



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: € 2,095
Share: € 1,759

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"Faith in action is love and love in action is service" - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

SHARE: DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

Below is a copy of the letter sent to each parish from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin regarding Share

26th March 2013

My dear people

Almost 40 years ago Share, the diocesan development fund, was launched to address the needs of the Church at a time of rapid development in new areas in the Archdiocese. Through a remarkably generous sharing of financial resources among parishes, it was possible to build Churches and Schools in the newly developing areas as they grew. What was achieved was remarkable. In many cases, the presence of the Church became a unique focal point which helped turn housing estates into real communities and the results are still visible today.

Today the needs of the diocese are changing. We face new challenges in passing on the faith. The Church in the Archdiocese must assume a more missionary dimension. We need to reach out to those who though baptised have drifted away from faith in Jesus Christ and from Church life or for whom the Church has somehow become marginal in their lives. This requires expanded and more focussed training programmes for lay leaders in evangelisation. The Year of Faith calls on all of us to share responsibility for evangelisation.

There is also a need to share specialised resources in areas such as evangelisation, financial management, human resources, child protection, communications and education. A substantial part of Share funding has been allocated in recent years to supporting these services which provide support to parishes across the diocese.

Financially this is a difficult time for all and I can assure you that the Archdiocese is taking the necessary means to control expenditure and keep it to a minimum. I turn to you once again this year to be as generous as you can in supporting Share. Your help is a vital contribution to the work of evangelisation and the renewal of the Church in Dublin today and I thank you sincerely.

Yours Sincerely
+ Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generous support for Share in the past year. The total received was over €101,000. Only the parishes of Lucan and Mount Merrion gave more generously

Fr John

Celebrating Marriages

On this Sunday at the 12.30 Mass we welcome to St Agnes Church couples who are celebrating Special Jubilees in their Marriage. For them they have enjoyed many years of being together. No doubt they have had their times of joy and their struggles also, but today they thank God for their faithfulness to each other and are together in love surrounded by their families.

We as a Parish acknowledge their fidelity and the witness they have given in the Sacrament of Marriage. May God continue to bless you with health and happiness.

Congratulations and Best Wishes from all of us to all of you
Fr John



Easter Dues

Dues are an important source of income for the priests of the Parish. You should have received an envelope through your hall door. If you have mislaid it, you will find spare envelopes at the exit doors. We wish to thank those who already have sent in their Easter Dues

Simon of Cyrene Meeting on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre for members only

On Sunday 28th April The Orlagh Centre is running an afternoon of reflection and prayer for Ministers of the Eucharist from 2.30-5.30pm. Cost is €15 led by John Byrne & Bernadette Toal.

For more information & booking please contact Fr John Byrne at 01 4958190 or email info@orlagh.ie

Recently Baptised

Layla June Carr

We welcome her into our Christian Community, and wish her every blessing in her life ahead.



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 16th April.**

Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm. Followed by Blessing & Benediction.

All Welcome.



COMMUNION CALLS

If any sick or housebound persons would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact the Parish Office on 01-4555368

Your Future...The Presentation Brothers are holding an information weekend

for men interested in a religious vocation. 11am Sat. 27th - 2pm Sun. 28th April at Presentation Brothers, Glashule. For full details and to book a place contact Br Anthony at 01-2300824 or email vocation@PresentationBrothers.org Visit <http://www.presentationbrothers.org/>

Questions People Ask

Q. What is the meaning of Alleluia?

A. Alleluia is a great shout of joy to God. During the penitential season of Lent it is dropped from the church's prayer but returns to dominate Easter's prayers. Let us break up the word to analyse it's meaning. The centre of the word is EL, the Hebrew word for God. Before and after EL we have a great release of energy with AL saluting God and a mighty shout of UIA (YA) to reclaim our joy at the resurrection of the Lord. It was when I heard what the commentator called the Clare shout in Croke Park that I discovered the primal joy of Alleluia. Let it rip this Easter !! The Lord is risen, alleluia

Fr Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Cap, Intercom



1. A New Hymn of Praise

Ref. 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.**

2. Sing to the Lord

Sing to the Lord who enters Jerusalem, All Sing Hosanna Sing to the Saviour Lord of All Rejoice and Sing Hosanna Hosanna in the Highest

3. Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is Risen today, Alleluia Our Triumphant holy day, Alleluia, Who did once upon a cross, Alleluia, Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia, Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia.

4. Lord Accept

Lord accept these 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. May our souls be pure and spotless As the 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 the sacrifice divine.



Recently Deceased

*Catherine McKeever, Croftwood Drive
Tommy Donohoe, Cashel Ave
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

Readers Roster

Saturday, April 20th 2013

7.00pm Ciaran Heavey

Sunday, April 21st 2013

9.30am Jeanine Chalmers

11.00am T O'Byrne

{Family Mass}

12.30pm Richard Tobin

7.00pm John Green

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

PPC Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday next the 18th of April at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre



FREE BOOKS IN THE PARISH CENTRE. BRING A BOOK AND TAKE A BOOK - ALL FREE



St Agnes Parent and Toddler Group meet in the Parish Centre from 10am to 12 noon on Thursdays All welcome

St. Agnes Parish Walk and Talk group meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. New members always welcome.

THANK YOU

We wish to Thank most sincerely the Clients and Staff of St Micheals House for their assistance with folding our Weekly Newsletter



Senior Help Line, a Third Age

programme, is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland,

LoCall 1850 440 444.

Are you 60+ years of age? Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you? The Care and Repair programme (run by Age Action Ireland) uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers and handypersons to carry out minor repairs for older people. All volunteers are vetted and carry official Care and Repair identification cards. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care and Repair number which is 01-4756989.

For your bigger jobs, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whom we can recommend for their reasonable charges and good service.

We would like to remind you to please Switch Off your phone when entering the Church.

