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## ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### CEREMONY OF FAREWELL

On Wednesday 31st December at 4pm in St Agnes's Church, we invite our Parishioners and friends to join us for a Service of Farewell for the Old Year and to ask God's Blessing as the New Year approaches.

We will be joined by the new Rector, Reverend Adrienne Galligan and the Parishioners of St. Mary's.

Refreshments in the Parish Centre Afterwards.

All are Welcome.

### World Peace Day

It is celebrated on New Years Day. This year the Special Mass will take place in the Church of the Assumption, Booterstown at 11.00am.

Let us remember in prayer on that day those who are the innocent victims of armed struggle and ethnic violence.

Pray also for our Soldiers serving overseas in peace missions under the auspices of the United Nations.

**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

### MASS TIMES FOR NEW YEAR.

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, [New Years Day] Friday and Saturday mornings: Masses at 9.00am and 10.00am only.
- Our full Mass Schedule of 8.00am; 9.00am; 10.00am & 7.00pm will resume on Monday 5th January 2009.
- Tuesday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### Thought for the Week

"Today, thank God for your family, because it is truly the gift of God."  
Mike Conway in 'Bible Alive'.

### Family Farewells.

In several families this will be the weekend of the 'scattering.' Many who made it home for the Christmas must now head off again to other places to which life has called them. Hopefully the visit to the hearth that reared them will have nurtured what is best within them while the hearts of those left at home will have been enriched by the solidarity which Christmas expresses in so many families.

Christmas and family are intimately linked. Christ came as a member of a human family to enable us to be a part of God's family. So the first Sunday after Christmas is Family Sunday. It is a day for giving thanks for family, for deepening appreciation of what security and life-long fidelity bring to all our lives, for praising God for the wonder that limited human beings such as ourselves are capable of such commitment in peace and joy. Family must surely be an ever-present miracle, a precious gift of a loving and caring Creator. It must never be taken for granted. Like all precious living things it must be protected and nurtured. It cannot be explained or its value proven. It must be experienced to be appreciated.

May Jesus and the other members of His family, Mary and Joseph, continue the miracle of love in all our families.

Tom Clancy.

### Back To India.

**Father Darryl, who has been with us for the past 2 years is returning to his native Mumbai [formally Bombay] on this Monday, 29th of December. It is an opportunity to meet up with his family and I know he is looking forward to the visit. The good news is that he will be back with us again around Easter, and will continue his studies at D.C.U. while helping us here in St. Agnes' Parish.**

### Parish Office - Opening Hours over Christmas & New Year

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December from 10.30am - 12.00 noon only. The Office will be closed on New Years Eve & will open on Friday 2nd January from 9.45am - 12.45pm. Please note it will be closed in the afternoon. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 5th January 2009.



## Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

### 1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, regem angelorum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

### 2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, the star in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

### 3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around

2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread, Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind"

3. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease.



The Parish Newsletter & WebSite Team would like to wish all our readers and Peaceful New Year. We hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter or visiting the Web-Site, and we welcome any comments you have. Don't forget, if there is anything you would like to see as a regular item, please let us know through the Parish Office or email us @ crumlinparish@eircom.net.

### 4. Once in Royal David's City.

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

### 5. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

### 6. Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains

**Refrain:** Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong? Say what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ our Lord the new born king. **Refrain**

4. See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

### Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues help to support the Priests of the Parish. We wish to thank you for your generosity in previous years.

May we remind you about your Christmas dues Envelopes distributed to all homes in the Parish before Christmas and spares are available at the exit doors in St Agnes church. Please return your dues to the Parish Office, the Sacristy or the Family Offering Box at the rear of the Church.

### 7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

### 8. O Come All ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of Angels.

**Refrain:** O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain.**

3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning, Jesus to you be glory given, word of the Father now in flesh appearing. **Refrain.**

### 9. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born king, peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, with angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

**Refrain:** Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

**Refrain.**

### Candle Care

Just a little reminder to take care when lighting candles. They carry with them a warning of danger. Particularly,



would you please supervise children. Our shrines are ablaze with candles on Christmas Day. We would not like you to be ablaze as well !! This reminder should also apply when at home, especially at this time of year.