Creation Concert: Joseph Haydn tells the familiar story of the Creation in concert Sunday, 15th December at 8.00pm through music of irrepressible joy and splendour. A stream of familiar melodies runs through the work and remarkable musical effects describe the animals and natural phenomena that filled the newly-created world. Tickets cost €20 and further information are available from the **St. Pius X parish office, Templeogue** phone on: 01 4905284 and from Barry's pharmacy and also will be available from door on the night.

Alzheimer Café South County Dublin

Wed 11th December 2013 at 7.00pm

Topic : Preparing for Christmas
Speaker: Anne Kearney Manager for Older Persons Services HSE
Location: Bloomfield Hospital, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, D.16.

Attendance at the Café is FREE
www.bloomfield/acscd.ie

Family offering envelopes can be deposited in the new box marked 'Family Offering' which is installed in the wall at the back of the church near the main exit doors.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

St Joseph's Parish Terenure

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BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S ST. NICHOLAS

Friday 13th Dec @ 8pm in St Joseph's Church, Terenure Rd East.
Featuring Orchestra of St Cecilia.
Conductor: Killian Farrell
Solosit: Laurence Thackeray
Massed Community Choirs. Tickets €20
Tel 086 858 8946 or
visit www.terenure-enterprise.ie

MUSINGS

The First and Second Readings and Psalm today are shot through with an encouragement to cling tenaciously to a hope for better days. While astrophysicists now tell us that our sun will eventually burn out, the person who composed today's Psalm was certainly not aware of this when speaking of God's name 'enduring like the sun'. Likewise, the moon was not expected to 'fail' and neither was the peace that God's reign would bring. How many individuals and communities today crave such a time of peace. Let us stand in solidarity and hope with them today. ***Salvador Ryan, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Courtesy of Intercom Magazine***

NOW AVAILABLE CHRISTMAS CARDS IN AID OF LORCAN O'TOOLE DAY CENTRE.

Huge variety, excellent quality and superb value at only €4 per pack of 12 (still no change on price!). On sale in the Repository (at the back of the Church) and in the Parish Centre. May also be obtained from CARMEL at her Home Address.

"Please continue your support for this important Local Charity."

WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH

St Agnes Parish Newsletter

Team Ministry of Clogher Rd, Crumlin & Mourne Rd
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Child Protection Number: 087 3155305

You can now also visit us on Facebook, search for St Agnes Parish Crumlin

Sunday 8th December 2013

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Fr David Fleming: 4555368
Fr John Deasy: 4550955
Fr John Foster: 4650714

Deacon

Rev Jimmy Fennell 4555368

St Agnes' Church Mass Times

Weekday Masses are at 9.00am; 10.00 am; 7.00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass is at 7.00pm

Sunday Masses are at 9.30am; 11 am (*Family*); 12.30pm *(Choir)*; 7 pm

Holy day Masses are at 7.00pm Vigil; 9.00am; 10.00am; 7.00pm

Confession Times

Saturdays from 10.30am to 11.30am & 6.45pm

Eve of First Fridays after 10am Mass & 6.45pm

The Parish Coffee Dock is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon. All welcome

Thought for the Week

"Church doors should always be open: if someone comes looking for God, will he or she find a closed door?"
Pope Francis

Last Weekends Collections

Family Offering: €1,800 **SHARE:** €1,887

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

St. Agnes Church Mass Cards. The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day.
Now Available from Parish Office and Church Repository (located at the rear of the Church, price €5 for ten.

Also available in the Repository are Church Art Calendars priced @ €1.50 each and the Booklet "Walk With Me" - A Journey of Prayer and Reflection for Advent and Christmastide priced @ €1.00.

Diocesan Food Appeal for Crosscare

St. Agnes' Parishioners are being asked to bring food supplies to the Parish Centre which will be open for this purpose at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass times during Advent. Types of food urgently needed include: pasta/rice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged desserts, biscuits and hygiene products. Crosscare will collect and redistribute the food every Monday and Tuesday.

There was a great response to the start of the food appeal for those in need last weekend and more has been arriving every day this week. Staff at the food bank have asked us to pass on their gratitude for the support which has already helped them so much in their work.

Christmas Debt

A friend of mine told me how a woman came to the ESB shop she worked in at the time, to pay a few pounds off her account which was severely in the red. It was late November and there was no other customer within hearing distance. The woman said she would like to open a second account. Her husband wanted to decorate the outside of their home with a large Santa and coloured lights. Then she confided the bill for the decorations would not come in until the following February. So all the cost would not arise in the near future.

The Christmas splurge would create a larger debt the following year for this family. Needless to say her request for a second account was refused. However, credit cards and debit cards will allow you to spend until the credit limit expires or your Bank Account runs dry. Despite the recession people will spend beyond their means leading to a painful New Year.

I would ask all families to plan their Christmas expenditure and live within their means. Gifts are given with the heart and do not have to be expensive.

I know certain charities have come under the spotlight for extra payments to managers. However I would ask you not to cut back or cancel what you usually give. Already many charities are finding it difficult to maintain services and they depend on the generosity of people at the Christmas Season. There are many wonderful workers and volunteers serving charities throughout the country and this Parish. Please continue to give them your support.

This weekend throughout Ireland, the Society of St Vincent de Paul call on you to give to the work of the Society. I know that our Parishioners will respond in their usual manner with great generosity. May I thank the volunteers who work with the Society in the Parish for all their kindness to the needy. This Collection will replace SHARE this weekend.

Fr. John

Ireland's First Missing Person's Day:
Spare a thought today for all missing people and their families, by saying a prayer or by lighting a candle. If you have any information on a Missing Person, please contact the Gardaí or The Missing Persons Helpline on 1890 442 552 or info@missingpersons.ie

Rathmines Parish: The Filipino community in the area are inviting you to a Prayer Service in Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners on Sunday 15th December at 3.00pm hosted in the Church in solidarity and support for those still suffering after the terrible natural disaster in their country. All welcome.

Christmas Concert

www.stagnesmusiccrumlin.com

St Agnes/Scoil Colm Primary School Orchestra
St Agnes' Parents String Orchestra
St Agnes' Junior Orchestra
St Agnes' Musical Society Chorus

Conductors-Seamas Doyle, Eimear O'Grady

Thursday December 12th @ 6pm
St Agnes Primary School Hall
Armagh Rd, Crumlin.

Admission Free

Lots of car parking space
Christmas café open after the concert.

Our Recently Deceased

Josephine Power, Dowland Rd
Patrick Levins, St Agnes Pk
Joan Kelleher, Beechfield Close
Freda Doherty, Moeran Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this sad time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen

Advent Taizé Prayer around the Cross will take place in St. Dominic's Church, Tallaght. Wednesday 11th, 18th December at 7.30pm

Pieta House Carol Service
Thursday 12th December @ 8pm
Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip
Featuring local choirs & guest artiste Virginia Kerr
Refreshments after the event in the Parish Centre
Christmas Cards are available from Pieta House Phone 6282111. Pack of 9 assorted cards €4.99

Discussion in St Agnes Parish Centre on "ADVENT" on Monday 9th December @ 7.45pm Spiritual Director present. Refreshments Served All Welcome, bring a friend!

DECEMBER 2013 – ORLAGH CENTRE EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec 11 (NEW!) INTRODUCTION TO ORLAGH CENTRE – Coffee Morning
Orlagh Staff are holding an open coffee morning for people who would like to visit Orlagh in a casual setting. Come and meet other Diocesan Parishioners along with Orlagh Staff for a 'cuppa' and see what Orlagh can offer you. John Byrne OSA, Bernadette Toal, Mary Kearney 11.00am-1.00pm (Mass at 10.30 for those who wish)

Saturday, Dec 14 Can Jesus satisfy the Longings of the Human Heart?
10.00am-4.30pm (with option of Mass at 4.30). €50 Bernadette Toal and John Byrne

To reserve a place on one of our events, send your name, contact details and deposit to: Fr. John Byrne , Orlagh, Old Court Road, Dublin 16
Non-refundable deposit required: For 1-day courses €10 ~ For a weekend €30 ~ For longer courses €50

A Christmas Celebration with An Cor Choir & Friends in Perrystown Community Hall on Saturday 14th Dec @ 8.00pm Special Guests are St Pius X Boys Choir & Knocklyon Gospel Choir Proceeds in Aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. Tickets Adult €10....Child €5

Recently Baptised

Poppy Leah Fennell
Antonio Michael Aponte O'Mahony
We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them well in their lives ahead.

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services Light Up A Life event will take place this Sunday 8th December from 3.50pm in the Grounds of Harold's Cross Hospice with singing from St. Jude's Folk Group, CIE Male Voice Choir, Palestrina Boys Choir and the Three Irish Tenors. Imelda May will turn on the lights at 5.00pm. All are welcome. See www.lightupalife.ie or 1850660606 for more information.