



# ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Priests of the Parish

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## Sunday Mass Collections

Family Offering: €2,351  
Share: €2,539  
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

## Thought for the Week

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy His favour."  
Gospel Acclamation for Mass on Christmas Day.

## Violence

Again in these days the streets of Dublin have witnessed a series of horrific killings. They are a terrible reminder of a culture of violence that is beginning to devastate areas of our city. There are some who feel they have a right to callously disregard the dignity of human life - even of innocent bystanders—in order to foster their criminal interests. There can be nothing further from the message of the Gospel and we all have responsibility to denounce such violence.

Human life is sacred. Those who disregard human life must face the judgement of God. If those who carry out such violence or those who mandate them have any conscience, let them remember that, whatever else, God's judgement is something they will never evade.

The violence we have witnessed cannot be justified or tolerated whether the victims are known to be innocent or suspected of involvement in criminal activities. This culture of violence leads only to death. A culture which attempts to impose its interests through violence undermines the rule of law and is a threat to democracy.

There is no room for complacency in the face of such evil. I wish to encourage every support for the Gardai and other civic authorities in their efforts to bring to justice those responsible for these murders and to prevent further killings. I can only praise the courage of individuals and communities who, not withstanding threats and intimidation, are willing to bring to the attention of the relevant authorities the information they need to act against those who seek to profit from the suffering and addictions of others. All of us must bring home to those who attempt to impose their 'law' by means of fear that as a society we are prepared to show that we are not afraid of them.

I know from priests in many parishes how the trade in illegal drugs in Dublin is destroying lives every day. In addition to the terrible shootings and beatings that make the news, there is the daily reality of young lives being wasted and families and communities being ripped apart by the terrible plague of drug abuse. There can be no tolerance of this trade. Those who might seek to characterize, however naively, their use of illegal drugs as "recreational" cannot be allowed to blind themselves to the terrible consequences of this "trade in death" they are supporting.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

## NO ADORATION CHRISTMAS WEEK.

There will be no adoration in the Oratory during Christmas week, 25th—29th inclusive, as the Church will be closed for much of the time. The Adoration will recommence on Tuesday 2nd January.



## Advent is the season that belongs to children:

To children lost in wonder at shop windows;  
To children covered in soft white whiskers,  
hoping for tomorrow's presents wrapped in love;  
To children lost in feeble joy before one protein biscuit;  
To children nursed at dry, poor breasts,  
Bones wrapped in rags, tomorrow's present for a grave.  
Advent belongs also to that kingdom child in each of us  
Who struggle to be born.

## Advent is the mystery of those who await another birth:

The long-delayed birth  
For those who sit in the dark womb of pain  
Or in the shadows of lost memories and loneliness.  
It is waiting in small rooms  
Where the Word is wordless now.  
For us, the aged and sick are Advent sacraments  
Of the end from which all will start  
To labour slowly into life.

Anon.

## Perrystown /Manor Estate Social & Fundraising Committee. New Year's Eve Dance.

Perrystown /Manor Estate Community Centre,  
Limekiln Lane  
Sunday, 31st December 2006

Music By  
The Good Times  
Dancing  
9.00 to 1.30am  
Subscription €15

PH. 456 2373 / 455 2761

## Mass Times for Christmas Week.

St. Stephen's Day(Tues): 10:00am & 11:00am  
Remainder of the Week: 9:00am & 10:00am only.

From Tuesday 2nd January, Masses will be at the usual times of 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm.



## All people that on Earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the lord with cheerful voice; Serve him with gladness, praise him well, Come now before him and rejoice.
2. Enter his gates with songs of praise, Come to his courts, approach with joy; Honour and bless him all our days, Gladly for God our lives employ.

## 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.

## Stay With Us Lord.

- R.** Stay with us Lord we pray you, Alleluia.
1. You are the bread come down from heaven; You are the food of life eternal. **R.**
  2. You are the light that 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.**



## St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for

Saturday 30 / 12 / 06

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday 31 / 12 / 06

9.00am Richard McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am Ann Maher

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

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

## Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre.

Thanks to Carmel, sales of Christmas cards on behalf of the Centre exceeded all expectations with a staggering 17 boxes sold at the back of the Church!

Carmel would like to thank all who bought them, and especially those regular customers for their continued support.

## Parish Office.

The Office will close on Friday 22nd December and will open again on Thursday and Friday 28th and 29th December  
From 10am—12 noon

## Recently Deceased

Kathleen Dowling, Raphoe Rd.  
Attracta Bennett, Cherryfield Ave.

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 23rd December 2006

7:00pm Christopher Boggin {A}

Sunday 24th December 2006

9:00am Denis Cuffe & Margaret  
McHugh R.I.P.

10:00am Michael & Dolly Lee {A}

11:00am Tommy Murray {10th A}

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

1:00pm Edward McDonald {A}

7:00pm } Vigil Masses

9:00pm } for Christmas

Please Pray For: Maud Hogarty &  
Joe Walsh

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

## Parish Centre.

All activities cease until

Tuesday 2nd January 2007.

The Coffee Dock will reopen on that day.

You are always welcome to come along

and enjoy a Cuppa between

10am and 12noon,

Monday to Friday.

## Bring Your friends

## THANK YOU

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

Due to pressure on space we have to leave some notices out. We hope to carry them in next week's newsletter.