

Church Refurbishment

A Reminder about our Church Refurbishment Open Day/information which takes place after Saturday Evening Vigil Mass and all Sunday Morning Masses this weekend (1st /2nd December) in the Parish Centre. It will enable all parishioners to see in an illustrative way the proposals for the Church Refurbishment in more depth. All of the main features with regard to the proposed work will be highlighted and the architectural and design team will be available to offer assistance and answer any questions you may have. The process will also allow for feedback and input from parishioners.

**Avila Carmelite Centre,
Bloomfield Avenue,
Morehampton Road, Dublin
4. Tel 6430200**

December schedule of events at Avila is now available at www.ocd.ie

One of the events happening in December is a Day Retreat - Waiting in joyful hope.

A day of reflection on Our Lady in Advent, Alacoque O'Reilly, OCDS, on **Saturday the 8th of December** from 10am - 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Rathmines Christmas Concert:

A Special Christmas Concert with the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, Rathmines will take place in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines on **Thursday 6th December** at 7.30pm. The programme will include Handel's Messiah (part 1) and Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors. Entrance free, but a voluntary collection will be taken up for Br. Kevin's Day Centre.

Support your local Scouts

Christmas Fair / Cake Sale, in Scout's Hall, Village Car Park today Sunday 2nd December 2012. Come along for a cup of Tea and a slice of cake.



St. Agnes Church Mass Cards. The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day. Available from Monday 3rd Dec from Parish Office and Church, price €5 for ten.

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRUCE CONCERT featuring the Omagh-Waterford Peace Choir takes place on 8th December at 8pm in Kimmage Manor Church. Price is €10 per ticket.

St Agnes/Scoil Colm / St Agnes Parents String Orchestra / St Agnes Junior Ensemble present "DING DONG MERRILY" Concert in St Agnes Primary School Hall, Armagh Rd on 13th Dec at 6pm. Admission is FREE



Recently Deceased

Liam Byrne, Ex Windmill Ave
We express our deepest sympathies to His family at this time.
May He Rest in Peace. Amen.

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday December 8th 2012
7.00pm David Callaghan
Sunday, December 9th 2012
9.30am John Green
11.00am F & M Healy {Family Mass}
12.30pm June Winders
7.00pm William Elliott
If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green.

Christmas with the Palestrina Choir
Tickets have just gone on sale for the annual concert in the National Concert Hall on **Sunday 9th December** at 8pm. Prices - Evening: €25, €20, €15 (Choir Balcony) 10% discount for groups of 10 or more. Enter the true spirit of Christmas with a magical evening of carols and seasonal music sung by the famous Boys & Gentlemen of the Palestrina Choir. www.nch.ie

As Advent Begins this Sunday why not purchase a copy of "Walk with me" - A Journey of Prayer and Reflection for Advent and Christmastide 2012 are available at the back of the Church, price €1.00

Church Art Calendar for sale at the back of the Church.

Saturday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Vigil Mass will be on Friday 7th December @ 7pm; Masses on Saturday 8th December will be @ 9.30am and 11am only; (The 7pm Vigil Mass is for Sunday)

ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Family Offering: € 1,709
Share: € 1,898
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Where there is peace and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor doubt"
St Francis of Assisi

ONCE BITTEN

Rev Mack Wolford a flamboyant Pentecostal Pastor took very literally Mark 16:18, "They will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them."

Mack Wolford treated this verse as if it was the most important verse in the whole Bible.

In his eyes, if you were a Christian, you should be able to pick up snakes. This was to him a test of whether one really believed. And if one was bitten, one was to turn to God alone for healing.

In October 2010, he said, "I promised the Lord I'd do everything in my power to keep the faith going. I spend a lot of time going to a lot of places that handle serpents to keep them motivated. I'm trying to get anybody I can involved."

During his services, he slung poisonous snakes around his neck, danced with them, and sat beside them. He kept about eight venomous snakes in his home. He had every reason to know the practical risks - as his father before him had held similar beliefs - and had died of snakebite!

He organised a special ceremony for Sunday May 27th, that he advertised as going to be a "homecoming like the old days" promising those who came all sorts of signs of the Holy Spirit. It turned out to be his own home-going, for during the ceremony, he was bitten by one of his own 'pet' rattlers, and died later that night.

Incidentally most Scripture Scholars believe that Mark 16:9-20 with its promise in verse 17, "They will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them" was not part of the original Mark's Gospel, but an addition made by someone else later on. With verses like that it is doubly important to read them in the light of everything else in the Bible

From the Curates Diary

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IN ORLAGH

Friday, December 7: This month's film in our series **Exploring Faith Through Film** is a showing of *Être et Avoir (Nicolas Philibert)* Watch the film, have a snack and enjoy a discussion with Kieran O'Mahony. 7.00-9.30pm €10 Advance booking essential.

Saturday, December 8: The theme for the **DAY FOR YOURSELF** this month is **Saying 'Yes' to Life**, something we are called to do in good times and in bad. The theme is inspired by Mary's 'yes' in the annunciation story in Luke's Gospel. The day will be led by Bernadette Toal and John Byrne and will run from 10.00am to 4.30pm with the option of staying on for mass at 4.30. Cost €50 (including a full lunch)

Sunday, December 9: The Advent **SCRIPTURE DAY** led by Kieran O'Mahony has the theme **Being a Christian on the Edge—lessons from 1 Peter**. In these times it is a challenge to live the advice of Peter "always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess." (1 Pet 3:15). The day will run from 10.00am to 5.00pm (including Mass). Cost €55

Wednesday, Dec 12: A BREATHING SPACE For carers or anyone in need of a little time for his/herself. Come away and rest a while in the quiet and beauty of Orlagh. Helped by guided reflections in tranquil surroundings, find the peace and tranquility you need to recharge, and refresh your mind and body. The day starts at 10.00 am and ends with lunch (optional) at 1.00pm. €25 (including a 3-course lunch), €15 (without lunch). Bernadette Toal and John Byrne



Advent Antiphon

Veni Emmanuel, Veni Emmanuel
Captivum solve, solve Isreal.

Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

God's Holy Gifts

God's Holy Gifts
for God's Holy People
Draw near to receive them
With praise and thanksgiving.



CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

This Weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of **Threshold** is a registered housing charity who provide advice to help solve housing problems, and prevent homelessness to anyone who needs their help nationwide.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Christmas Cards in aid of our own Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre are now available from Carmel at the back of the Church or from the Parish Office. Great Variety and still Fantastic Value: Packet of 12 only €4 (same as last three years!) "Please Support a LOCAL Charity this Christmas."



Recently Baptised

Munkhtsetseg Maria Lxhagvasuren
Alfie Kelly
Scott Robert Cowzer
Henry Christian Byrne
Grace Claire Catherine Maher
Carly Patricia McDonald



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

WELCOME TO ADVENT

A new season begins in the Church - Advent Time. The Vestments change in colour from green to purple and we make a special effort over the weeks ahead to prepare our hearts and lives to welcome Christ at Christmas.

For many this will be a difficult time - the bright lights fill our world with expectation, but behind many doors is another reality, financial difficulty, the struggle to make ends meet, even real poverty. What further burdens will the Budget bring this week? There is a genuine fear in many homes of pain added to pain. In Ireland and in Dublin especially we have always been supportive of one another and to families in difficulty, I say do not spend beyond your means. Do not add to your burdens by finding you have no money to heat your home in the cold months in the New Year.

Do not add to family stress - Live simply so that others may simply live.

Fr John

Crumlin Mental Health convey their apologies on having to cancel the concert which was due to take place in St Agnes Parish Centre next Saturday night.