



# ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Family Offering: € 2,836

St V de Paul: € 19,600

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

## Thought for the Week

"The Maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel (meaning God is with us) - Isaiah

## Advent is about Possibilities

Each person is an unique moment of grace and each has potential beyond our imaginings. Each one has their unique contribution to make.

In 1808, a war weary world anxiously watched the march of Napoleon, as at any time, babies were being born. Among them, the political leaders Williams E Gladstone and Abraham Lincoln, poet Alfred Lord Tennyson and composer Felix Mendelssohn. Yet peoples minds were occupied with battles, not babies. Exactly 200 years on, it is clear that these babies made a far greater contribution to history than battles!

So it is with the birth of Jesus. The Bethlehem crowds had no inkling of the greatness in their midst. Napoleon again summed up the admiration of the ages for Jesus Christ. "Alexander, Caesar, and I myself have founded great empires....but Jesus alone founded his empire upon love, and to this very day, millions would die for him. Jesus Christ was more than a man"

Every birth is shrouded in wonder, the mystery of unknown potential lies asleep in a parents arms. Care is taken at the naming of a child. But the name of Jesus was left to Joseph and Mary to choose. Jesus or Yeshua, means 'God is Salvation'. His name describes the purpose for which he came—to be Saviour of the World. Where is such a saviour in you life this Advent day, and where is he encouraging your unique contribution to family and community this Christmas?

Sr. Margaret.

## Penitential Services

This years service with confessions will take place in Mourne Road on Monday at 7.30pm and in St Agnes on Tuesday at the same time. The forgiveness of Jesus is available to all.



Confessions on Christmas Eve in St Agnes are listed on the sheet delivered to your home and copies are available at the back of the church or on the Parish website [www.crumlinparish.ie](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)

## Society of St Vincent de Paul

The members wish to thank you most sincerely for your great generosity, even in a time of recession. The amount collected was in excess of €19,600. If anyone missed the collection they may still contribute by leaving your donation at the Parish Office or at the Church. Many thanks again and we wish you ever blessing this Christmas

Spirit Radio is launching in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford on January 27 2011.

Spirit Radio will play the best contemporary Christian music plus a selection of positive hits. Presenters will highlight stories that show how 'faith in God' makes a real difference. Spirit's news and talk will get Christian voices speaking to the issues of the day. The format will include heart warming and thought provoking stories. See website for more information [www.spiritradio.ie](http://www.spiritradio.ie)



## ON THE MEND

Angela our Sacristan is successfully over her knee operation and will be out of hospital by the time you read this item. It will be sometime before she will be able to kneel to say her prayers!! We will allow her to sit and pray and I know God will understand. I know all our parishioners will wish her fullness of health and a Happy Christmas. Many thanks to our helpers in the Sacristy for their good work in the absence of Angela

Fr John

## IN RECOVERY

I know all our Parishioners will join me in wishing Fr Denis Foley, the retired Parish Priest of Walkinstown, a full return to good health following a major heart operation. Keep him in your prayers and we look forward to seeing him around the area again in the New Year

## Our Lady's Choral Society:

(The Archdiocesan Choir ) have a beautiful new CD called "Ring Christmas Bells" with boy soprano and baritone guests. The Festival Orchestra is conducted by Proinsias Ó Duinn. It would be an excellent Christmas present at only €15. Available from Veritas, Golden Discs and the Music Box at the National Concert Hall



## 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 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.

## Receive O Father in Thy Love

1. Receive O Father in thy love, These humble gifts of bread and wine; That with ourselves we offer thee, Returning gifts already thine.
2. Behold this host and chalice, Lord, to thee on high the gifts we raise: through them may we our honour pay, our adoration and our praise



## 100 Years Young

Our warmest congratulation to Mary McGrath of Kildare Park who celebrates her 100th Birthday on Monday. Mary is a native of Whitefriar St area of the city and has benefited from living in the good air of Crumlin. She worked for many years in Jacobs and inhaled the rich aromas coming from that establishment. Clearly eating biscuits did her no harm. I hope the weather is kind this weekend so she can make her usual visit to St Agnes for Sunday Mass. Mary has three children, 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and no doubt they will be gathering to celebrate her special occasion. Good wishes for your birthday and every blessing for your future from all in St Agnes Parish



## St. Padre Pio

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st December 2010. Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm. Followed by Benediction & Blessing. All are Welcome.



Veritas launches its 'Christmas Windows' at their flagship store in Lower Abbey St, Dublin. Families are invited to view the new Moving Crib. All are welcome to view and enjoy this new Moving Crib

Advent Carol Service in St Kevin's Church, Harrington St, Dublin 8 on Sunday 19th December at 3.30pm With 9 Lessons and Solemn Benediction. Music by the Lassus Scholars and Piccolo Lasso, Director Ite O'Donovan, Organist Eoghan Ward. All welcome

Mary Help of Christians Special Christmas Mass Christmas on Thursday 23rd Dec at 7.30 Carols with Marie Byrne All Welcome

Perrystown/Manor Estate Social & Fund-Raising Committee

New Year's Eve Dance

The Community Centre, Limekiln Lane on Friday 31st December

Dancing 9pm to 1.30am, with music by 'The Good Times'

Tickets/enqs Phone 456 2373 or 087 9939248



Tickets €15 also payable at the door Please bring Own Refreshments

## Many Thanks

We wish to thank Mary in the Parish Office and her helpers who put together the bundles for distribution throughout the Parish. May we highlight again the Family Prayer Card which we hope as a Pastoral Team will help families to pray together at home.

Our thanks to Carmel and to all who helped deliver the four items to each house in the Parish - Parish Calendar, Prayer Card, Christmas Arrangements and Dues envelopes. May the Lord reward you for help during this busy Christmas season. Fr John

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

in aid of Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre from Carmel at the back of the Church. Also in the Parish Office. A Wonderful selection this year and still fantastic value at only €4 per pack of twelve!

## Recently Deceased

Peter McGuigan, Oak Rise.  
Carmel McGrath, Windmill Pk,  
Edward Delamere, Raphoe Rd  
We express our deepest sympathies to Their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18th 2010

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, December 19th 2010

9:00am Patrick & Ellen Tolano {A}

10:00am Edward & Mary Eaton {A}

11:00am Esther Walsh {A}

12:00pm James & Teresa Clancy & Teresa O'Neill

1:00pm Kathleen Smyth {A}

7:00pm Edward McDonald {A}

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

## St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Sunday, December 26th 2010

9.00am R McDermott

10.00am TBA

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm John Green

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

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

## ADVENT ON-LINE

Now Available on our Parish Web-Site: Thoughts, Prayers, Reflections and Images for each day of the Pre-Christmas Season. Just log on to [crumlinparish.ie](http://crumlinparish.ie) and click on the appropriate LINK.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE OR TURN IT TO 'SILENT' WHEN INSIDE THE CHURCH

