



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: €2,751
Share: €2,497

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Dowling, St. Peter's Dr.
Carmel Nolan, Balfe Ave.
We express our deepest sympathies to His family at this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd December 2007

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 23rd December 2007

9:00am Michael & Dolly Lee {A}

10:00am Kathleen MacDonnell {A}

11:00am Margaret Quinn R.I.P.

12:00pm Bridget & Leo O'Neill {A}

1:00pm Daniel Dempsey {A}

7:00pm Robert Glennon, Christmas Mass

Please Pray for: Tony Power, Recently Deceased

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

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve 24th December

9:00pm John Green

Christmas Day 25th December

9:00am Catherine Nagle

10:00am Family Mass

11:00am Ann Maher

12:00pm F & M Healy

1:00pm June Winders

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.

Saturday 29 / 12 / 07

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday 30 / 12 / 07

9.00am R. McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B. Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm Pat Condon

Thought for the Week

"The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is never want where the mind is content." Anon.

God With Us.

All four candles on the Advent wreath are brightly shining. The anticipation for Christmas is growing more intense. As the shopping malls get busier, the parties more frequent, and the carols are sung louder and louder, how do we stay rooted in the quiet waiting of the season?

One way to stay centred in the spirit of advent is to reflect on a single word: Emmanuel – Emmanuel literally means "God with us." In one night, in one small child, in a humble stable, God came among all people in the most intimate way possible—as one of us. God right here in our midst!

Emmanuel in our joy

Emmanuel in our suffering

Emmanuel in our celebration

Emmanuel in our loneliness

Emmanuel in our song

Emmanuel in our silence

Emmanuel in our work and school

Emmanuel in our home.

God is with us in everything and through everything! In these final days of Advent, it can be very difficult to keep a sense of quiet and prayer with so much activity going on. Think about all the ways God is truly with you this week. Think about the ways you can keep the spirit of Advent alive even as everything around speaks of Christmas. Consider this question as you journey through these days before Christmas.

What final preparation do I need to make within myself for the coming of Christmas?



Mass Times for Christmas Week and Beyond.

St. Stephen's Day [Wednesday]

10.0am and 11.0am

Remainder of the Week and early New Year

9.0am and 10.0am only.

Our daily Mass schedule of

8.0am, 9.0am, 10.0am, and 7.0pm will not resume until Monday 7th January 2008

Please Note This change this year.

Parish Office.

The Office –closes on Friday 21st of December and will reopen on Friday 28th of December for 2 hours only from 10.0am to 12noon.
Normal hours will resume on 2nd of January 2008.

Congratulations.

To the children and the teachers of St. Agnes' Convent School, Who were awarded Best Primary School in The Irish Times sponsored 'Living Dublin' Awards for their Orchestra.

Well Done.



CEREMONY OF FAREWELL

On Monday 31st December at 4pm in St Agnes's Church, we invite our Parishioners and friends to join us for a Service of Farewell for the Old Year and to ask God's Blessing as the New Year approaches. Refreshments in the Parish Centre Afterwards. All are welcome to come and join us.

Church Gate Collection.

John Scottus School, in Donnybrook Parish have been travelling to Calcutta each year since 2002, where their

Transition Year students help to build much needed schools in impoverished districts.

Their work is sponsored by Sr. Cyril, an Irish Loretto Order Nun from Bray who has worked in education in India for over fifty years.

They are collecting for this year's building project outside the Church today and would be very grateful for your support. Peter Collins from Dangan Avenue is a member of the class.

All the money will go to Sr. Cyril for the school building. John Scottus pupils and teachers fund their own fares and expenses separately.

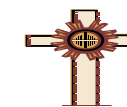
Thank You.

Good Wishes.

Missing Faces this Christmas include Marie Rooney who is in hospital, and Rory O'Connor who is now resident in a nursing home. We send our prayers and best wishes to both of them.

Eucharistic Adoration.

There will be No Adoration in the Oratory Christmas Eve, Christmas week or New Year's Eve.



Adoration will resume on January 2nd Wednesday 2008.

Parish Centre.

All activities cease until Wednesday 2nd January 2008.

The Coffee Dock will reopen on that day. You are always welcome to come along and enjoy a cuppa between 10.0am and 12noon, Monday –Friday.

Bring Your Friends.



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear, Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!
- O come, now Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

Christ be our Light

Christ, be our Light! Shine out through the dark, shine! Christ be our Light! Shine in your Church gathered today. Longing for Light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth we turn to you. Make us your own, your Holy people, light for the world to see. Christ be our Light! Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us, make us your living voice. Christ be our Light!



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.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder thy power through-out the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art, then sings my souls my saviour God to thee How great thou art, how great thou art.

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees when I look down from lofty mountains grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gently breeze.