



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

Fr. Paul Tyrrell Ph. 4555368
Fr. Michael Kelly Ph. 4542308
Fr. John Deasy Ph. 4550955
Fr. John Foster Ph. 4650714

Family Offering: € 1,985
Share: € 2,890
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Anthony Clare, Drimnagh Road
Paul O'Connell, Derry Road
Eileen Mooney, Kildare Road
Bridie Rodgers, Raphoe Road
Winifred Lyons, Captains Rd
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Readers Roster

Saturday February 16th 2013

7.00pm Ann Maher

Sunday, February 17th 2013

9.30am John Green

11.00am B Prior

{Family Mass}

12.30pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm Pat Condon

**If you cannot make your reading,
please contact John Green.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT

The Neighbourhood Retreat will begin again on Ash Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre and will continue every Wednesday evening during Lent.

Further details can be obtained from Sister Lucy O'Sullivan RSC @ 087-6569179 or Andrew Fanthom @ 086-3257413.

Thank You.

This coming Monday I will be returning to ministry in the Parish following my recent surgery. May I thank you for your prayers and good wishes and I am feeling stronger every day. Fr John.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society



Our next meeting will be On Thursday February 14th in the Camac Room in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass. **All Are Welcome.**

Maria Tyrrell A Tribute: From An Cór Choir. CD LAUNCH Friday February 15th at 8pm. Perrystown Community Centre. Light refreshments/ Bring Own Drink. CDs for Sale on the Night.

All profits to Irish Cancer Society
FREE ADMISSION. ALL WELCOME.
IRISH CANCER SOCIETY.

Thought for the Week
"Conversion is not just a human work, but is the movement of a humble and contrite heart" - Walk With Me—Lent 2013.

The Lenten Season

This year's Lenten journey coming in the Year of Faith, invites us in a special way to enter the holy season with a heightened sense of expectation, that by God's grace we will grow and mature in our faith.

Lent commences with the imposition of ashes, a reminder to us of our bodily mortality. Ashes are also a sign of fire; fire that purifies. Accepting the ashes at the beginning of Lent is an expression that we are making a commitment to a season of self-discipline and penance in preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter.

In the past, only adults were admitted to baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter. For several months, or even years, they were taken through a course of Christian teaching which taught them the demands of Christian living. If they wished to continue, the final stage of their preparation began on the First Sunday of Lent when their names were enrolled as 'the Elect,' those chosen for baptism.

Lent is a time that prepares us to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection in the final days of Holy Week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday Night/Sunday. As part of that preparation, we are reminded of the importance of those time-tested disciplines of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. These are disciplines that lead us into the desert with Jesus where we discover that 'man does not live on bread alone...' The story of Jesus' temptations reaches forward as it relates to our lives in areas where our faith and confidence in God is tested. Ultimately, security is to be found only in believing that God is to be trusted. Lent usually coincides with spring and is a reminder that the rhythms of life and death are deeply embedded in our world. The new life of nature can only come about because the old life has passed away. We too, can find new life only, when we let go of the parts of ourselves that hold us back from growing. When we turn away from the ways of destruction – environmental, family, personal, - we allow ourselves to be led out of the ways of sin and into the ways of the Gospel.

May the ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us that our Lenten journey, is a grace-filled time. It is a time to turn away from sin and strive to do good.

Fr Paul.

Relics of St John Bosco: The Salesian Order who have close links for many years with St Agnes Parish, was founded by John Bosco in Turin in 1859 to help especially to care for and educate young people. Members of the Society of St John Bosco work in 131 countries throughout the world. In preparation of the celebration of the bi-centenary of his birth in 2015, the casket containing the relics of St John Bosco will come to Ireland from February 23rd to March 7th. The casket will arrive in St Agnes Church on Saturday February 23rd. It is a special occasion for the Salesians and for the Parish. More details in next weeks edition of the Parish Newsletter.

Pancake Fundraiser on Tuesday 12th Feb from 10.00am to 12.00noon for NCBI working for people with sight loss.
Pancakes with tea or coffee just €2 in St Agnes Parish Centre.



Weekly Family Offering Envelopes

Your new family offering envelope box can be collected in the parish centre after **all Masses this Weekend**. Please drop in to collect your new box or boxes for your road for your distribution. If you do not contribute to the family offering by way of weekly envelope or monthly standing order donations and would like to contribute please call to the parish centre where a box can be allocated or where you can complete a standing order form. This collection covers the day to day running of the Church and your support is greatly appreciated.

Can the parishioners who currently hold box numbers 572 & 573 please give your name and address into the parish office as we want to update our records. Thank you.

Applicants are invited to apply for the position of Director for Marriage Education, reporting to the Diocesan Director. This position is offered on a part time basis of 16 hours per week and will be based at our offices in Harcourt Street. Applications, accompanied by a CV, should be submitted in confidence to the Diocesan Director, ACCORD Dublin, 39 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 and should be received by the 21st February 2013. All envelopes should be marked Private and Confidential.

Step it Out....For CASA! Fundraising Walk on the Camino de Santiago from August 3rd to 10th walking the French Route from Sarria to Santiago de Compostello. Each participant must raise €2,000 minimum for this wonderful experience. All monies raised will support our respite programme 'CASA Breakhouses' for respite breaks for people with disabilities. For more information contact CASA 01 8725300 or 087 1518183 or e-mail info@casa.ie

Pieta House seek volunteers for Fundraiser: A Nationwide Bag Pack takes place on the 15th and 16th of February for Pieta House at Tesco Supermarkets. We are actively seeking volunteers to assist us with this event. Contact us at 01 6282111 and speak with Patricia Maloney or Marie Peelo. For more information on Pieta House see www.pieta.ie

TCD Chaplaincy Lecture: Raiding the Inarticulate - Religion, Spirituality and Healthcare. Lecture by Professor Des O'Neill, professor of Medical Gerontology, Trinity College Dublin on **Tuesday 12th Feb**, Trinity College Chapel, Front Square, 7.00pm. **All welcome.**

Trocaire Boxes.

Trocaire is the Church's Agency that works for a just world and the Lenten Collection boxes are now available in the Church. Please take one home with you. Every little helps the poor of the world.

Lent Has Arrived.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is also a Fast Day and a day of abstinence from meat. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on the day and perhaps you might consider making an effort to attend daily Mass for Lent. The mark on our foreheads reminds us that Lent is a time of conversion and repentance. In the Year of Faith, let us make that extra effort this year.



How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander

and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain:**

A New Hymn of Praise

R. A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. This is the day the Lord has made; Ransom for sin his life he gave. **R.**

2. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, We receive back, his life divine. **R.**



Fr Peter

You will be aware that Fr Peter has had on-going health issues for some time. His religious Superior in the Salesian Order has now informed me that as an Order, they have decided that it would be in Fr Peter's best interests to retire. Fr Peter has administered in St Agnes's Parish for many years and we thank him for the service that he so generously gave to God's people in this community. We wish him continued good health and a long and happy retirement. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the Salesian Fathers for their continued ministry in Crumlin which is over 40 years of unbroken service.



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Some of our young parishioners are presently preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation & First Communion. All Parishioners are invited to pray for these children by taking a child's name (or two) from the baskets, which have been placed on the altar rail at Our Lady's Altar, and praying for that child over the coming weeks.

Walk With Me

This popular booklet is available at the back of the Church. It is a Lenten journey of prayer and reflection for 2013. It is pocket size so you can carry it around with you to use at home or in the Church. As we buy the booklets in bulk, we can sell them for €1 each. So do buy your copy today and perhaps you might purchase an extra copy to give to a friend or relative or to somebody who is housebound.

It is a SPIRITUAL GIFT

P.A.M. Ladies reopen on Feb 11th at 8.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Discussion in St Agnes Centre Crumlin
"Is God a challenge to you?"

On Monday Feb 11th @7.45pm. All are Welcome . Please Bring a Friend. Light refreshment served. Spiritual Director Present.

Organised by the Legion of Mary.

Alzheimer CaféSouth Co Dublin
Wednesday 13th February at 7pm
Topic: Aids and Appliances for people with dementia.

Speaker: Catherine Keogh, Occupational Therapy Manager, Bloomfield Health Services

Location: Bloomfield Care Centre, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin. 16. Attendance at the Café is FREE.

www.bloomfield/acscd.ie