



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Thought for the Week

"If you are armed with the armour of faith, nothing can harm you" - St Francis de Sales

ANY GOOD NEWS

In these days of economic gloom it is apt and fitting that here in the Archdiocese of Dublin, 2009 is to be the Year of Evangelisation. To evangelise means to "gospelize" to bring the Good News, values and love of Jesus Christ to others. Good News that says "I have come that you may have life in abundance".

The job of spreading this good news is entrusted to each of us through Baptism. We the Church exist to evangelise.

With the decline in the levels of employment, housing development and consumer activity some may be tempted to despair; the good news of the Gospel must address the questions people are asking, it must offer hope and speak to the reality of their lives. The world needs Gospel inspired laity to be beacons of light in the day to day affairs of life.

The message of Jesus is "Trust in God still and trust in me". The Good News to be shared is that of love, mercy, compassion, justice, peace, kindness and goodness. These values may not reverse the economic decline but have the potential to re-humanise our society and remind people of their God given dignity.

Three things are needed to Evangelise, committed faith in Jesus Christ, trust in the Holy Spirit and integrity. We cannot offer Jesus to others unless we are convinced that the Good News of the Gospel must be shared and that it is the antidote to the longings of the human heart. It was only after Pentecost that the Apostles went out trusting the Holy Spirit to open the ears of those to whom they would speak. People who listen can usually discern whether or not we mean what we say and live by it. Nothing appeals more than sincerity, nothing scandalises more than hypocrisy.

Evangelisation means sharing in the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, therein offering the Good News of Jesus who wants all to share in his abundant life.

Andrew Fanthom

Lourdes Novena

The Novena will take place in the **Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore**

From

2nd February to 11th February

At

10am and 8pm.

Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday 7th February at 12noon and

a Torchlight Procession will be held on Wednesday 11th February at 8pm.

All are welcome

The Irish Catholic Inaugural Lecture

"Christianity and Europe - Pope Benedict's vision and the question of European integration"

John Allen

**On Wednesday 11th Feb @ 7.30pm
The Davenport Hotel (Merrion Sq.)**

Attendance is free of charge, but places are limited and bookings are now being taken. If you would like to be part of the audience, you can reserve a place by contacting Michael Kelly at the Irish Catholic on 427 6481 or mail Michael@irishcatholic.ie

The Presentation of Our Lord

Traditionally we bless Candles on this feast, which occurs this year on Monday 2nd February. It reminds us of the day Jesus was presented in the Temple and Simeon recognised Christ as a light to the nations

Blessing of Throats

This blessing will be given after all Masses on Tuesday 3rd February (8am; 9am; 10am and 7pm evening Mass) St Blaise died in 315AD having being martyred in Armenia. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

In this Diocese, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will lead the Diocesan Celebration at a Special Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will take place this year on Sunday next 8th February at 3.00pm in the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road. Our Parish Celebration takes place each year in the Autumn.



1. Christ be near at Either Hand

1. Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind before me stand, Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around, above, below.
2. Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart, Christ abide and ne'er depart

2. Lord Accept the Gifts we offer

1. Lord, accept the gifts we offer, at this Eucharistic feast; Bread and wine to be transformed now, Through the action of thy priest. Take us too Lord and transform us, Be thy grace in us increased
2. May our souls be pure and spotless, As this host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out, Like the grape that forms the wine, As we, too, become partakers. In this sacrifice divine.

Aware - Helping to Defeat Depression

Interested in Volunteering to help others?

Can you give just 3 hours per week to volunteer with the Aware telephone helpline service?

Volunteers make a real difference in the lives of others, providing vital information and emotional support. If you would like to know more please contact John Bennett, Volunteer Support Officer, Aware on 661 7211 or email john.bennett@aware.ie

Options available for daytime, evening and weekends.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The Church Gate Collection this week is in aid of the Moldova Orphanage Children's Fund. You are asked to be as generous as possible

BEWARE

Very recently, two people called to houses in the Walkinstown/Drimnagh area selling items. It would appear they were identifying elderly people living alone. A few days later in the evening, two "Gardai" called to a house. The elderly person living there spoke to the "Gardai" through the letterbox and did not admit them. They would appear to have been dressed in uniforms. They returned again saying they were investigating a robbery at this house and managed to persuade the lady to admit them believing them to be genuine Gardai. Having gained admission they managed to steal money upstairs and downstairs

Please alert elderly people living alone to this scam. The Gardai at Sundrive Road or Crumlin would be grateful for any information.

GREENHILLS COLLEGE

Open Day

Wednesday 11th February

10am to 12.30pm

A variety of options are available in further education for full and part-time courses. Course include

Business Studies, Computer Applications, ECDL, Engineering, Healthcare, childcare, Secretarial/ Medical Secretary, Art & Design, Horticulture/Floristry.

For further details and application forms call 450 7779

PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

ADULTS VALENTINE DANCE

PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
LIMEKILN LANE

SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

Music By **The VIC MELLOWS Band**

DANCING - 9 TO 12.30 A.M.

SUBSCRIPTION - €10
TICKETS/ENQUIRIES - PH. 4562373
Also Payable At Door
Please Bring Own Refreshments

Recently Baptised

- Aoife Eleanor Doyle**
- Matthew Michael Egan**
- Karla May Doyle**
- Krystle Veronica Kavanagh**
- Darragh Albert Rayner**
- Niamh Frances Barry-Kirwan**

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

Recently Deceased

*Maura Rafferty, Kildare Rd
Helena Shawe, Dangan Park,
Patrick Griffin, Bigger Road*

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time

May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st January 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 1st February 2009

9:00am Annie Cullen {A}

10:00am John Fitzell {A}

11:00am Edward Finnigan {A}

12:00pm Margaret & William Byrne {Anniv.}

1:00pm Peter & Mary McGuinness {Anniv.}

7:00pm James & Shelia Walsh {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 07/0209

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 08/02/09

9.00am John Green

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm William Elliott

If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green. The next meeting will be on Wed 25th Feb @ 7.30pm

Feast of St Brigid



Do not forget to pray to the Mother of the Gael.

Her feast is not celebrated this year because it falls on a Sunday. However she is one of our Patron Saints of Ireland so let us remember her today.