



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955  
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**Family Offering: €2,549  
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*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

**Thought for the Week**

*"There has to be a moment in our relationship with God when he ceases to be just a Sunday acquaintance and becomes a weekday friend." - Cardinal Basil Hume*

**Going on up to the Spirit in the Sky**

"When I die and they lay to rest. Gonna go to the place that's best. When they lay me down to die. Goin' up to the Spirit in the sky". Do you remember this song? I think it's from the 1970's and was covered by another band in the early 1980's. As a child I loved this song because it talked about having a "friend called Jesus" and going up to heaven. Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, it is a day to think about heaven. But it's not easy to talk about heaven because none of us have been there. Our friend Jesus is the only one who came down from heaven to tell us what it is like. The gospel tells us about Jesus' place in heaven: 'The Lord Jesus was taken up to heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place.' The gospel also tells us: 'There are many rooms in my Father's house...I am going to prepare a place for you. [Jn :24: 2-3]

What we celebrate in Christ's Ascension is something that involves us too. The basis of our hope for heaven is summed up in today's Preface: 'Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church, where he has gone, we hope to follow'. Just as Jesus returned to His Father, our hope is that we who follow Christ on earth will also follow him to heaven to live with him forever in the glory and love of God. This is our faith, this is our joy; that no matter what life throws at us we can carry on with joyful hearts, because as the song says, 'When I die and they lay me to rest. Gonna go to the place that's best. When they lay me down to die. Goin' up to the Spirit in the sky.' Fr. Michael.

**Ministry to the Sick And Elderly.**

Sister Mary Byrne from the Convent on Armagh Rd. has been bringing Communion to the sick and visiting the elderly in the Parish since she came to live here some years ago. I would like to thank her and other Sisters who have been ministering in this silent and quiet way in St. Agnes Parish. If a family member would like Sister Mary to call to their mother or other housebound person, they may contact her at the Convent, 4555 591. She would be delighted to be of assistance.

**A Time to Remember.**

The Blessing of Remembrance in Glasnevin Cemetery on Sunday May 24th, [today] at 3.00pm. This is for all parents, family members and friends who baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We send a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. Ron Smith-Murphy, National Chairperson, ISAND.

**St. Agnes School Win a Golden Ticket to Rome.**

3 teachers and 3 children from St. Agnes School have been invited to attend a Celebration of Missionary Children around the World in Rome on Saturday May 30th. They will represent Leinster.

They will receive a special blessing at the Family Mass this Sunday. They will also give a brief account of their trip on their return from Rome. Thank you to Mons. John Deasy and all the priests of the Parish.

Principal : Sr. Bernadette Sweeney, & Vice Principal : Abina McNamara.

**DEBRA : Working for a life free of pain.** Looking for volunteers to give a few hour a month. Raising funds for patients with a rare genetic skin condition. Phone Kathleen Fitzsimons 01 412 6924. or [Kathleen@debraireland.org](mailto:Kathleen@debraireland.org) for more details.

**Congratulations**

*The children of St. Damian's Primary School made their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always love the Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The teachers do much of the preparation work. It is now over to the parents to set the good example as they promised their children at their Baptism*



**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.*

**S. F. O. MEETING.**

MON MAY 25TH TAKES PLACE IN THE ORATORY OF THE COLUMBIAN SISTERS

[BACK OF FR. KITT COURT] LECTIO DIVINA-DIVINE OFFICE -PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. THIRD ORDER FRANCISCANS.

**ST Michael' House**

**Church Gate Collection**

**Sunday May 24th**

**Knights of St Columbanus**

The Knights of St Columbanus, Order of Catholic Lay Men  
Are seeking recruits to carry out Catholic Work in the Dublin Area.  
Information can be got by Phoning:

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Our next Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday May 27th. At 7.45 pm in the Parish centre.  
**All Committee members and helpers are requested to attend.**



**Greenhills Variety Group's**

upcoming cabaret night which will take place in the Moran Red Cow Hotel entitled 'Viva Las Vegas' on Friday 5th June at 8 p.m. Tickets €20 / OAP rate €16 Ticket Box no. 01-4593650 Ext. 0

**Parish Liturgy Group.**

Many visitors and regulars often comment on the friendly atmosphere and warm welcome at ceremonies in St. Agnes Church. These liturgies which take place throughout the year, and the planning and arranging involved work and ideas coming from our Parish Liturgy Group. I would like on behalf of the clergy to thank our team who contribute so much during the year. The final meeting of our Liturgy Group takes place on this Monday, May 25th. In the Poddle Room of the Parish Centre beginning at 8.00pm. The members would welcome new folk along to this meeting if you would like to take part in this important ministry in the Parish. The group meet monthly and will take a Summer break until Monday August 28th. when they resume meeting again. Fr. John.

**Pentecost.**

This important feast in honour of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated next weekend **May 31st. At the 10.00am Family Mass** we especially welcome children who made their Confirmation this year to be with us. **Invitations are going out to our three Primary Schools but other children attending Schools outside the Parish are most welcome. Encourage your children and grandchildren to join us next Sunday.** We look forward to meeting them and I know the Holy Spirit would be pleased.

**Holy Communion.**

At Masses in St. Agnes Church we are trying to make it possible that the **Communion distributed at each Mass has been Consecrated at that Mass.** I hope people will understand there are some hitches from time to time. This new arrangement is only right and proper. Rather than distributing Hosts that have been in the Tabernacle for a week or two. **May we highlight how people approach the altar to receive in the body of the Church.** Could you approach the altar by the main aisle or by the side walls and then all return to your seats by the pillars. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



**Holy Spirit Parish, Greenhills.**

Talks, Prayers in preparation for Pentecost. Exposition of Blessed sacrament, Benediction. Monday May 25th—29th. 7.30pm each Evening.

**At Prayer with St. Paul.**

Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Rd. D.16. from 6.00pm Sunday May 31st. To 2.00pm Saturday, June 6th 2009. [Cost €25 -Residential] Tel : 01 495 8190 Email : info@orlagh.ie

**Pro -Cathedral Haydn Mariazeller Mass.**

Sunday May 31st. 11am. To celebrate both Pentecost and the exact 200th Anniversary of Haydn's death. Palestrina Choir & Orchestra of St. Cecilia. Soloists.



**Come O Creator**

1. Come O Creator Spirit blest, And in our hearts take up they rest, Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. Great Paraclete to thee we cry, O highest gift of God most high, O fount of life, O fire of love, And sweet anointing from above.
3. All glory while the ages run, Be to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death; the same to thee, O Holy Ghost, eternally

**Stay With Us Lord**

- R.** Stay with us Lord we pray you, Alleluia.
1. You are the bread come down from heaven; You are the food of life eternal. **R.**
  2. You are the light that illumines the world, Brightening our way, dispelling our darkness. **R.**
  3. You are the Christ the divine Son of God, You are the pledge of life eternal. **R.**

**Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing**

1. Let the earth rejoice and sing, alleluia, At the triumph of our King, alleluia, He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia, Reigns now at our Father's right, alleluia
2. Jesus victor, hear our prayer, alleluia, In thy triumph let us share alleluia, Lift our minds and hearts above, alleluia Strengthen all men in thy love, alleluia



**Recently Deceased**

*John Blake, Lorrain O'Toole Pk,  
Francis Curran, Cashel Rd.  
Bernie Dignam, Windmill Ave.  
Kathleen Halligan, Esposito Rd.  
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen..*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 23rd May 2009**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday 24th May 2009**

9:00am Nancy McGrory (4th A)

10:00am Patrick O'Brien (A)

11:00am William @ Mary O'Brien (A)

12:00pm Doyle @ Farren Families

1:00pm Roseleen@ Eamonn Doyle

7:00pm William Christy (Birth. Rem.)

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

**St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster**

**Saturday 30/05/09**

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

**Sunday 31/05/09**

9.00am John Green

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm William Elliott

*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.**

