



**ST AGNES' PARISH  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
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**Family Offering: € 1,746**  
**Share: € 2,077**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*"It is not much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes for happiness"*

**Novena of Grace**

It is an interesting fact that the Novena of Grace first introduced in Dublin in 1712 has been taking place annually, in St. Francis' Church, Gardiner Street since 1831, without a break. It takes place in many other parts of the world also, particularly in areas where the Jesuit Order of priests are present. What is it then that makes this Novena so popular? Rooted in the Eucharist and in the Word, its special focus is on the following of Jesus in the life of Saint Francis Xavier. Francis who was born over five hundred years ago, continues today to have a special place and influence in the Church and in the lives of its people. Who was Francis then and what did he do that made him so influential?

Born in northern Spain into a fairly affluent family, he went to Paris at the age of nineteen to study. At the time he had no clear vision of what he wanted to do with his life. While in Paris, Francis met Ignatius of Loyola who had a profound influence on him leading him to ask himself the question: 'What am I doing for Christ?' Ignatius enabled Francis to reflect on his life and on what was to be his response to the unconditional love that God was offering him. We know from biographies on his life that he became a Jesuit priest and along with Ignatius and a few other priests offered their services to God through work in the Church. They vowed that they would go anywhere in the world that the Pope wished to send them. Francis spent some time in Rome looking after the sick, preaching about the love of God and begging for alms. He worked tirelessly as a missionary in India, Japan and China where he preached the Good News to many. Probably the best known of all Jesuits, Francis died at the age of 46 and was canonised in 1622. Pope Pius XI declared him Patron of the Foreign Missions in 1927. As we welcome the Novena of Grace now due to commence in our Parish, each one of us is invited to ask ourselves the same question and to undertake the same reflection that Francis undertook in his life. 'What am I doing for Christ?'

Lent is a special time for reflection and for renewal. It is a time to re-commit ourselves to God who offers us his total and unconditional love made visible in the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. Let us approach our Novena then, with faith and trust in God, bringing to him all that weighs us down; ill health, bereavement and losses in our lives, unemployment, addiction problems, loneliness and isolation, all that we do not have words to express.

Confident that God always hears our prayers let us respond to his invitation.

*"Come to me all you who labour and overburdened, and I will give you rest." (Mat. 11,28)*

*"Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light." (Mat. 11, 30)*

*Fr Paul*

**Church Gate Collection this weekend is for CASA – Caring and Sharing Association, Supporting People with Disabilities.**

**Recently Deceased**

*Kristan Kenny, Stanaway Ave  
David Campbell, Windmill Rd  
Elizabeth Grehan, Roebuck Dr  
George O'Hanlon, Cherryfield Ave*  
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.  
*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 25th 2012**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday, February 26th 2012**

9:30am Mary & John Divilly {A}

11:00am Shared Mass

12:30pm Dick O'Brien {A}

7:00pm Rose & William Walsh {A} & Olivia Byrne (Birth Rem)

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

**St Agnes Parish Readers Roster**

**Saturday, March 3rd 2012**

7.00pm D Callaghan

**Sunday, March 4th 2012**

9.30am John Green

11.00am F & M Healy & Family Mass

12.30pm Richard Tobin

7.00pm Catherine Nagle

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

**The Next Readers Meeting will take place on this Monday 27th February @ 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

**Information Evening**

Due to the success of our parish visiting group for elderly/housebound, we plan to offer a new training session to invite another group of interested parishioners into this ministry. Further information and details at Bernadette's Pastoral Centre, Clogher Road, Wednesday, 29th February, 7.30pm. *All welcome!*

**Family Offering.**

We are deeply grateful to all who contribute to this collection which goes to meet the expenses of the running of the parish. If you are not contributing by way of weekly envelope or monthly standing order and would like to contribute please pick up a form at the exit of the Church and return to the parish office.

Many thanks everyone who collected their own and neighbours boxes and those who distributed boxes throughout the Parish. If you have not yet received your box, please contact Pat Dunne in the Parish Office

**Neighbourhood Retreat**

The Neighbourhood Retreat will take place in the Parish Centre each Wednesday evening @ 7.30pm throughout Lent.

**Gospel Reflection Group**

*This Lent deepen your understanding of the Gospel with Fr Michael Kelly & Gráinne Prior.*

*Fr Michael's group meets on Tuesday after the 7pm Mass.*

*Gráinne's group meets on Monday after the 10am Mass*

*Both are in the Parish Centre*

*All are Welcome*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

*On Friday 2nd March @ 3pm in St Agnes Church. All are welcome*



**When creation was begun**

1. When creation was begun, God had chosen you to be Mother of his blessed son, Holy Mary full of grace

**Ave, Ave, Ave Maria**

2. When creation was restored, You were there beside the Lord, Whom you cherished and adored Holy Mary full of grace

**Ave, Ave, Ave Maria**

**Gifts of bread and wine**

1. Gifts of bread and wine, Gifts we've offered, Fruits of labour, fruits of love Taken, offered, sanctified Blessed and broken, words of one who died Take my body, take my saving blood Gifts of bread and wine, Christ Our Lord

2. Christ our saviour, living presence here As he promised while on earth I am with you for all time I am with you, in this bread and wine Take my body, take my saving blood Gifts of bread and wine, Christ Our Lord



**Though We are Many**

**Refrain:** Though we are many, we are one body, we who come to share this living bread; Cup of salvation, shared among all nations, nourishing us now and evermore.

1. We gather in this place round the table of the Lord. Christ's presence is revealed in our communion and his Living Word. **R.**

**In this place**

1. We are all hungry people, We need shelter and strength We are one in our hurting We are one in our pain In our suffering and sadness We are saved by the grace Of the power and the spirit That is here in this place **Refrain.**

2. We are gathered at table As one in the Lord We are gathered as people Who are living the word Our hearts and our spirits Are nurtured by grace It is Jesus who fills us He is here in this place All our lives are a mystery We see not where they lead We are asked now to trust you And we know we must believe As our feet become Christ's' feet We go forth with the grace Of the power and the spirit That is here in this place **Refrain**

**Aware Harbour Walk**

*Aware are holding a Harbour Walk on St Patrick's Day 17th March. This event is a 16 or 8 mile walk around Dublin Bay and you can choose to start at Howth or Dun Laoghaire harbour and walk to the opposite. Registration is €25 per family and individual registration is €15.00. For further information log on to [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) or call Kate Hartley on 01 237 4907.*

**Walk with me – A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2012. Booklets are available at the back of Church, priced @ €1**

**Prayer for Lent**

*Dear Lord, As we accept your invitation to walk with you in the desert of our lives this Lenten season, have patience with us when we get distracted and forget what we are about and guide us to a better us and our Church to being a better, more caring and responsible Church. Amen*

**St Agnes Musical Society**  
**Debut Performance 'Oklahoma'**

in St Agnes School Hall on Sat 24th and Sun 25th March, two performances each day All tickets €6 on sale from 1st March and are available St Agnes Primary School Reception 1.30 – 2.45pm Mon – Fri or St Agnes Parish Office during normal office hours. Visit [www.stagnesmusiccrumlin.com](http://www.stagnesmusiccrumlin.com) for information

**THE FORTYSOMETHINGS**

The fortysomethings invite you to a new members meeting in the Trinity Capital Hotel @ 8.30pm on March 4th and/or Mass in St John Vianney's, Ardlea Rd, Artane at 4.30pm on March 6th. For more information please email [dublin40somethings@gmail.com](mailto:dublin40somethings@gmail.com) or phone Declan @ 087 7608268 or Linda @ 085 7541696

**[www.cilent.ie/2012](http://www.cilent.ie/2012)** This is a useful website, where each Lenten Day Journey provides: A daily theme ~ A Scripture reading ~ a reflection ~ an appropriate short story ~ a personal moment of change ~ a gentle suggestion for lent / life ~ a daily prayer for your lent ~ an imaginative pictorial thought

**Trocaire Boxes** - the spirit of generosity - what we gain through fasting during Lent can be given to help those in need. Boxes are available at all Church exits

**Novena of Grace.**

The Novena begins on Sunday March 4th and concludes on Monday March 12th. Please come along to the morning session @10am (Mon – Sat) 9.30am Sunday or the evening one @ 7pm. It can be part of your programme for Lent.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

As stated in last weekend's Newsletter we would like to explore the possibility of a 9 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land either in October this year or around February or March in 2013. The total inclusive cost would be approximately €1500pp on a half board basis in 4 star hotels including all flights, transportation and the services of an experienced guide. If you are interested in such a pilgrimage please contact Mary in the parish office and leave your contact details. If we have enough people (20+) we will organise a meeting to set up the pilgrimage.