



**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 on 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.

**3. Sweet Sacrament Divine**

1. Sweet Sacrament Divine, hid in thy earthly home, lo! Round thy lonely shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise, Sweet Sacrament Divine. [R.]
2. Sweet Sacrament of Peace, dear home of every heart, where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart, there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery, Sweet Sacrament of Peace. [R.]

**4. The Bells of the Angelus.**

1. The Bells of the Angelus call us to pray in sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave. [R.] Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, [2]
2. An Angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet where flows the deep torrent Our Lady to greet. [R.] Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, [2]
3. Immaculate Mary your praise we sing who reign now with Christ our Redeemer and King [R.]

**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.**

