



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: € 2,055
Accord: € 4,700
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The Beginning of Prayer is Silence" - Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Why should the Son of God be tempted?

The temptation of Jesus is part of what the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls "the mystery of recapitulation" (CCC 518), in which Jesus, the Son of God rights the wrongs of human history beginning with Adam's disobedience to the Father's will and of the Israelites during their forty-year sojourn in the desert, so that He might restore fallen humankind to their original purpose. "Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given into temptation. Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals Himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will" (CCC 539).

In answer to the objections that it was unbecoming for Christ to be tempted, St. Thomas Aquinas (Summa Theologica, II, 41,1) responded that, for four reasons, it was befitting that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil: (1) Christ wished to be tempted so as to strengthen us against temptations; (2) so that no one might think they are free from temptations; (3) in order to show us and teach us how to overcome temptations and (4) to fill us with confidence in His mercy since He, like us, was tempted in all things, but was without sin.

Fr Michael Kelly

New Family Offering Box

The distribution to homes of the new boxes has begun. If you would like to help with the distribution, please call to the Parish Office during the week. If you have not received a box by the beginning of March, please call to the Office.

If you are not contributing and would like to give by weekly envelope or Bankers Order, we would gladly supply you with same. Many thanks to all our counting staff and our collectors for their voluntary work week by week. A special word of thanks to all that contribute. What you give helps to pay for the day to day running cost of this large Parish.

Father John

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



Rural Huger and Poverty in Developing Countries

This is the theme of this Years Trocaire Campaign. Trocaire boxes are now available in the Church. Please bring one home with you and encourage family members to give generously. We in Ireland are experiencing a recession but our children do not go to bed hungry like youngsters in developing countries

Celebrating 75 Years

Last weekend we had a wonderful gathering to mark 75 years of St. Agnes Parish. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was the Principal Celebrant. Later there was a reception in the Parish Centre and an exhibition from times past. I wish to thank all who were involved in the occasion; everything went very smoothly and there was high praise by those who attended the Mass and Celebrations. We have five other events planned over the coming months which we will highlight over the coming weeks in the Newsletter. One of these is our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and the shrine associated with St. Agnes. Approximately 30 of the 50 places have now been taken up. Please see elsewhere in the Newsletter for more details.



Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February – 8th March

Take part in the "Big Swap" this year and substitute a fair-trade product for some of your regular shopping items. Buying fair-trade products in your weekly shopping basket is a simple and tangible way of helping farmers and workers in developing countries to provide for their families. Hundreds of products are now available from coffee, tea, chocolate, fresh fruit, cotton T shirts – you can find fair-trade in most shops and outlets. Look for the fair-trade logo.



1. God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee
Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now detest them, Never will I sin again

2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the cross of Calvary; to that cross my sins have nailed him, yet he bleeds and dies for me. **Refrain**

3. Soul of My Saviour

1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me ye waters streaming from his side.

2. Strength and protection may his passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign, in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye

2. 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.

4. 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



LOOKING AHEAD

Just to let you know that the Novena of Grace which takes place from Thursday 4th March to Friday 12th March will be conducted by Father Pat Rodgers and Father Frank Keevins from Mount Argus. The theme is: "THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TODAY"

There will be two sessions each day at 10:00am and 7:00pm

Gospel Reflection Group

This Lent why not take up reading the Gospel and deepen your knowledge of Jesus with Fr. Michael Kelly. Meeting every Tuesday from 7.45pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Centre finishing on March 30th. Grainne Prior is also holding a meeting on Monday mornings at 11am if Tuesday evening do not suit. Please bring your own Bible if you have one or we will supply you with one.



Recently Baptised

Cara Grace May Davidson
Phelim Terence Mylo Hogan-Kelly
Lexi Louise Walker
Abby Kelly Harris
Robyn Alice Doyle
Noah Ian Enright
Jamie Brendan Meehan-Dolan



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

Irish Catholic

We have ordered extra copies of the Irish Catholics this week, as the current edition has a good sample of pictures from our Mass celebration from Saturday, 13th February. See Carmel at the back of the Church.

Walk With Me

This little Lenten booklet has proved very popular over the years with our Parishioners. The booklet comes to you with prayers, and reflections for the journey through Lent. As we bulk buy these booklets, we can sell them to you for €1 per copy. They are available at the back of the Church. "Sorry for the late arrival- the booklet only arrived early this week gone out."

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Ledwedge, Cashel Rd
Annie(Nancy) Kearney, Durrow Rd
Catherine(Kitty) Lahane, Dowland Rd
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th February 2010

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 21st February 2010

9:00am Denis Stanley
10:00am Michael Hancock {A}
11:00am Dollie Allen {12th A}
12:00pm Pierre Belde (5th A)
1:00pm Eileen O'Connor {1st A}
7:00pm Patrick Lloyd (1st A)

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 27th February 2010

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 28th February 2010

9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am P Morrison & T O'Byrne
12.00pm Richard Tobin
1.00pm Catherine Nagle
7.00pm Anne Kilday

The Next Readers meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th February at 7:45pm

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Mr. Andrew O'Brien, Windmill Road who has reached the wonderful age of one hundred years (26th Feb.)

We wish Andrew every joy and happiness with his family and friends for this special celebration

