



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Thought for the Week

"The quality of home life is determined by the quality of relationships, not by the quality of furnishings"
President Mary McAleese.

Harmony in the Home

These are extracts from an address by President Mary McAleese to a conference held on the 11th of November. On this, The Feast of the Holy Family, we feel her message is appropriate to the Feast we celebrate this weekend.

It was Confucius who observed that "The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home". Our homes, more often than not, are also houses, places that we decorate and take pride in and there is a whole industry built around Home Improvements which keep us all busy with paint brushes and drills. But the quality of home life is determined by the quality of relationships, not the quality of the furnishings.

An ideal home is one where we are held tight enough for comfort and support and loosely enough to grow strong and independent. It is a place held together by love and compassion, by generosity to one another and respect for one another. It is a place where a value system, good or bad, is lived out and imparted day in and day out. Home is quite simply a testing and training ground for our future lives as citizens, colleagues, friends, neighbours, partners. It is a place where what we hear, is as important as what we eat.

When my grandfather's granite headstone was erected it had a small spelling mistake and small though it was, the eye was always drawn to it and irritated by it. When we asked if it could be fixed we were told the engraving on the stone was too deep to be changed - better to replace the headstone with a new one. We don't get such an option with our children. We get one go around. If we, who are the most crucial engravers on their little lives, get it right, then the child generally blossoms. If we get it wrong the flaw can last a lifetime and cast long shadows.

The work of creating harmony is a work for all those who share the home and not just parents. Children, teenagers, young adults have all a huge role to play in making home what it should be. Even the best homes are places of ups and downs, sorrows and joys. They are places where we cope with the best and worst that life presents us with, places where we grow humanly, and where we grow best if there is harmony.

CEREMONY OF FAREWELL

On this Sunday 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.

World Peace Day.

On New Year's Day we celebrate World Peace Day. In our Diocese, the special Mass for Peace will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Ringsend. The homily will be given by Fr. Ciaran O'Carroll, Parish Priest of Saggart / Rathcoole. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will preside. The Taoiseach, the Lord Mayor, members of the Judiciary and the Diplomatic Corps will attend. The theme for this years World Day of Peace is The Human Person, the Heart of Peace.



Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, regem angelorum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.
2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, the star in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around
2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread, Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind"
3. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease.

4. Once in Royal David's City.

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

6. Angels we have heard on high

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong? Say what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ our Lord the new born king. **Refrain**
4. See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

8. O come all ye faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of Angels.
Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain.**
3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning, Jesus to you be glory given, word of the Father now in flesh appearing. **Refrain.**

9. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born king, peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, with angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Refrain: Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. **Refrain.**



Face Up

A Magazine for young people between the ages 14-17, who want something deeper. Published monthly except July and August, it concentrates in depth on one topic of interest to young people. The December issue looks at the importance of caring-why we should form and have a social conscience.

In the past Face Up has examined topics such as bullying, depression, self-esteem, work, religion, death, suicide.

There are 25 free copies available at the back of the Church

The Priests of the Parish and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council join in wishing you health and happiness in 2007 and every blessing for you and your family in the year ahead

Recently Deceased
*Sean Walsh, Fortfield Rd.
James Hopper, Stanaway Rd.
Michael Ronan, Beechfield Rd.
Patrick Malone, Clonard Rd
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS
ST AGNES CHURCH
Saturday 30th December 2006
7:00pm Frances, William & Gerard Flynn R.I.P.
Sunday 31st December 2006
9:00am Myles Cannon {A}
10:00am Teresa & James Clancy & Teresa O' Neill R.I.P.
11:00am Brigid Downes {A}
12:00pm Edward Rabbitte
1:00pm Ciaran Collins {2nd A}
7:00pm Rose Pace R.I.P.
May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

Feast of the Epiphany.
This year the Feast occurs on Saturday next and is a Holyday.
The Vigil Mass will be on Friday at 7pm.
Masses on the Feast at 8, 9, 10, 11, 12noon [No 1pm Mass].
The evening Mass on Saturday will be the Vigil Mass for the Sunday.

Festival of Peoples.
On Epiphany Day, Saturday next, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will host the Second Festival of Peoples at 11am in the Pro Cathedral. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to all peoples and nations and the Festival acknowledges the rich diversity of traditions and gifts that people from many nations have brought to our country.
Communities from all over the world who have made Dublin their home will come together for the special "Mass of the Epiphany".
The celebration will be colourful and rich in the blend of music and traditions.