



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

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**Family Offering: €2,450**

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Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

*Thought for the Week*

*"I believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit". --  
Cardinal Leo Suenens*

**The Feast of the Holy Spirit**

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and early disciples had an amazing effect on their lives. They became courageous followers of Jesus Christ. Let us this weekend open our hearts to the coming of the Holy Spirit. To mark the occasion we are having an extra dimension to our Sunday Evening Mass at 7:00pm. Read more about this celebration elsewhere in the Newsletter. In anticipation, may I thank all those who have helped to create this sense of the coming of the Holy Spirit here in St Agnes.

To give you something to reflect on, I have included two quotations from the magazine "Bible Alive" The writers are both Cardinals:-

*"I am a man of hope, not for human reasons, not from any natural optimism, but because I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the church and in the world, even when his name remains unheard" - Cardinal Leo Suenens*

*"There is a gentle breeze if we can but catch it, which blows all the time to help us on our journey through life to our final destination. That breeze is the Holy Spirit. But the wind cannot be caught or used unless the sail is hoisted, and the hoisting is our task. We must be on watch, ready to recognise it and play our part. God does not hold us, and will lead us, if we want it, but we must want it" - Cardinal Basil Hume*

Father John.

**JUST TO LET YOU KNOW**

Our Newsletter this year is taking a Summer break. Our team need a rest, so the edition of Sunday 1st July will be the final one for the Summer. The newsletter will resume again on Sunday 2nd September. If you would like to have an item published for July or August please have it submitted to the Parish Office on or before the 26th June for publication in our 1st July edition.

Over the Summer months we will be using the traditional missalettes in St Agnes Church.

We always welcome items for the main article. If you have anything you would like to get off your mind, please write to the editor and leave it in the Parish Office.

Fr John

**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 weekends Church Gate collection is in aid of CRUMLIN & DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION supporting mental health. Please be as generous as possible.**

**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 of Scoil Cholm 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.

**St Agnes' Church Choir**

Mass is being offered for the Deceased members of the Church choir on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**Vocations Icon.**

The Vocations Icon based on a drawing taken from the Shroud of Turin and blessed by Pope Benedict on Easter Wednesday will visit our Church from Saturday 26th May until Thursday 31st May.

The Icon by Iconographer Sr. Aloysius McVeigh a Derry based Sister of Mercy will be visiting Parishes around the diocese encouraging on-going prayer for vocations.

Please drop into the Church that week and say a prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**The Icon will be on display in the Church in front of the pillar to the left of the Altar. To pray for vocations we invite our parishioners and others from neighbouring parishes to a Holy Hour in St. Agnes' Church on Pentecost Sunday, 27th May from 4.0-5.0pm.**

**Please come along if possible and spend at least part of the time with us. Father John, our Parish Priest will conduct the Holy Hour, which will conclude with Benediction at 4.50pm.**

**Painting for the Parish Centre**

We would like to thank Joan Free of Cromwellsfort Rd for presenting a painting to the Centre. It is now hanging on the wall near the reception desk. This painting is a response to a request made before the opening. We are delighted to have this colourful and interesting work which enhances our Parish Centre. Thank you Joan.

I will write a little more about the story of this painting in next week's edition.

**Our Liturgy Group**

The Group will meet on this Monday in the Parish Centre at 8:00pm in the Liffey Room. The main item on the Agenda will be planning our Special Corpus Christi Procession which will take place on the Feast which is Sunday 10th June at the end of the 7:00pm Evening Mass. We would ask you to note this event on your calendar. More about it next week.



**FIRST FRIDAY**

IN JUNE, THE FIRST FRIDAY OCCURS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH. SO CONFESSIONS FOR THE EVE WILL TAKE PLACE MORNING AND EVENING ON THURSDAY 31ST MAY WHICH IS NEXT THURSDAY

**OUR LADY'S HOSPICE, HAROLD'S CROSS**



**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO SELL SUNFLOWER PINS ON SUNFLOWER DAYS 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

If you can spare a few hours to lend a hand please contact Ann on 01 491 2510 (Office Hours 9am - 5pm, Mon - Fri)

**ALONE OPEN DAY**

ALONE are hosting an open day to promote their organisation to the public today 27th May in Wynns Hotel, Abbey St. from 1pm to 5pm. You are invited to join them for tea/coffee and to meet some of their volunteers and older friends

**Recently Deceased**

Anna Warner, Raphoe Rd.  
Mary Frances Walsh, Lismore Rd

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST AGNES CHURCH**

**Saturday 26th May 2007**

7:00pm James Hendley {A}

**Sunday 27th May 2007**

9:00am Veronica Smith {5th A}

10:00am O'Brien & Redmond Families

11:00am May Mooney {A}

12:00pm Teresa Clancy & Teresa O'Neil {A}

1:00pm Michael Corcoran {A}

7:00pm All members living & deceased of St Agnes Credit Union

**Please Pray for:-** Stanley Brennan & Elizabeth McCormack whose Anniversaries occur at this time

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

**St Agnes Parish**

**Readers Roster for**

**Saturday 02/ 06 / 07**

7.00pm Sarah Byrne & A Ryan

**Sunday 03 / 06 / 07**

9.00am J Green & P Corrigan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm J Winders

7.00pm W Elliott

**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.**

**SFO Area Meeting**

The SFO meeting takes place on Mon 28th May in the Columban Sisters Oratory (back of Fr Kitt court) from 3.00 to 4.00 pm. Lectio Divina—Divine Office and prayers of intercession before the Blessed Sacrament

**All Are Welcome**