



**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: €2,422**  
**Share: €819**  
 Many thanks for your support

*Thought for the Week*

*"sermons should be short, then the congregation will listen. If they are long, they will bore people."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas. His Feast is today 28th January.*

**A Surprise**

*On Friday morning, 19th January, I received a phone call from the Archbishop's House to say that the Archbishop wanted to speak to me. My initial reaction was to say to myself-I wonder what he wants me to do- perhaps Confirmations, as Bishop Fiachra O'Ceallaigh is in hospital. He told me I was being appointed a Monsignor. I was taken completely by surprise as such a title is usually bestowed only on those who hold special positions in the Diocese. I am just an ordinary C.P. The Archbishop said it was in recognition of many years of service in different roles. In thanking him I said I was surprised I would even be considered for such a title-I also said that St. Agnes was a highly esteemed Parish in the Diocese and I would consider it as an honour for St. Agnes and its people, as much as for myself.*

*I see in the news release that officially I am Chaplain to His Holiness. There is one thing that is certain the Pope never heard of me and I am not expecting an invitation to lunch- perhaps the honour entitles me to a free bus pass in the Vatican.*

*Now that the news is out I wish to tell you I will not be using the title Monsignor and wish to continue to be known as Father John or John which ever you feel happy to use.*

*Finally, there is no extra pay going with the title. Father John.*

**Secular Franciscan Order.**

[Founded by St. Francis of Assisi.]

The secular Franciscan Order [Third Order of St. Francis] can offer you the means to live the Franciscan Way of Life in your own home and family surroundings.

Its rule of life has helped so many in the living of their Christian lives.

Our membership includes students, professional people, housewives, tradesmen, secular clergy and some with no occupation.

If you wish to learn more about this Order, which though nearly 800 years old, has a message that is always up to date, please contact us to arrange a meeting at

**Secular Franciscan Order,  
 Adam and Eve, 4, Merchants Quay,  
 Dublin 8.**

**Friends of the Elderly.**

Kelly Burke is a full-time volunteer at Friends of the Elderly and is looking for volunteers who would be willing to visit an elderly person in the Crumlin/Walkinstown/Drimnagh areas for one hour each week.

**You can email at [www.friendsoftheelderly.ie](http://www.friendsoftheelderly.ie)  
 Or Ring 873-1855.**

**Readers Meeting  
 30th January.**

A meeting of readers in the Parish will take place on this Tuesday in the Liffey Room of the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.  
**Just a reminder to attend if at all possible.**

*Questions people ask*

Q. What is the difference between a Canon and a Monsignor?

A. Most Dioceses in Ireland have a Chapter attached to the Cathedral and the Canons make up this Chapter. They are appointed by the Archbishop and meet four times a year. Many of the roles exercised by the Chapter are now transferred to the Council of Priests, which is a body of elected clergy plus nominations by the Bishop of the Diocese.

An Archdeacon is a senior member of the Chapter. In our Diocese there is an Archdeacon of Dublin and also an Archdeacon of Glendalough. Canon Hickey, who founded St. Agnes became an Archdeacon shortly before his death and his name is on the side of the High Altar, which he donated to our Parish Church.

A Monsignor is a Papal appointment, made at the request of the Archbishop. I presume it lasts for life unless you disgrace yourself. Now you know.

**St. Blaise.  
 Saturday Next.**

It is customary to have throats blessed on the feast of St. Blaise. In St. Agnes throats will be Blessed after 8, 9, 10, Masses in the morning and again after the Evening Mass on Saturday.

**St. Brigid: Patroness of Ireland.**

**Feast of St. Brigid occurs on Thursday next the 1st of February. Born at Faughart near Dundalk she is very much associated with Co. Kildare and venerated in other countries besides Ireland. Her monastic settlement was at Kildare town.**

**Family Offering.**

We are reorganising our Parish Family Offering envelopes. The following numbers contribute regularly, but we have difficulty in reconciling them with names and addresses.

We would be grateful if you would check your number against the list given here and if you are on the list please let the Parish Office know. Thank you for your assistance.

**See list of numbers below.**

- 61, 103, 191, 193, 206, 480, 513, 519,**
- 789, 808, 830, 1295, 1501, 1754, 1762,**
- 1764, 1765, 1772, 1774, 1820, 1884,**
- 1894, 1973, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2010,**
- 2016, 2044, 2057, 2343, 3343, 3433,**
- 3437, 3545, 3579, 3790, 3904, 4047.**

**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.

**The Filipino Choir.**

Will enrich our

Saturday Evening [Vigil] once again on the 3rd of February, at 7.00pm.

**Oblates Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore.**

**Lourdes Novena.**

Friday 2nd Feb.—Sunday 11th. 10.0am and 8.0pm.

Led by Fr. Michael Morrissey OMI [South Africa].

Fri. 9th Feb. Special guest speaker Dr. Bernadette Toal.

Sat. 10th Anointing of sick at 12noon Sun. 11th Feb. Torchlight Procession.

Led by Bishop Raymond Field at 8.0pm.



**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*

*Thomas Maloney, Cushlawn Dale.  
 Arthur Haughton, Dunawley Dr.*

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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST AGNES CHURCH**

**Saturday 27th January 2007**

**7:00pm** Laura Byrne, Thanksgiving Mass.

**Sunday 28th January 2007**

**9:00am** Esther Pender & Sally Downes {A}

**10:00am** Sarah O'Connell {A}

**11:00am** Charles & Elizabeth Jones {A}

**12:00pm** Noel Dwyer {A} & Peggy Byrne {1st A}

**1:00pm** Terry O'Connor {A}

**7:00pm** Paddy Reilly {2nd A}

**Please Pray For**  
 John & Eileen O'Brien {A}

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

**St Agnes Parish**

**Readers Roster for Saturday 03 / 02 / 07**

**7.00pm** Pauline Byrne

**Sunday 04 / 02 / 07**

**9.00am** Veronica McDermott

**10.00am** Family Mass

**11.00am** Pat Morrison

**12.00pm** Richard Tobin

**1.00pm** Catherine Nagle

**7.00pm** Joan O'Rourke

*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*

**THANK YOU**

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