



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

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We would be grateful if you could please either Turn Off your Mobile Phone or set it to 'Silent' when entering the Church.

**Family Offering: €2,536**  
**Share: €7,729**  
 Many thanks for your support

*Thought for the Week*

*"A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up"*  
 Anon

**Feast of St Agnes**

This year the Feast occurs on the 21st January. As the feast day is a Sunday, it is not celebrated this year. Perhaps silently we might make a prayer to her, asking her intercession especially for our young people in the Parish as she was a teenager when she was martyred. I have included a prayer based on the Missal which you will find elsewhere in the newsletter.

Patron Saints carry a great deal of respect throughout the whole of the Christian world and our Patron Saint here in the parish of Crumlin is Saint Agnes, so who was she and what is her legacy?

According to her legend, St Agnes was a member of the Roman nobility born c.291 and raised in a Christian family. She suffered martyrdom at age 13 during the reign of the Eastern Roman Emperor Diocletian, on January 21, 304.

The prefect Sempronius wished Agnes to marry his son, and on Agnes' refusal condemned her to death. Roman law did not permit the execution of virgins, so he ordered her to be raped beforehand; but her virginity was, according to the legend, miraculously preserved. When led out to die she was tied to a stake, but the bundle of wood would not burn, whereupon the officer in charge of the troops drew his sword and struck off her head.

Here in St Agnes Church she is depicted twice. Her statue stands over the front door with the customary lamb in her arms. Her name Agnes derives from the Latin word for a lamb—'Agnus'. In the Mass we call Jesus—Agnus Dei—the Lamb of God. The statues over the door shows her carrying a sword signalling her violent death and a crown of laurels on her head showing her victory over death.

In the apse, behind the High Altar, Richard King, the artist and painter has depicted her as part of the scene close to the crucified Christ with the lamb and the palm of victory in her hand. The only other Church dedicated to St Agnes in Ireland that I am aware of is in Andersonstown in Belfast.

We did try to establish links with them in the Millennium Year but without success. However dating back to contacts we had with St Agnes in Belfast in 1985 when we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of our Parish church, we have a candle which we have lit on a table in front of the left pillar on the opposite side to the Baptismal Font.

*Fr John*

**FAMILY MASS GROUP**

The Family Mass group practice will resume on Wednesday 24th January in the Parish Centre at 6:00pm and we will be back at our usual Mass at 10:00am on Sunday 28th January. If your child is receiving their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation this will help in the preparation for both.

All are welcome to attend



**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society**

The Willington Branch will hold an afternoon of Prayer for Vocations from 3pm finishing with Mass at 5pm on Sunday 21st January in St Jude's Church. (The terminus of 150 bus stops at the Church)

All Are Welcome.

**REMINDER**

Our Parish Liturgy Group will meet on this Monday evening at 8pm in the Liffey Room of the Parish Centre. Members are reminded to attend

**All I want is a Happy Home**

Facilitator—Val Mullally MA  
 January 30th.

Cost €60 per person incl. lunch.  
 The Challenge of Parenting workshop will cover:-

- Meeting your child's deepest emotional needs
- Children's anger and other emotions
- Dealing with children's behaviour.

To book a place on this workshop Contact Emmaus on 01-8700050 or reservations@emmauscentre.ie

*Questions people ask*

Q. How soon after the life of Jesus were the gospels written?

A. There were three stages in the formation of the gospels. First was the historical life of Jesus, what he did and taught. Then for more than fifty years the apostles, preachers and Christian communities passed on the story, clarified Christ's doctrine, highlighted his moral guidelines and celebrated his saving work in the liturgy of baptism and Eucharist. Finally, the four evangelists put this material on paper in 'an ordered account', as Saint Luke describes it in today's gospel reading.

*Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (Intercom Magazine)*

**Greenhills College**

**Adult Education and Leisure Activities**

**Spring 2007**

**Enrolment Dates**

**Monday 22nd January**

**Tuesday 23rd January**

**7:30pm—9:00pm**

**Classes Commence**

**Monday 29th January and Tuesday 30th January**

**Brochures are available at Reception in the Parish Centre**

**Terenure College Fund Raising Concert**

James Kilbane and guests will perform a special concert of Gospel, Country and Irish Music at Terenure College on Sunday 11th February at 8pm on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The concert is in support of Terenure College Concert Hall Development Project. Tickets for this very enjoyable night of music are only €15 and are available from Emer, Terenure College at 01-490 4621; Marie at Whitefriar St, Carmelite Church, Religious Goods shop; Genevieve at 01-873 0054, Sampson's Lane, D.1 or Martina 086-166 7216.

There are also concessions for group bookings available. Doors open at 7.30pm

**Prayer to St Agnes**

Almighty and eternal God, you choose what the world considers weak to be an inspiration to us. May she care for our young people. May we who celebrate the birth of St Agnes into eternal joy be loyal to the faith she professed.



We make all our prayers through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

**CHRISTMAS DUES**

May we remind you about your Christmas Dues. Envelopes were distributed to all homes in the Parish before Christmas and spares are available at the exit doors in St Agnes Church.

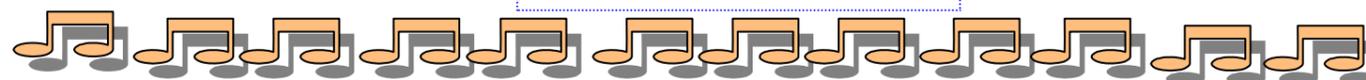
Please return your dues to the Parish Office, the Sacristy or the Family Offering box at the rear of the Church.

**Baptisms.**

We congratulate and welcome the following people into our Parish.



**Liam Joseph McManus**  
**Aaron Noel O'Neill—Buckley**  
 May God give them every blessing



**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.

**Recently Deceased**

Elaine Carroll, Kildare Rd  
 Betty Boylan, England  
 William Kelly, Lismore Rd  
 Patrick Bailey Fr Kitt Ct

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST AGNES CHURCH**

**Saturday 20th January 2007**

**7:00pm** Kathleen Byrne & Kay Murray

**Sunday 21st January 2007**

**9:00am** Peter Casey {1st A} & Josie Casey {A}

**10:00am** Kathleen Dunne RIP

**11:00am** Pauline Cully {11th A}

**12:00pm** Madge Quinn {A}

**1:00pm** Maureen & Peter Brady {A}

**7:00pm** Margaret McArdle {A}

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

**St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for**

**Saturday 27 / 01 / 07**

**7.00pm** Marie Donohue

**Sunday 28 / 01 / 07**

**9.00am** Richard McDermott

**10.00am** Family Mass

**11.00am** Ann Maher

**12.00pm** John Green

**1.00pm** June Winders

**7.00pm** Pat Condon

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

**Mary Help of Christians**

Mass will be held in the Salesian Oratory on Wednesday 24th January at 7:30pm

All Are Welcome to attend.