



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: € 2,036

Share: € 2,520

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The hand of God to be my stay; The shield of God to be my strength; the Path of God to be my way" - St Patrick

Feast or Festival

This is the year of the Gathering when we invite our relatives and friends to come to Ireland to join us in celebration. Surely St Patrick's weekend can be said to be the beginning of such an event when so many Irish make the traditional journey home to the place of their roots.

Over the last few years the Feast of St Patrick has been expanded into a Festival occasion lasting a few days and St Patrick's Day has been called "Paddy's Day" it would be a pity if we lost sight of the true significance of the Feast which is rooted in the life and heritage of our Patron Saint and national apostle. In this Year of Faith it is time to renew our commitment to the faith first planted in Ireland by St Patrick. May we cherish this faith in our hearts and live it in our lives.

May we welcome home to the Parish all who have travelled to be with their families. May they have an enjoyable reunion.

I hope and pray this weekend will be a sober one where people can enjoy family and friends and take special care on the roads of Ireland so that death and injury may be avoided.

St Patrick's Day is an occasion to remember those who are celebrating the feast as emigrants abroad. Our thoughts and prayers are for them. I have included a prayer in the Newsletter entitled "A Prayer for Those Away from Home"

Happy St Patrick's Day to one and all

Fr John

'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat': The Now and Then Production Company present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght Village. Dublin 24 on Wed, 20th, Thurs, 21st & Fri, 22nd of March at 8.00pm. Tickets: Adults 10 / Children & Concessions 5. All are welcome.

- ⇒ On St Patrick's Day at 6pm there is a celebration of "St Patrick in his own Words" – Through word music and song – Organised by the Dublin Council of Churches and being held in St Patrick's Cathedral – All are welcome
- ⇒ On Tuesday 19th March in the upper meeting room in St Pauls Retreat, Mt Argus from 8pm to 9:30pm there is a presentation by Sean Goan on "The Passion in Luke's Gospel" – All are welcome
- ⇒ On Saturday 23rd March there is a Special Youth Mass at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines – Organised by youth the invitation is open to all to come along and make this a joyous celebration of all things youthful – Spread the word

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
As usual there will be just two Masses on that day at 9am and 10am. There will No Evening Mass and the Parish Office will be closed

Simon of Cyrene meeting scheduled for 26th March has been cancelled and re-arranged for Tuesday 16th April 7.30pm in the parish centre – members only

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

Recently Deceased

Peter Kelly, Windmill Rd
William Hanks, Stanaway Rd
Sean O'Loughlin, Mangerton Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Readers Roster

Saturday March 23rd 2013

7.00pm C Heavey

Sunday, March 24th 2013

9.30am J Chalmers

11.00am T O'Byrne

{Family Mass}

12.30pm R Tobin

7.00pm A Kilday

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

Please note that a readers meeting will take place on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm

PRAYER FOR THOSE AWAY FROM HOME

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us. Keep them safe from all harm, evil and danger.



Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy.

Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love; in Christ's name we pray. Amen

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Tuesday 19th of March is the Feast of the Silent man of the Gospels - St Joseph. We have a statue to him and his shrine is outside the Sacristy door. He was the devoted husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He is the Patron of a happy death - the wish we all have at the close of our lives

Weekly Family Offering Envelopes

All envelopes have been distributed to homes who contributed last year. If you contributed last year and have not for some reason received a new box please call to the parish to organise getting a new one.

Marriage Jubilees

It is coming to that time of the year again when we invite couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, like Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond to come with their families to the 12.30 Mass on Sunday April 14th.



We will join with you in marking the occasion. The anniversary itself may be months away, but it is good to add a spiritual dimension to your celebrations this year.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME TO THE PARISH OFFICE @ 01 - 455 5368.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Distribution of Easter Cards to all homes in the parish is due to start from this weekend. If you have some time to spare and would like to help with the distribution please call to the parish office this weekend after Saturday 7pm Mass or Sunday morning Masses. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Retreat exploring the Easter Message: A retreat exploring the Easter Message takes place at All Hallows College from Thursday the 28th of March to Sunday the 31st of March.

Costs for residential is €270.00 and non-residential is €120.00. A One day retreat is €40.00. For further details contact All Hallows at 01 8520754 or email purcell_house@allhallows.ie

Bach St Matthew's Passion: Monday 25th March (the Monday of Holy Week). There will be two adult choirs and a children's choir (St Pius X Boys' National School) and they will be joined by a list of distinguished soloists and the Orchestra of St Cecilia. Information and tickets are now available in the church porch after all masses each Sunday; they are also available through the parish office and at Barry's Pharmacy in Cypress Park Templeogue and online through the parish website at www.stpiusx.ie

St Agnes Musical Society Production of "The King and I"
St Agnes School Hall, 22nd, 23rd and 24th March

All tickets €8 each. Available from St Agnes School Reception – school hours.
St Agnes Parish Centre 10am – 12noon



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

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.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT

Following its launch in the parish last year the Neighbourhood Retreat will continue every Wednesday evening during Lent. The aim of the retreat is to help people pray with the Gospels at home for 15 minutes each day during Lent. Further details can be obtained from Sr Lucy O'Sullivan RSC @ 087-6569179 or Andrew Fanthom @ 086-3257413.

Recently Baptised

Dylan Michael Kirwan-Robinson

Aaron Oliver Byrne

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



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th March.** Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm. Followed by Blessing & Benediction. **All Welcome.**



FOR THE ATTENTION OF AUXILIARY MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY

You are invited to attend the Annual Acies of the Legion of Mary which takes place on Sunday 24th March 2013 in Church of St. Paul of the Cross, Mount Argus at 6 pm. (Please note that the Acies ceremony will not include Mass, however Mass is celebrated in Mount Argus Church on Sundays at 4 pm.)

Legion of Mary Video Evening 60 Sundrive Rd on Friday 22nd March showing Holy Week, St Luke's Gospel at 7.30pm. Tea provided and admission by ticket is free.

POPE FRANCIS.

The cardinals in Rome gave us a surprise. We welcome the appointment of the Archbishop of Buenos Aires as our new Pope. Everyone says he is called after St Francis of Assisi but perhaps as a Jesuit he has a fondness for Francis Xavier. Here in St Agnes' on Tuesday last we completed the Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier.

We wish him very well in his new role, and pray that his ministry may be blessed, and that it may bring about unity and growth in the Catholic Church.

God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me;
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
Ref: Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

2. By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity. (Ref)

