



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

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Family Offering: €2,749

Share: €2,642

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable" - Anonymous

Answer the Call

The image of Jesus as the shepherd leading his flock forward has prompted the Church to dedicate this Sunday to vocations. We are asked to reflect on the need for shepherds or leaders in the Church of our own day and we are reminded of the need to pray for vocations. A vocation is a call from God to offer oneself for some form of service in the Church. It may be in one's role as a lay person or it may be in the ministerial priesthood or in the consecration of one's life as a religious.

Through our baptism and confirmation we are all called to serve the Lord and to build up God's Kingdom. We are blessed here in St. Agnes's parish, because we have so many people who offer their gifts and talents to the parish community. Ministry or service in the Church used to be regarded as the preserve of the ordained clergy while the laity were reduced to passive spectators, thank God that has now changed.

I would like to invite those of you who are not active in one of our many ministries here in the parish to think about getting involved and answering the call, your parish needs you! We are always delighted to welcome new members into any of the ministries here in the parish be it as a reader, minister of Holy Communion, the choir, the folk group, the Family Mass group, etc. We all share the responsibility both as a group and as individuals to build up the Church and to answer the call of Jesus the good shepherd, he is calling you today to offer your gifts and talents to your parish community. Will you answer the call?

Father Michael.

Where Are We Going.? [Part I]

Last September I wrote in the Newsletter about the new initiative by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin which led to the setting up of Team Ministries made up of three parishes each, in five areas of the Dioceses. St. Agnes in Crumlin works with Mourne Road and Clogher Road to form our local Team Ministry. One priest according to the Code of Canon Law is to be the Moderator of this pastoral care area. and is to direct the team and is responsible for it to the Archbishop. The Archbishop asked me to take on this responsibility. It involves coordinating the ministries across the three parishes which jointly serve more than 13,000 families. It is not an easy task in these challenging times.

The members of the team are, myself, Peter Coffey and Michael Kelly in Crumlin; Declan Blake and Denis Robinson in Mourne Road and Melvyn Mullins in Clogher Road. The other priests in the area are known as Team Assistants.

Each parish maintains its own identity. It has its Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. However we try to work together to build up the parishes and promote the Mission of the Church. Next week I will tell you how things have been progressing. So watch this space.

Fr. John.

Tea Day in aid of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will be held in Coffee Dock in Parish Centre Thursday May 7th. All Welcome-Please Support.

KNOCK 2009

The details of the Pilgrimage Season are now on the Church Notice Board. You will find the information with regard to Mass Times and Ceremonies and of Special Occasions such as All Night Vigils and the Annual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Knock.



We will as usual be holding our Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on the last Thursday of August. More details of the Pilgrimage later

Trocaire

Now that Lent is over please return your Trocaire boxes to the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Many thanks for your support for the poor of the Third World.

To date more than €3,000 has been sent in by Parishioners. Many thanks for your support for the poor of the Third World.

EASTER DUES

May we thank those who have already sent in their Easter dues. Dues are an important source of income for the priests of the Parish. We would ask you to send in your Easter Dues as soon as possible. Spare envelopes are available at the Church Exits



Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his praise to sing? Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise the everlasting King
2. Praise him for his grace and favour, To our fathers in distress: Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us: Well our feeble frame he knows: In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Widely as his mercy flows

Praise to the Lord

1. Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation. O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation. All you who hear, now to his altar draw near, joining in glad adoration
2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar: Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter. Christ the high priest, bids us all join in his feast, Victims with him on the altar.

Do it For the Kids.

Run, walk or jog the Flora Women's Mini Marathon, June 1st 2009 and help raise funds for the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. Register today: www.thenationalchildrenshospital.ie Or phone 01 414 2375.

Church Gate Collection.

This week is in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. **Please Give Generously.**

Death of the Celtic Tiger.

We could sit around and discuss whether the death of the 'Celtic Tiger' will yield a bigger crowd at Sunday Mass, but I think it would be a useless exercise. Surely, more important is to do what we can to shine and share the light of Christian hope to dispel some of the negativity that seems to be drifting in over Ireland these times. Fr. Joseph Deegan. From the Newsletter of Jesus Caritas Fraternity of Priests.

Please Note

NEXT WEEKEND (9TH & 10TH MAY)

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF STUDENTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD REPLACES SHARE COLLECTION YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Recently Baptised

- Arian-Zelin Suurna
- Jaden Leo Walsh
- Thomas Joseph Biggs
- Eábha Caroline Farrell
- Ross Conor Jacob



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

The May Scripture Talks.

Tuesday Nights 7.30pm
House of Retreats , Inchicore.
May 5th – The Power of the Word of God Proclaimed
May 12th Paul the Non conformist. Follower of Christ.
May 19th. The Risen Lord and Us in John. Led By Fr. Benny Thettayil.



Recently Deceased

Lillian Duffy, Whitehall Rd West
Catherine Markey, Captain's Rd
Martin Byrne, Cashel Rd

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd May 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 3rd May 2009

- 9:00am Eileen Murphy Birthday Remembrance
- 10:00am Liam Nolan {A}
- 11:00am Joe O'Brien Birthday Anniversary.
- 12:00pm Edward Rabbitt Birthday Anniversary.
- 1:00pm Bernard Doyle {1st A}
- 7:00pm Kieran Meehan {8th A}

May Their Souls and the Souls of All The Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 09/05/09

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday 10/05/09

- 9.00am Vera Brennan
- 10.00am Family Mass
- 11.00am M Finnegan & K Kennedy
- 12.00pm Pat Corrigan
- 1.00pm Liam Buckley
- 7.00pm Helena O'Reilly

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 7th -12th September.

It will be led by Fr. Michael. The cost, including coach to and from Dublin Airport is €725. Booking has now opened at the Parish Office.