



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

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Family Offering: € 3,061
ACCORD: € 5,315
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"There is something in humility which strangely exalts the heart" - St Augustine

The Season of Lent

This Wednesday is 'Ash Wednesday' and once again we enter into the season of Lent. The distinctive English word, "Lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for "Spring". Spring is a time of new life, growth, hope and change. Each year we enter into the season of Lent with the hope of spiritual growth, change and renewal. Lent is a penitential season, a time to reflect on our lives, a time to be honest with ourselves and with God. What has changed in our relationship with God since Lent 2008, apart from being another year older!

When we think of Lent, we think of fasting or giving-up something; like drink, sweets or smoking. Why do we fast during Lent? Fasting is about our relationship with God and our relationship with others. Fasting should free up some of our time which we can use for prayer or alms giving. Fasting offers time to step back from the busyness of life, to reflect on our lives, with God and each other. We can always use our extra bit of time that fasting offers us to take up something for Lent. Why not become a reader at Mass or a member of the choir or family Mass group? Lent is a time of renewal and change and it is only by changing ourselves we change the world, to make it a better place for all of God's children. May the grace and blessings of this Lenten season be with you all.

Fr. Michael Kelly

COMING UP

The Annual Novena of Grace is coming up shortly. **It begins on Wednesday 4th March and concludes on Thursday 12th March, with two sessions each day at 10:00am in the morning and 7:00pm in the evening.** The Novena will be conducted by two Augustinian priests. We will be promoting the Novena over the coming weeks and pray that God will grant many blessings to the Parish and to all who attend the Novena.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

This weekend, the Church Gate Collection is in support of CASA which is a group of young people that help to provide recreational and other opportunities for people with disabilities. They ask for your support

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We are planning a visit there this year. The details have yet to be finalised. Perhaps you might signal your interest by giving your name to Mary in the Parish Office. After the hectic Jubilee celebrations of last year, Lourdes should be a more peaceful place in 2009



Our Family Offering

May I thank all those who helped to distribute boxes in different areas of the Parish. If you have not received a box by the 1st March, please call to the office and we will arrange a box for you. If you wish to give by Bankers Order, forms are available also from the Parish Office.

We have a few remaining door to door collectors and we are most grateful to those who collect for their work, but parishioners can always place their weekly envelope in the white box at the back of the Church

Fr John

The Next Readers Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th February 2009 at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre



S. F. O.

Meeting takes place on Monday 23rd February from 3.00 - 4.00pm in the Columban Sisters Oratory [Back of Fr. Kitt Court] Lectio Divina-Divine Office- Prayer of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament. [Third Order Franciscans].

Mary Help of Christians

Mass for Mary Help of Christians will take place in the Salesian Oratory, St Teresa's Road on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7:30pm.

All are Welcome



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.

The Season of Lent

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the six weeks of Lent, ending with Holy Week and Easter. "Doing something for Lent" is an old Dublin tradition. May I make some suggestions so that this Lent might be a time of spiritual growth for you.

- ⇒ Try to attend Daily Mass
- ⇒ Visit the Adoration Oratory in Our Parish Church - (Times are listed at the Oratory door)
- ⇒ Take a Trocaire Box, which are available in the Church this weekend.
- ⇒ Purchase a copy of "Walk with Me" at €1 each. This is a booklet with Prayers and Reflections for the Season of Lent which is on sale in the Church this weekend
- ⇒ Reach out in an act of kindness to support somebody in need of hearing that you care for them and are there for them. This act may make a difference to someone else's life as well as your own

Upcoming Lecture in St Mary's Church, Haddington Road

Professor Richard Kearney will give a lecture entitled "The God Who May Be" in St Mary's Church, Haddington Road, Dublin 4 on Thursday 26th February 2009 at 8:00pm. Admission is Free

Prof Richard Kearney holds the Charles B Seelig Chair of Philosophy at Boston College USA and has served as a visiting Professor at University College Dublin, the University of Paris (Sorbonne) and the University of Nice. He is the author of over 20 books on European philosophy. As a public intellectual, he was involved in drafting proposals for the Northern Ireland

Speaker at "Bread of Life Prayer Group"

Joe Dalton will Speak at the "Bread of Life" Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelor's Walk at 8:00pm on Monday 23rd February. All are welcome to attend

Are You Concerned about Crime?

The Dublin 12 Community Safety Partnership

Would like to invite you to attend a Crime Prevention Workshop @ 7.45pm on Thursday 26th February

IN GUINNESS ATHLETIC UNION, IVEAGH GROUNDS, CRUMLIN ROAD, Dublin 12.

[Lift Access Available]

PRESENTATION PROVIDED BY GARDA MARK REDMOND CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

Followed by questions and answers session.

Eucharistic Ministers Course



All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend a one day course on Saturday March 7th from 10.00am - 2.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Recently Deceased

Rosaleen O'Neill, Kildare Rd
Kathleen Kelly, Allenton Lawn
M J Ryan, Tymon North Grove
Paddy Murphy, Beechfield Rd
David Hartigan, Cashel Rd
Freda Maguire, St Mary's Pk
Melissa O'Hara, Lissadell Rd
Tilly Harrington, St Agnes Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time

May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st February 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 22nd February 2009

- 9:00am Mary & John Divilly {A}
- 10:00am Joseph Boylan {1st A}
- 11:00am Christopher Travers {A}
- 12:00pm Dermot Brennan {1st A}
- 1:00pm Matt Mulhall {10th A}
- 7:00pm Elizabeth Murray {4th A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 28/02/09

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 01/03/09

- 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 Ann Kilday

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

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

