



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

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Family Offering: €2,994
Share: €2,682
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"Where there is love, there is a Trinity; a lover, a beloved and a spring of love."

St. Augustine

Year of Vocations

Today starts a very important and vital year for the Church. A year devoted to Vocations. There are many vocations in life. We think of marriage, religious life, vocation to a cause, vocation to calling in life, but in this year the focus of direction is towards vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There can be few of us who are not aware of the difficulties being encountered in Parishes throughout the diocese [and indeed the whole country], by the shortage of priests. Vocations are at an all time low. With this in mind, a Year of Vocations has been instituted, to bring to our awareness our need for priests and religious men and women, and what we could do to promote vocations, and support our clergy.

We live in a very different world today. A world of wonder, and a world of fear. A world where a man can walk on the moon, but a man or woman fears to walk the streets of our cities and towns. We have everything to cater for our lives, but deep in the hearts core there can be loneliness, emptiness and hunger for something deeper, something more than passing pleasure.

Jesus understood our yearning for hope. He came to bring hope and the promise of eternal life. He gave us the Eucharist and the Sacraments. He left us the Mass, where we meet with Him daily, if we wish. He left us the good news. And He left us apostles who were appointed to spread the good news. These men and their successors have been shepherds to God's people for over 2000 years. But, with the bewildering changes in the world of the past years there has been a tendency to ignore vocations to the priesthood in favour of other career options.

God calls men and women 'Come follow Me'. So it is to God Himself that we must pray with loving and trustful urgency, now more than ever. Here in St. Agnes we have a branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Every month on the second Tuesday after evening Mass, we gather in the Parish Centre to pray for vocations, to support with our donations the work of the Society in fostering vocations and in promoting our little prayer for vocations.

Keep listening, keep praying, remember all the priests who work so hard to bring us Gods love through the sacraments and through the good news. They stuck it out, like the apostles of old. It is not an easy life. It is a vocation, a challenge, a vital link between man and God. Without them we are like sheep without a shepherd.

Marie Lawlor.

Collection For Students.

The Annual Church Collection for our students for the Priesthood in the Diocese will be held at all Masses next weekend. It will replace Share and you are asked to be generous.

Lourdes 2008

*This special year being the
150th Anniversary of the
Apparitions*



*St. Agnes's Parish Pilgrimage to
Lourdes*

6th July - 11th July 2008

*Price €675 pps staying at Jeanne
D'Arc Hotel and Includes
Insurance, Taxes, Coach transfers
to and from the Airport
Early Booking is Advisable*

**The Alzheimer Society
Tea Day**

Making this the 'Biggest Brew' ever by registering to host a party in your home or workplace on Thursday May 1st 2008. Phone ; 01 284 6616 or register on line by visiting www.teaday.ie Taking part would be wonderful . Perhaps there would be parish groups interested in hosting an event.

Taize Friday 25th April

Evening prayer and vigil in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St. @ 8pm. An evening for young people between 15-35. Learn the chants at two choir rehearsals: Mondays 14th & 21st April in Clonliffe College, Drumcondra @ 8pm. Song practise on the 25th at 7pm and anyone interested in preparing the Pro-Cathedral please come at 5pm. For Further details/information please visit www.taizeireland.com or email taizedublin@gmail.com Text or Phone 085 823 3681

St. Padre Pio

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th April 2008. Rosary 6.45pm, Mass 7.00pm. Followed by Benediction and Blessing. **All are Welcome**



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

3. A new Hymn of Praise

- R.** A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
1. This is the day the Lord has made; Ransom for sin his life he gave **R.**
 2. To save us he was crucified, Raising our hearts when hope had died. **R.**
 3. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, We receive back, his life divine **R.**
 4. So live within us, make us one; Stay with us Lord, till life is done. **R.**

4. 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



Celebrating Marriages

This year our annual celebration for those celebrating their Marriage Jubilees will be held at a new time of year. We have moved to or from the usual post Easter occasion to Sunday the 8th June at the 12:00noon Mass. We especially welcome those Celebrating Diamond, Golden, Ruby, Pearl and Silver Wedding Anniversaries in 2008.

You and your families will be very welcome to the celebration. You will be welcomed along even if your partner has died. In order to let us know how many are attending, please notify the Parish Office at 455 5368 as soon as possible.

Accord - Caring for Marriage

Accord Dublin urgently needs men and women to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work.

**Information evening
Tuesday 22nd April 2008
@ 8.00pm**

Accord, 39, Harcourt St., Dublin 2. Further information may be obtained by phoning Mary at 478 4400 or Email: marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie

Lough Derg

The season opens on June 1st. There are direct buses from Parnell Square on three specific pilgrimages. For further information ring Miriam Delaney at 086 385 3027.

Recently Deceased

Sheila Richards, Clonard Rd.

We express our deepest sympathies to her family at this time.

May she Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th April 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 13th April 2008

9:00am Joseph & Maureen Harborne {A}

10:00am James Handley {A}

11:00am Carmel & Jimmy Gaynor

12:00pm Margaret & William Wickham {A}

1:00pm Anthony Ivers {A}

7:00pm William Cuasack

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 19 / 04 / 08

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday 20/ 04 / 08

9.00am R McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm William Elliott

Spare Copies of Prayers of the Faithful are available in the Sacristy. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy

TROCAIRE Boxes may be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office

Easter Dues

Donation of Easter dues are welcome at this time. They may be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Spare envelopes are available in the Church.