



**ST AGNES' PARISH  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
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**Family Offering: € 1,905**

**Share: € 1,664**

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

*Thought for the Week*

*"O God, make us witnesses to your truth in the world" - Prayer of the Mass for the feast of the conversion of St Paul the Apostle*

**Mary at Cana**

The Scripture passage from John tells us about the wedding feast at Cana. This account is only in John's Gospel. There is no mention of it in Matthew, Mark or Luke. John was particularly close, not just to Jesus, but to Mary too. He was the representative, but he was also the individual to whom Mary was given at the foot of the cross. 'This is your mother' (John 19:27) For a number of years after the Crucifixion, he was Mary's adopted son. He saw the influence she exercised in the growth of the early Church. John's Gospel was the last. He was able to put things in perspective that little bit better than the other three. Cana was a single incident but it had a universal dimension. It showed not just Mary's temporary influence at Cana, but her permanent role in the work of salvation. What she did that day, she does every day. She showed her faith in the power of her son. 'They have no wine'. She has become an incessant advocate. John included the sign given by Jesus at Cana in his Gospel because it captures so beautifully Mary's continuing function as our helper and intercessor. 'There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The Mother of Jesus was there' (John 2:1) There's a wedding in Cana everyday. And Mary is always there.

As mother of God and mother of us, next to her Son and in union with him, she is the greatest intercessor of all. Whatever anxieties, problems you take with you to church today it may be worry about your health or your loved one's, your children's future, your job, difficulties within your marriage, or whatever. Whatever it is, take your anxiety to Mary. The thing about a mother is that she cares. In the normal course of events, the last person to give up on you, is your own mother. What's true of earthly mothers is even more true of Mary. Trust her. He gave us the best he knew, the best he could find. She won't let you down if you 'do whatever he tells you.'

*Sr Margaret*

**Parish Pastoral Council. A**

meeting of the PPC will take place on Thursday 24th Jan at 7.30pm in the Puddle Room, St Agnes Parish Centre.



**Simon of Cyrene Meeting on**

Tuesday 29th Jan at 7.30pm in the Liffey Room, in St Agnes Parish Centre. The Speaker will be Anne Mescal, Alzheimer's Society.

**Church Unity Octave**

These days we pray for the unity of all Christians, hearing the words of Jesus "that all may be one". The Octave began on Friday last the 18th Jan and concludes on Next Friday the feast of the conversion of St Paul.

**Recently Baptised**

**Oliver Keogh**

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



**Celebrate the Year of Faith:** Come to a day of Prayer at Knock Shrine on February 2nd 2013 10.00am-5.00pm. The day includes talks, Rosary, Adoration and Holy Mass. Talks will be given by Fr Killian Byrne, Foyers of Charity. Talks will include: The Eucharist -The Pearl of Great Price, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, and The Urgency of the Fatima Message. For more information contact 086 1678027 or check out [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)



**CHURCH RENOVATION**

As many Parishioners have expressed their wish that Sunday Mass be celebrated within the Parish during Church renovations possible Mass centres are being considered and assessed but will only be able to be used with the help of volunteers to help co-ordinate, set-up and clean up before and after liturgies. Watch this space for further information and please keep volunteering in mind.



**Christ Be Beside Me**

- 1.Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.
- 2.Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.
- 3.Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

**Gifts of Bread and Wine**

Gifts of Bread and Wine; Gifts we've offered, Fruits of labour, Fruits of love Taken, offered, sanctified, Blessed and Broken; Words of one who died: Take my Body; take my saving blood. Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord

**All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

- 1.All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2.Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3.O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

**Feast of St Agnes**

Our Parish Feast is celebrated on Monday 21st January. We know her as a Virgin and Martyr and ask her intercession on that day.

The word Agnes comes from a Latin word meaning lamb. On the eve of her feast two lambs are taken to the Convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Rome where they are prepared for a visit to the Vatican the next day, where the Pope receives and blesses them. The lambs are later shorn on Tuesday of Holy Week, and the wool is used to make Palliums which are kept in a bronze urn next to the Chair of St Peter in St Peter's Basilica. They stay there until the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on the 29th June when the Pope gives them to the Metropolitan Archbishops and Patriarchs appointed within the past year. The Palliums are like scarfs hanging over the shoulders with a strip that hangs to the front and the rear. Our Archbishop Diarmuid Martin as a Metropolitan wears the Pallium.

You learn something new every Day!!

Fr John

**Good News to Go – January 23rd Ecumenical Prayer.** Good News To Go will resume on January 23rd in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon St, Dublin 2 @ 7:30pm. Aimed at young adults, it encourages young people from parishes, chaplaincies and youth movements to gather together to pray and to receive some catechesis. This month Good News To Go Catechesis will be led by Rev. Jools Hamilton – Chaplain Trinity College. Music will be led by Ian Callanan. You can follow Good News to Go – [www.facebook.com/goodnewstogo](http://www.facebook.com/goodnewstogo)

**Courses at All Hallows:** A number of courses are now available for registration on the All Hallows website. Courses include, "Renewal for Life", creative approaches to personal and faith enrichment. For further details see [www.allhallows.ie](http://www.allhallows.ie)

**Mary Help of Christians Mass**

will be celebrated On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Salesian Oratory. **All Welcome**



**S.F.O. Meeting**

Takes place Monday 21st Jan in St Josephs "Inismore" [Sr Catherine] at 3.00pm. Mass and Prayers of intercession for Year of Faith and change of laws **Third Order Franciscan**

**Good Wishes**

Fr Brendan Leahy, who is Professor of Dogmatic Theology in Maynooth has been appointed Bishop of Limerick in place of Bishop Donal Murray who resigned. Fr Brendan has strong links with our Parish. As a boy he attended St Damien's School where his father was the Principal and he continued his education in Colaiste Eanna in Ballyroan. He was ordained priest for the Diocese of Dublin in 1986. He is very closely associated with the Foculare Movement and Ecumenism in Ireland. I know our Parishioners will wish him every blessing and a fruitful ministry in the Diocese of Limerick.

**Recently Deceased**

*Teresa Mooney, Captains Road  
Margaret Galvin, Kells Rd  
Stephen Cahill, Captain's Road  
Michael Mangan, Ex Captain's Road  
Patrick Nugent, Melvin Road  
We express our deepest sympathies to Their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

**Readers Roster**

**Saturday January 26th 2013**

**7.00pm** C Heavey

**Sunday, January 27th 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.*

**Christmas Dues**

The Dues envelope you receive at Christmas And Easter helps to support the priests of the Parish.

They are an important source of income for the Clergy. All working people in the house should be asked to contribute. Spare envelopes are available at the Church exits.

We thank you for your generosity

**St. Agnes Thursday Afternoon Social Group**

Meets in the Parish Centre Coffee Dock on Thursday's from 2.30 - 4.30pm. Take your pick-Cards, board Games, Knitting/Crochet, Irish Conversation and 'The Men's Club'. **All Welcome.**

*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.*

**The 11am Sunday Family Mass Group** Join us on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 6pm to 7pm where we prepare through singing, art and craft for our 11am Sunday Family Mass. All children over five years old welcome. **New Members Always Welcome.**

**WORLD MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY**

*Pope Benedict XVI has asked that we remember Migrants and Refugees on this Sunday 20th January. The Pope declares that this day offers the whole Church the opportunity to reflect on migration and to pray that hearts may open in Christian welcome and in efforts to increase in the world justice and charity and lasting peace. We are asked to share solidarity with migrants and refugees*



Avila are running a "Meditation for Beginners Course" commencing 21st Jan and running for 4 weeks on Mondays at 7.30pm. Please contact them for information by phoning 6430200

**Diocesan Guidebook 2013** - There are some copies of this for sale in the sacristy @ €10 per book. This Guidebook gives full information on the Diocese and information on all Parishes including Mass times in all Churches

**LEGION OF MARY, 60, SUNDRIVE ROAD, 'THE YEAR OF FAITH'. WELCOME TO A VIDEO EVENING. FRIDAY JANUARY 25TH AT 7.30PM. SHOWING: PRAYER 'A WAY OF LIFE' FR GROESCHEL. THERE WILL BE TEA AT THE INTERVAL. ADMISSION IS FREE.....BY TICKET.**

**Friday Jan 25 Reading St. Mark's Gospel in Greek:** This course which began in the autumn resumes on Friday, Jan 25th and runs for 8 weeks from 11.00 to 12.30 each Friday. The course is open to new customers to join but will presume from basic knowledge of Biblical Greek. (€10 per session)

**Word on Web programme :** January 23rd: The Good News in Nazareth and January 30th: The Compassionate God of Luke's Parables at 8pm - €5 per evening. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING PLEASE CONTACT: Tel 495-8190 Info@orlagh.ie [www.orlagh.ie](http://www.orlagh.ie) Orlagh Communications, Old Court Road, Firhouse