



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

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**Family Offering: € 1,981**  
**Share: € 1,831**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

*Thought for the Week*

"We need to see the light and be men and women who bring it to others"

Pope Francis

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

This weekend we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The gospel opens with those evocative lines spoken by Jesus 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice' ; I know them and they know me'. In a sense we are all called to be shepherds to one another, caring for one another in the family of the Church. You who sit in the pews this day are not called to priesthood and religious life but you have a vocation to live as witnesses for Christ, The Good Shepherd. However, there are others who fulfil their special calling to minister as priests and religious. Sadly they are a declining number.

I was ordained a priest 52 years ago. My first appointment was to Clogher Road as Chaplain to the Marist Convent and priest teacher and Chaplain to the Vocational School there. In the Parish there was a Parish Priest and four curates and I helped in the Church as well. The six of 1961 is now down to one—Father Melvyn Mullins. In the same year there were 8 priests in St Agnes and six in Mourne Road if I recall correctly. The twenty priests of half a century ago is down to six in the Crumlin, Clogher Road, Mourne Road Pastoral area.

In this year of 2013 there is one ordination for this large Archdiocese and one of our Parishioners Jimmy Fennell will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. When Jimmy is ordained he will not be necessarily serving in this area. This depends on the decision of the Archbishop.

Father John Gilligan is the new Vocations Director in the Diocese and encourages those who are even vaguely considering a vocation to the priesthood or the Diaconate to contact the Diocesan Vocations Centre at 8087561 or see their website at [www.vocations.dibindioocese.ie](http://www.vocations.dibindioocese.ie)

Fr John

**Knock 2013**

Over the Summer months people like to make a visit to Knock. Now with better roads it is easy to undertake the return journey in a day. The Pilgrimage Season this year begins on April 28th and concludes on October 13th.

Full details of Masses and public ceremonies are available on the notice boards in the Church porch. You may also contact the Knock Shrine Office at Veritas 7-8 lower Abbey Street. Ph 8733356 for further information.

It is hoped as usual to run our Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on the last Thursday in August. Hope to see you then.

Fr John

**Church Gate Collection.**

This weeks collection is in aid of the Society For Autism. Your generous support is requested.

Dublin county Choir presents "Gloria", the splendour of Choir and Brass on Saturday 18th May at 8.00pm at the National Concert Hall. Hosted by Liz Nolan and Conducted by Colin Block. Prices from €18 to €30. Further details from [www.dublincountychoir.com](http://www.dublincountychoir.com)

**Your Future...** The Presentation Brothers are holding an informal information weekend for men interested in a religious vocation. 11.00am on Saturday 27 to 2.00pm Sunday 28th April at Presentation Brothers, Glashule. For full details contact Br Anthony at 01-230 0824 or email [vocation@PresentationBrothers.org](mailto:vocation@PresentationBrothers.org). Please Visit [www.PresentationBrothers.org](http://www.PresentationBrothers.org)

**'A Social space in Dublin 12 for people living with disability.**  
The Dublin 12 Disability Mainstream Access Project (DMAP) are hosting a fortnightly drop in facility. Taking place every second Monday afternoon, between 1.30-4.30, here people get the chance to socialise, to link in with essential services and also to work together to make Dublin 12 a more inclusive place. For more information please contact DMAP by phone: 014099667/0851016633 or by email: [d12dmap@gmail.com](mailto:d12dmap@gmail.com).

**Recently Baptised**

Connor Adam Kelly  
Harvey James Craven  
Joe James Doyle  
Ellie May Devaney  
Trystan Seamus Kelly  
Casey Teagan McEntegart



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

**Collection For Students for the Priesthood.**

The Annual Special Collection for our students studying in Maynooth College takes place at all Masses this weekend. This Collection will replace SHARE. You are asked to be generous.

**FAMILY CEILÍ NIGHT AT ST AGNES SCHOOL.**

Saturday April 27th 7:30pm. Admission €2, per person. Pop-Up Cafe open for refreshments.

You can bring friends, neighbours, children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, singles, couples - everyone is welcome. No experience of ceilí dancing required – you will learn the steps on the night.

Just come and have fun!

**Questions People Ask**

**Q. Every now and then I feel a call from God to priesthood. What should I do about it? The thought of a lifetime commitment to celibacy puts me off.**

A. Pray for discernment and talk with a priest, preferably one who knows you. Celibacy is a daunting prospect if you focus on what you would be giving up. But celibacy may be seen in a different light as a grace offered by God to commit oneself bodily, mentally and spiritually to the service of Christ and His Church. For me personally, celibacy is not about the possible intimate relationship and family I never would have, but about a daily relationship with Jesus, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.



**Catholic Papers**

Just to remind you that weekly Catholic papers are on sale at all Masses - weekdays and Sundays. These papers keep us up to date with Church related issues and teachings.

**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

*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.*

**Recently Deceased**

Patrick Heenan, Captain's Road  
Josephine Graham, Derry Drive  
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**Readers Roster**

**Saturday, April 27th 2013**

9.00pm David Callaghan

**Sunday, April 28th 2013**

9.30am John Green

11.00am F & M Healy

{Family Mass}

12.30pm Richard Tobin

7.00pm William Elliott

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

**Annual Triduum** -- in honour of Our lady of Good Counsel, Augustinian Church, Thomas Street, from Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 2 sessions daily 11am to 8pm. Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction.

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



**Parish Prayer For Vocations**

Lord Jesus,  
You said to your disciples;  
"The harvest indeed is great  
But the labourers are few."

We ask that we may know  
And follow the vocation  
To which you have called us.

We pray for those called to serve:  
Those whom you have called,  
Those you are calling now,  
And those you will call in the future.

May they be open and responsive  
To the call of serving your people.  
Amen.