



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955  
Fr. J. Foster Ph. 4650714  
Fr. P. Coffey Ph. 4650707  
Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

**Recently Deceased**

Betty Joyce, Errigal Road  
Laurence Whelan, O'Brien Road  
Margaret (Peggy) Payne, Stanaway Rd.

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**St Agnes' Parish**  
Child Protection contact number:  
**087 3155305**

Family Offering: €2,331  
Share: €2,640  
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

**Thought for the Week**

"It is not your ability or your inability, but your availability that counts with God". -- Anonymous

**Reflections on Marriage**

Our annual gathering of couples celebrating marriage jubilees always evokes a positive response both from the couples and also from the general public attending the 12 o'clock Mass. This year our celebration was held last Sunday. Many of those who attended with their families will be gathering again to celebrate later in the year their special anniversary. It was good that this year's special occasion has begun with a reminder of the vows they took on their wedding day.

I would like to thank the three widows who came along. It was a brave thing to do, but as I said last Sunday "through death you have lost your marriage partner. You are still very close to the one you loved in life."

I see there is a report out this week compiled by Accord—the national agency which supports marriage and family life. They have undertaken a survey of 700 marriages which began with a marriage preparation course run by Accord. Marriage satisfaction and happiness was very high. However, there was one significant finding: only 18% of them were regular Church goers. One would question the significance of a Church Wedding in the ongoing life of most marriages today. A Church is a nice place for the photos, but the spiritual side of the Sacrament does not seem to have much importance for young couples. If these spiritual values are lacking, how can we hope to pass on the faith to a new generation of children? Food for thought!

Going out of the Church last Sunday, a couple thanked me for the ceremony and as a passing remark, he said "We can go home now and have a good row". Every marriage needs a touch of good humour and he certainly left me laughing.

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.

**FEAST OF ST PATRICK 15th MARCH 2008**

The 17th March 2008 will be Monday of Holy Week. Easter Sunday next year, 23rd March, is almost the earliest possible. The days of Holy Week and Easter Week rank above all others and so the solemnity of St Patrick must be transferred. The general rule would be to transfer the feast to after the Second Sunday of Easter. But in order to keep a link with the civic celebrations, the feast of St Patrick will be Saturday, 15 March next year. Since it is transferred, it will not be a holyday of obligation.

Palm Sunday 1940 was on 17th March and the feast of St Patrick was celebrated on Wednesday 3rd April except in Clogher which observed the feast of St Macartan, with the Feast of St Patrick on 4th April. The previous coincidence of the palm and shamrock was 1799 and the next time will be 2391!



**Trocaire Boxes**

Now that Lent is over, you are asked to return your Trocaire Boxes to the Parish Office or to the Sacristy. Thank you for your generosity to the needy of the third world.

Return all boxes not later than the end of the month.

**Easter Dues**

On a similar note we would also be grateful if you could please return your Easter Dues as they are an important source of income for the running of the Parish.

**Work On Church**

The Diocese has received the Report on the work needed on our Parish Church which was compiled by Barrett Mahony Engineers. They have now given approval to go to tender for the work mainly on the roof and church windows.

We hope to undertake this work over the Summer months



Don't Forget that the Coffee Dock is open in the Parish Centre Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon. Why not drop in for a cuppa and a chat



**TAX REBATE**

We have now sent out letters to about 100 parishioners who contribute to Parish Funds more than €250 per year. As you know we are a registered charity and so without any extra expense to you, we can receive a tax rebate which benefits the Parish. In the year 2004 we received over €5,000 and we are now working on the returns for 2005. We would be grateful if you would respond to my letter as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your support in the past and in anticipation of your reply within the next two weeks.

Fr John

Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross and Blackrock Hospice are looking for participants to run in the 25th Annual Women's Mini Marathon on 4th June to raise €250,000 for the provision of ongoing patient comfort and care services. Call 1850 660 606 or log onto www.olh.ie for further information.



**Praise My Soul The King of Heaven**

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his praise to sing? Praise him. Praise him, Praise him. Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour, To our fathers in distress: Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise him. Praise him. Praise him. Praise him. Glorious in his faithfulness.

**Praise to the Lord**

1. Praise to the Lord the almighty, the king of creation. O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation. All you who hear, now to his altar draw near, joining in Glad adoration.  
2. Praise to the Lord let us offer our gifts at his altar; Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter, Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast victims with him on the altar.



**Recently Baptised**

Samuel Laurence Seville  
Shanice Paula Behan-Ennis  
Eva May McCormack  
Calum Thomas Colgan-Stewart  
Clayton Scott Cahill  
Alex Ian Hanley-McCormack

We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead

**GARDA BAND MUSICAL EVENING**  
Under The Direction of Inspector Pat Kenny  
WILL BE HELD IN  
PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Lincolin Lane (off Whitehall Road West) Dublin 12  
ON  
**THURSDAY, 10TH MAY**  
Commencing @ 8.00 p.m. SHARP  
IN AID OF  
The Alzheimers Day Care Centre, Drimnagh  
AND  
The Laura Lynn Hospice for Children  
**TICKETS - €10**  
Ph. 4562373/4515527  
Please Give These Two Worthy Causes Your Generous Support  
Please Bring Own Refreshments If Desired

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST AGNES CHURCH**

Saturday 28th April 2007

7:00pm James Hanley {A}

Sunday 29th April 2007

9:00am Patrick Byrne {1<sup>st</sup> A}

10:00am Margaret Doyle {A}

11:00am Tommy Murray {Birthday Remembrance}

12:00pm Maire & Anastasia Begley {Anniv}

1:00pm Brian Power & Rupert Murray R.I.P.

7:00pm Robert Lennox {A}

Please Pray for Jimmy Shortt {A}

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

**St Agnes Parish**

**Readers Roster for**

Saturday 05 / 05 / 07

7.00pm S. Byrne & A Ryan

Sunday 06 / 05 / 07

9.00am J. Green & P. Corrigan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F. & M Healy

12.00pm S. 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.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

This weekends Church Gate collection is in aid of DEBRA IRELAND in aid of Butterfly Children (this collection was postponed from 4th March) Please be as generous as possible.