



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
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**Family Offering: €3,156
Share: €2,642**
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Rosanna Duke, St. Agnes' Park,
William Gibbons, Captain's Drive
Liam Pluck, Captain's Road

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Thought for the Week

"Ultimately, Jesus is the answer to the emptiness in the human heart". --
Father Thaddeus Doyle.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 19th May 2007

7:00pm Betty Kearns {Anniv.}

Sunday 20th May 2007

9:00am Connolly Family

10:00am Margaret Kennedy {A}

11:00am Mary, Patrick & Peter Kennedy R.I.P.

12:00pm Brigid Greene {A}

1:00pm Jimmy Byrne {A}

7:00pm Lily McCarthy {A}

Please Pray for

Joachim Gross {A}

Willie Morrissey, Cherryfield Ave.

Mollie & William Furlong, {A}

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

The Booby Prize.

For many years I took part in an annual Whist Drive. It was more than a game of cards. It was good fun and a great social occasion which helped to build lasting friendships. The booby prize was awarded to the person on the night who had the lowest total score. I think in all the years I never won any prize of any kind and avoided the booby prize, although I was close to it on occasions.

Next Thursday is Election Day. Our Constituency at the last election in 2002 won the booby prize for the lowest turnout in the whole country. In fact only 52%, that is only just over half the electorate cast their vote, if what I hear on the media is correct. That is very disappointing and sad. If we wish to comment or criticize the Government of the day then I think you can only do so if you have voted on May 24th.

In some countries voting is obligatory. In other countries where people received the right to vote in the last 25 years or so, people often queue all day outside a polling station. They value their vote. You should too, a good citizen is always willing to vote. In a tight corner your vote could make all the difference for a candidate.

May I appeal to all of you to vote next Thursday. Do not let laziness, indifference or a shower of rain put you off. Personally I have always cast my vote in every election and referendum. Help to make sure our constituency avoids the booby prize again this year.

Father John.

**St Agnes Parish
Readers Roster for
Saturday 26 / 05 / 07**

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 27 / 05 / 07

9.00am V. 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. The Next Readers meeting Tuesday 29th May.

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.

There will be Mass in the Salesian Oratory @ 7.30pm on Thursday 24th May.

All Are Welcome.

Many Thanks.



To all who have sent in their replies following letters sent to a 100 Parishioners re the Tax Rebate Scheme which benefits the Parish, without any extra expense to yourselves. Keep them coming in, even if you are not eligible. Then we can record this fact and so not trouble you in future.

Booking the Vigil Mass.

Beginning in October the 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturday Evenings will be a shared Mass. With the cut back in Masses we can accommodate people who would like an anniversary Mass, as long as they do not mind sharing with others.

You can book this Mass and all other weekend Masses through the Parish Office. Weekday Masses are booked through the priests.

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.

Church Gate Collection .

This weeks collection is in aid of Focus Ireland which helps to promote housing for the homeless. Your generosity is requested in support of this worthy cause.

Pentecost.

Compared to Easter and Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Spirit tends to be in the shadows. This year a little group has been formed under the auspices of some members of the Parish Pastoral Council to mark the Feast with a little extra celebration at the Evening Mass on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday next 27th May. Music for the Feast will begin at 6.45pm.

Perhaps you might come along to mark and honour the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Mass itself will conclude around 7.40pm. And will include some extra ritual and music. Children who made their Confirmation this year would be especially welcome. They might bring their families along also.

A cuppa will be served in the Parish Centre after Evening Mass.

Do Join Us.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the boys and girls of St Agnes Primary School who made their 1st Holy Communion this weekend. May they always love the Mass and often receive Jesus in Holy Communion. May their parents always give them good example.

Eucharistic Adoration.



On Thursday May 24th we will have a Special Mass at 7pm for all who Adore weekly in the Blessed Sacrament Oratory.

There will be a cup of tea and a chat in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Let us pray ardently for priestly and religious vocations during this year.

All Are Welcome

Recently Baptised

Emma Elizabeth Jarrell
Jamie Sean Rice
David Scott Durran-Lynch
Dylan Edward O'Neill
Isabella Maura Grey
Ruby Helen Durnin
James Jay Kane
Katelyn Amy Gough
Samuel Michael Greene
Dane Gary McGuinness
Adam Thomas Doyle
Abi Hope Parsons
Patrick Leon Murray



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

St Agnes' Church Choir

Mass is being offered for the Deceased members of the Church choir on Tuesday 29th May 2007 @ 7.00p.m.

We hope you can attend.



Come O Creator

1. Come O Creator Spirit Blest And in our hearts take up Thy rest Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid. To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2. Great Paraclete to Thee we cry O highest gift of God most high O fount of life, O fire of love And sweet anointing from above.

3. All glory while the ages run, Be to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death; the same to thee, O Holy Ghost, eternally.

Stay with us Lord

(R) Stay with us Lord we pray you Alleluia

1. Stay with us Lord we pray you Alleluia 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)

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices, Who wonderous things has done, In whom the world rejoices, Who from our mother's arms, Has blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God, Through all our lives be near us, With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.



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.