newsletters

Apologies.

Sister Mary, from the Convent on Armagh Rd. has been unwell and so unable to carry out her usual home visits. She hopes to be back doing her calls shortly.
We wish her well.