

**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: € 2,442
Share: € 1,540

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased
Tom Regan, Derry Park,
Peter Comerford, Clonmacnoise Grove
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Thought for the Week
"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and realise that the prisoner was you." -
Lewis B. Smedes

Palm Sunday to Easter Day

More than 3,000 died on that infamous day in US and World History when planes were crashed mostly into buildings on the day known as 9/11. The anniversary every September brings the events of that awful day to mind especially for the bereaved families. We can remember vividly where we were on that morning and repeatedly saw on television the planes crashing into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York.

Each year we recall the death of Jesus on Good Friday, and the story is retold and relived in the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and again on Friday next. It is more than a happening from 2,000 years ago. It is our opportunity to enter into that event and make it present to our lives.

There is a hymn that is often sung on Good Friday- "Were you there when they crucified My Lord" which makes sense of our sins being part of the events of the Crucifixion and our failures being a part of this story of the death of Jesus. On this Sunday afternoon the Dublin Bach Singers will perform Haydn's famous composition 'Seven Last Words' in Mourne Road Church at 4.00pm. We encourage you to attend so as to focus our minds on the events of Holy Week and in particular, Good Friday.

You have now received the details of the arrangements for Holy Week and Easter here in St Agnes in this most special week in the Church's Year, do resolve to be part of these ceremonies.

Fr John

Faith in Drimnagh 1943-2013

Dublin Bach Singers: 'Seven Last Words' - Joseph Haydn.
Music and Reflections for Holy Week 'Crucifixus' -A Lotti, 'O Vos Omnes' -P Casals. Reflections by Canon John Flaherty.

Mourne Road Church, Palm Sunday, March 24th at 4.00pm

Admission is free: Retiring Collection in aid of the Mother McAuley Social Service Centre

Join the Parishes of Clondalkin for Sunrise Mass, Easter Morning:

The combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin will hold a Sunrise Mass on Easter Morning the **31st of March at 7.00am** at the Blue Bridge Lake, Corkagh Park, Clondalkin. Park and enter by Cherrywood Gate.

For more information text Dawn Mass to 087 7108981.

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



Marriage Jubilees

It is coming to that time of the year 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 @ 01-4555368.



NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT

The Neighbourhood Retreat will conclude this Wednesday evening. 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.

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 Vigil Mass

Please Note that there will be no parking permitted outside of The Parish Centre for the Easter Saturday Vigil Mass, as the Pascal Fire will be lit there.

Thank You.

S.F.O. Meeting

Takes place Monday 25th March from 3 - 4pm. In the Columban Convent [Back of Fr Kitt Court] Lectio Divina, Divine Office. Prayers of intercession before the Blessed Sacrament.
Third Order Franciscan

Story of a Volunteer: I was one of the volunteers who helped to deliver some of the 4,250 approx.

Easter bundles to every home in the Parish. This is a tale of the variety of letterboxes encountered. My favourite is the wall mounted box, as you can lift or push the lid and drop your bundle deftly in without hassle. Next you have the nylon draught excluders, which are like a set of teeth clenched shut. They trap your frozen fingers as you try to push in the bundle so that it falls through to the floor. I did get help at one house, where a little barking dog dashed up the hall and pulled the bundle from my hand. I survived with all my fingers intact but whether he delivered the bundle intact or had a chew on it I shall never know. Next you have the small silver letterbox, horizontal or rectangular, set into the front door.

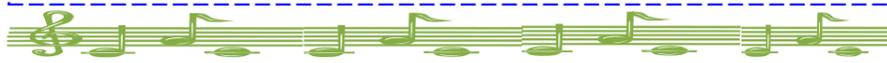
Now these were invented when all post was the size of a normal postcard. The only way to manage is to put everything down and free both hands. Fold your bundle over, hold the flap with one hand and use the other to push them in. However, the worst letterbox has to be the one at ground level. I'm on my second bottle of "deep heat". I wonder if the Postmen have discussed these with health and safety.

As I walked up and down garden paths, I admired the signs of spring bulbs in some of the lovely gardens and made sure to close the gates. I thought about the many people who have carried out this work over 76 years in our Parish. Some have gone to their just reward and some still with us, are not fit enough to traipse around the roads, having already carried out more than their fair share of this work over the years

Nowadays, 75% of letterboxes have a NO JUNK MAIL notice, which of course did not apply to me. I was delivering a lovely Easter Card with all the Easter ceremonies listed and the Easter Dues Envelope.

Will I do it again? Yes. Would I recommend it? Yes. Just think, you can get a months worth of your daily exercise in a week and you sleep like a log every night. The best bit? all the people you talk to on your rounds prove that Crumlin really is "SIMPLY THE BEST".

Anonymus



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.



Calling anyone interested in gardening and growing their own.

GIY's speaker this month is Ciaran O'Byrne who will talk about guerilla gardening - gardening in public and derelict spaces. This will be followed by tea and cake with our group chat on growing. The meetings are free and open to people interested in food growing from beginners to old hands. The next meeting is on Monday 25 March at 6.30pm in Walkinstown library on Percy French road.

Next month's meeting will be on Monday 22 April and we will be having a seedling and plant swap, so if you're planting seeds, put in extra and bring them along in April and swap them for something new. All welcome.