



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

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**Family Offering: €2,792**  
**Share: €2,718**  
*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

*Thought for Easter Day*

*"In Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor) - Allelui*

**Easter Sunday**

Some years ago I was part of a group addressed by a victim of torture from a Central American country. A teacher by profession, he had been treated so brutally by his captors that he was lucky to survive. Almost every bone in his body had been broken, and only repeated efforts by plastic surgeons had finally restored his face to some semblance of its former shape. The process of physical and psychological healing had taken years. He could never forget what he had endured and for evermore an unexpected touch, smell or sound could trigger panic attacks. Yet, over the years by the grace of God, he had somehow integrated his wounds to the point where they no longer dominated his life. He had indeed gone even further; once recovered, he had risked revisiting his agony again and again—as he did with us that night—in the process of helping other victims to begin their healing journey. From being a victim, he had become a survivor. His own trauma had given him a special empathy with those who had suffered similar horrors. His wounds had become healing wounds for others. I think of him at Easter time, as I read the story of the Apostle Thomas. The risen Lord knew the extent of Thomas's shattered hopes and of his disillusionment. Thomas may well have doubted if he could ever learn to trust any one again, his scepticism at the apparent credulity of his fellow apostles spoke of a broken heart. The Risen Lord showed him His own wounds, insisting that he touch them. Thomas was healed, his faith and trust restored. It seemed to me then that the Risen Lord kept His wounds for healing. They are part of the message of the Resurrection. They are instruments of reconciliation. Each of us carries scars and wounds caused by something or other in our life story. May the grace of this Easter Season transform them into healing wounds for others.

Sr. Margaret



**Special Olympics Ireland  
Changing Lives.  
National Collection Day.  
Friday April 24th.**

**If you could spare a few hours on this day please contact the following :**  
Maev O'Beirne 869 1638 or 085 1618 729  
Karen Piper 869 1611 or 085 1617 500  
Susan Hayes 869 1611 or 085 161 9638.

**Names of Eucharistic Ministers Commissioned on the 5th April.**

**Elaine Green, Tony Green,  
Jimmy Fennell, Dymphna Brady.**



**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.**



**Billings Method.**

Annual Seminar will take place at the Boyne Valley Hotel—Drogheda Saturday April 18th.  
Ph. 87 861 56 or 041 983 1291 Email : inforequest@naomi.ie

**Religious Vocations.**

Presentation Brothers are holding an informal weekend for men interested .  
Saturday April 25th. 11.00 am—2.00pm  
Sun 26th. Blackrock, Dublin.  
Free of Charge.  
For more details contact Br. Andrew @ [01] 2300 824 Email : prescall@eircom.net  
Visit www.presentationbrothers.com

**RSCM Ireland Choral festival 09.**

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.  
Saturday, May 9th.  
Reg. 1.15. rehearsal 1.30. festival Service 4.00pm.  
Members €12. Groups 10 plus €10 Non-members €15. €3 for groups of 10 plus.  
Contact Peter Barley or Mark Bowyer [01] 453 9472 / 086 865 8047.



**1. 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

**2. 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.

**Blessing**

May the Risen Lord fill you with joy.  
a joy only He can give.  
May His triumph Bring new hope  
And new light Into your life.  
May you share today in the exultation experienced by all His disciples.  
May you be A witness to His Resurrection  
To all you meet  
And greet today Amen.

**Good Marriages Should be Celebrated.**

A number of our married couples are celebrating special wedding anniversaries this year, -2009. To mark their Jubilees. We invite you and your families to join us at a celebration during 12noon Mass on Sunday 26th April. Hope you can be with us for the occasion. In order to know who will be attending please notify Mary in the Parish Office [Phone 4550 955] as soon as possible.  
You do not require to have been married in St. Agnes Church or to be from the Parish to attend.



**Easter Dues.**

The dues at Christmas and Easter are an important source of income to the Priests of the Parish. We would ask you to send in your Easter dues as soon as possible.  
**Thank you in anticipation.**

**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.

**This Week in St. Agnes.**

The Parish Office & Centre are closed on Bank Holiday Monday. May we remind you that there will be two Masses only each day at 9.00am & 10.00am. There will be no 8.00am Mass or 7.00pm evening Mass, except for the Vigil Mass on Saturday Evening . The Church will be open each day and will close at 6.00pm Tuesday to Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration.**

There will be no Adoration in the Oratory on Monday & Tuesday 11th & 12th of April.  
Adoration will resume on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. 13th, 14th, & 15th. April.



**Church Decoration.**

Through lent, Holy Week and Easter our Church is richly decorated. It is much admired and appreciated by our parishioners as it conveys and portrays the spirit of the Seasons we are celebrating.  
This Easter Day show the Easter garden to your children and grandchildren.  
**Do not forget to return your stone to the Easter Garden.**

**Many thanks to Angela our sacristan and Sr. Margaret from the parish Liturgy Group and to the members of the Family Mass**

**Easter Greetings.**

The Parish Council and the priests of the of Parish join in wishing you and your families a very Happy Easter.  
We would like to send our greetings especially to the sick and the housebound.

**Congratulations to Vincent Nichols Archbishop of Birmingham** who has been appointed

**Archbishop of Westminster,** in place of Cardinal Murphy O'Connor who has retired - You will know Vincent Nichols from the pages of WALK WITH ME, which many of you use each Lent and Advent.



**Recently Deceased**

*Catherine O'Sullivan, Late St. Agnes Pk  
Esther Maria Conway, Captains Rd  
Vera McDonald, O'Brien Rd  
Al Rochford, Hillsbrook Grove*

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 11th April 2009**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday 12th April 2009**

9:00am Joseph & Maureen Harborne {A}  
10:00am Eileen Featherstone {2nd A}  
11:00am James Handley {A}  
12:00pm Margaret & William {A} Wyckham {A}  
1:00pm Tim & Peg McGill {A}  
7:00pm Bridget Keating [Months Mind

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

**St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster**

**Saturday 18/04/09**

7.00pm Marie Donoghue

**Sunday 19/04/09**

9.00am R Mcdermott  
10.00am Family Mass  
11.00am A Maher & B. Prior  
12.00pm Edel Altman  
1.00pm Nuala Talbot  
7.00pm Pat Condon

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

**Beware—Take Care.**

We would ask parents to make sure that children are allowed to light candles only under direct supervision of an adult. This is a health and safety notice. The Church is well lit for Easter—we do not wish our children to be alight as well.