



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

Fr. Paul Tyrrell	Ph. 4555368
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Fr. John Foster	Ph. 4650714

**Family Offering: € 1,907**

**Share: € 2,073**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

**Recently Deceased**  
Bridget Bennett, Windmill Park,  
Patrick Quinn, Walkinstown Crescent  
James Grant, Lorcan O'Toole Court  
We express our deepest sympathies to  
their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Priests are not priests for themselves, but for you." - St John Vianny, Patron  
Saint of Priests

**Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday**

This Sunday's gospel is comforting and reassuring. We have the Good Shepherd who leads us. We have a task: lay down our lives for others.

Jesus has proven his trustworthiness as a Good Shepherd. He has already laid down his life for his sheep. He has done this freely in response to the Father's command and love. We Jesus' disciples, receive the same command from him. We are not to be "hired" hands but good shepherds who, by listening to his voice leading us, lay down our lives for others. In the Father's love we too gather all people into one flock by laying down our lives for others. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. So we are to be.

Our Christian living then, is about relating to others as the Father and Good Shepherd have related to us. The gospel uses "love" as a way to describe the community and unity between the Father and Jesus, between God and us, and among ourselves. If our relationship with Jesus is so lovingly intimate, then we share the same love and intimacy with each other. This is how we are all "One flock." This too is how we share in bringing salvation to others; by loving others with the same intimacy and self-giving as the Father and Jesus love us. The difference between shepherd and hired hand? Love!

Linked with Good Shepherd Sunday is Vocation Sunday when we are asked to pray for vocations. Vocation in life is not only confined to priests and religious. It can be defined as our response to God's call in particular circumstances of our lives, whether we are young or old, single or married, clerical, religious or lay. The vast majority of people are called to a lay vocation. The individual contribution that each one can or is making to the glory of God and to community can be enormous. The Christian life is a two-way movement - call and response. God calling us and then the quality the generosity of our response.

We have to discern what God is calling us to. It may be to the priesthood or religious life but ultimately our vocation is wherever we find ourselves at one with what God wants for us. Think about your vocation. How well are you living it? Are you laying down your life for others?

Sr Margaret

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the pupils from Scoil Eoin who made their Confirmation on Friday. May the Spirit always guide their young lives and may their parents and families always be a good example to them by the way they follow Jesus Christ.



**Mary Immaculate, Church (Oblates) Inchicore**

Family Tree Healing Mass In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm-7pm, Holy Mass 7pm, Benediction & Prayer Ministry Wednesday 2nd May 2012. Celebrant: Fr Michael Ross SDB

**Alzheimer's Society Coffee Morning will be held in the Coffee Dock St Agnes Parish Centre on Friday May 4th from 10am to 12 noon.**

**Holy Land Pilgrimage  
18th to 26th Feb 2013**

The Cost per person sharing is €1,275 plus extras – insurance, airport taxes etc. The estimated total amount is approx. €1,600 pps, which will be confirmed nearer departure. Bookings can be made with a deposit of €250 through the Parish Office.



**Dublin 4, 6, 12 Care & Repair Programme**

Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership, Tús Programme and Age Action Ireland have launched the Dublin 4, 6, 12 Care & Repair Programme to deliver small Care & Repair services to over 65's living in Dublin 4, 6, 12.

The Service is free except for material costs and is run by the Dublin 4, 6, 12 Care & Repair Tús Team.

To book a repair job please call 405 9819 10am-4.30pm Monday to Friday

There will be an information meeting regarding same in St Agnes Parish Hall on Monday 30th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm – All Welcome

**There is a Special Collection today for the support of Seminarians for the Priesthood. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection. Please be as generous as possible**



**Come Christians All Rejoice**

1. Come Christians all, rejoice and sing,  
With thankful hearts your praises bring,  
Risen is now our Lord and King. Alleluia.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

2. On Sunday morn, at break of day, The sad disciples made their way, Seeking the place where Jesus lay. Alleluia. R.

3. Now let us thank the Lord most high, And with our praises fill the sky, For Christ is risen, no more to die. Alleluia. R.

**In Bread We Bring you, Lord...**

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour. In wine we offer you spirit's grief We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour. But stand united now, one in belief.

2. Oh we have gladly heard your Word, And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring; Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew, Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.



**Fire, Fire !!!!!**

Twice in the last couple of months the candle stand at St Anthony's Shrine has gone on fire on Sunday mornings at later Masses as people have attempted to light candles beneath the shrine. There is a great danger of not only St Anthony being burned but also the whole Church.

In addition to people getting burned by touching the metals because it has over heated. We would ask that if all the spaces on the shrine are lit that you would light your candles, **blow them out** and put them in the box beside St Anthony and we will be light the candles later when there is space available.

May I also remind you that children are not permitted to light candles in the Church unless under the direct supervision of parent or guardian. This is a safety matter.

**National Collection for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress.**

We are just six weeks away from the beginning of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012. This is a major event for the Church in Ireland and for the world. Hosting such a Congress is costly including the rental of the RDS and Croke Park and all the other services and facilities required.

On the weekend of the 5th and 6th of May in place of Share there will be a National Collection to fund the expenses of the Eucharistic Congress. Bring a little extra in your pocket or your wallet so that you can give generously to the collection on next weekend.

There are special envelopes available at the Church exits for those who wish to give a special donation and these may be returned to the Sacristy, the Parish Office or the Family Offering Box

**A Masterpiece**

RTE and Mike Murphy are running a programme on RTE1 to choose Ireland's favourite painting. The choice has now been reduced to ten and my eye caught the title of one of them 'The Eve of St Agnes' by Harry Clarke, the famous Irish Stained Glass Artist.

While Harry Clarke is noted for his religious work and the best example in the locality is in St Joseph's Church in Terenure, best seen on a sunny day. I thought that perhaps we were missing from the Church a piece of his work; however I have discovered 'The Eve of St Agnes' is not a religious work. This work of art is based on a poem by John Keats which tells of a belief that if a young lady goes to bed on the Eve of the Feast and dreams of a man, she will marry that man she has seen in the vision.

To see the original piece of work you will find it on the display in the Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery on the Northside of Parnell Square.

This Masterpiece has strong competition. However it is an unusual and surprising work to reach the last ten among the many wonderful pieces of art on display in our different galleries in Ireland. Harry Clarke died a young man in 1931 from an illness that was a scourge at the time – T.B.

**Legion of Mary. Monthly Discussion Group on the topic of 'What is the Value of the Rosary to you and your family?'** Mon. 30th Apr at 7.45pm in St. Agnes Parish Centre, Crumlin. All Welcome, bring a friend.

**Recently Baptised**

Jade Carly Dolan Menton  
Alex Leo Eustace  
Aedán Graham Campbell  
Kennedy  
Hallie Amy Byrne Smith  
Sophie Rose Pye  
Cara Louise Fitzpatrick  
We welcome them into our Christian Community, and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.



**St Agnes Parish Readers Roster**  
**Saturday May 5th 2012**  
7.00pm Jean Cleary  
**Sunday, May 6th 2012**  
9.30am Vera Brennan  
11.00am Mary Finnegan (Family Mass)  
12.30pm L Buckley & C Nagle  
7.00pm Pat Corrigan  
If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green.  
Please note that the next readers meeting will take place on Monday 30th April @ 7.30pm, Parish Centre

**Easter Dues**  
Easter Dues are an important source of income for the priests of the Parish. Please return envelope to the Sacristy, Parish Office or the White Box at the back of the Church. Many thanks. Spare envelopes are available at the Church Doors.

**TROCAIRE BOXES**  
Please Return your TROCAIRE BOXES to the Sacristy or Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank You.

**Third Age - Senior Help Line:**  
Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444. 'Senior Help Line's trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We will be waiting for your call. LoCall 1850 440 444.