



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

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Family Offering: €2,189
St. V. de Paul: €21,000 approx

Many thanks for your continued

Recently Deceased

*Kevin Fagan, Cashel Rd.
Elizabeth Reilly, Stanaway Ave.
Christina Fay, Windmill Pk
Tommy Campbell, Windmill Ave.*

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th December 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 20th December 2009

9:00am Bill Heavey {A}
10:00am Patrick & Brigid Redmond {A}
11:00am Vincent Gough {Anniv}
12:00pm James & Teresa Clancy & Teresa O'Neill
12:00 pm Prayers of faithful.
Thomas Moran {20th A}
1:00pm Robert Glennon {A}
7:00pm Edward McDonald {Anniv}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Thursday 24/12/09

7.00pm J. Green & A Maher
9.00pm

Friday 25/12/09

9.00am J. Green
10.00am Family mass
11.00am M Finnegan
12.00pm F & M Healy
1.00pm Catherine Nagle
7.00pm No Mass

Saturday 26th

7.00pm No Mass

Sunday 27th

9.00am R. McDermott
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am A Maher & B prior
12.00noon Edel Altman
1.00pm N Talbot & N Moore
7.00pm Pat Condon

Thought for the Week

"The Lord doesn't see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." - First Book of Samuel

TEN GOLDEN RULES FOR PRAYER.

1. Plan to pray; do not leave it to chance. Select a time and a place [a room at home, on the bus, taking a walk].
2. Decide on how long you will decide to pray [five minutes, ten, fifteen, thirty or more].
3. Decide what you are going to do when you pray—e. g. which prayer to select; to say slowly and lovingly; or which passage from the Bible to read prayerfully. Sometimes use your own words; sometimes just be still and silent. Follow your inclination.
4. Always start by asking the Holy Spirit for help in your prayers. Pray: 'Come Holy Spirit, teach me to pray; help me to do it'.
5. Remember you are trying to get in touch with a Person, and that Person is God—Father or Son or Holy Spirit. He is wanting to get in touch with you.
6. Don't be a slave to one way of praying. Chose the one that you find the easiest, and try some other methods when the one you are using becomes a burden or doesn't help.
7. Don't look for results.
8. If you have distractions, then turn your distractions into your prayer. [If a car passes the window in the wrong gear, then say something to God about the driver-I mean a kind prayer for the welfare of the driver, not necessarily for his driving or gearbox!]
9. If you always feel dry and uninterested in prayer, then read a spiritual book or pamphlet. An article in a Catholic paper may be a help. Spiritual reading is important.
10. Trying to pray is praying. Never give up trying.

Cardinal Basil Hume, in To Be a Pilgrim

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2010



The Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi and Shrines associated with St. Agnes will take place from **Monday 17th May 2010 to Monday 24th May 2010.**

- The Spiritual Director will be John Deasy PP
- Cost € 1,069 p.p.s. including taxes and charges
- Booking Deposit €200

The Pilgrimage includes: - Accommodation in a 3 Star Hotel with Breakfast each morning ~ 7 Evening meals in a local restaurant ~ Luxury air conditioned coach with guide throughout the Tour and coach to and from Dublin Airport. To book a place or for further information, please contact Mary in the Parish Office

St. Andrew of Scotland.

The Sunday Times commissioned a poll in Scotland which revealed that a third of young Scots were unable to name St. Andrew as their Patron Saint and 65 % thought he was Scottish, rather than a fisherman from Galilee who was one of Christ's Apostles. I hope young Irish people would do better on St. Patrick.

**New Year's Eve Dance.
Perrystown /Manor Estate
Limekiln Lane
Wed 31st December
Music By
'The Good Times'
Dancing 9.00- 1.30am
Tickets €15-Also Payable at
Door .**

Enquiries-Ph. 4562373/ 455 2761

Parish Shop.

We still have a few cribs and Christmas booklets for little ones, and Rosary beads bracelets at reduced prices—Come Quickly—Sunday [before noon].
Happy Christmas.

Advance Notice

There will be no Vigil Mass on Saturday 26th December this year. Morning Mass will be at 10am and 11am. Of course there will be the usual Sunday Masses on Sunday 27th December



All People That On Earth Do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; serve Him with gladness, praise Him well, come now before Him and rejoice.
2. Enter His gates with songs of praise, come to His courts, approach with joy; honour and bless Him all our days, Gladly for God our lives employ.

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

Lord of all Hopefulness

1. Lord of hopefulness, Lord of all joy. Whose trust, ever child like, no care could destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labours, and give us we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hand swift to welcome, your arms to embrace be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, lord, at the eve of the day.

Parish Office Christmas arrangements.

The Parish Office will be closed on Christmas Eve and will be open again on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th from 10.30am to 12 noon only.
The Parish Office will be closed on New year's Eve and normal office hours will resume on Monday 4th January 2010.

Parish Centre Christmas arrangements.

Closed from Wednesday evening 23rd December and will re-open for meetings and gatherings including the coffee dock on Monday 4th January 2010.

Eucharistic Adoration.

The Adoration Oratory will close on Wednesday 23rd at 4pm and will re-open on Monday 4th January at 11am. Wishing you a Holy and a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Eve Masses.

There will be no 8am Mass on Christmas Eve. Morning Masses will be at 9 and 10am only. The Vigil masses will be at 7pm and 9pm. Remember there is always more room at the 9pm Vigil Mass. The first Mass on Christmas morning will be at 9am and on the hour until and including 1pm. There is no evening Mass in St. Agnes's on Christmas Day however Francis Street Church will have two evening Masses on Christmas Day at 6pm and 8pm.

Penitential Service.

Our Pre-Christmas Service with Confessions will take place in Mourne Road on Monday 21st Dec and in St. Agnes's Church on Tuesday 22nd of Dec. Both ceremonies commence at 7.30pm. We will have the assistance of visiting Priests. Hope you make an effort to be there to prepare for Christmas. The arrangements for Christmas Eve Confessions are on the notice board and on the sheet delivered to your home.

Bereavement.

Our thoughts go out this Christmas to those who have lost loved ones during the year. This will be their first Christmas without them. It can be a lonely time. Our Parish has lost some familiar faces too and the Parish Family will miss them also. The Priests of the Parish offer Mass on Christmas Day for our Parishioners living and dead.

Thank you. We would like to thank the volunteers from St. Michael's House who regularly help with folding the newsletter.

Donors Needed for The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Boards Mobile Unit @ 3.00—7.00pm. Perrystown/Manor Estate Wednesday December 30th.

Recently Baptised

**Madison Skye Rice
Alex Anthony Pakenham
Reina Lisa Cahill
Amy Rose Byrne-Dowman
Lucy Ann Stone**



We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.

**Mary Help of Christians Mass
On Tues 22nd in Salesian Oratory at 7.30pm**

Christmas Carol singing with Marie Byrne