



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thought for the Week

"Love is shown in our deeds and not in your words" - Fr Jerome Cummings

Deeds, Not Words

On St Stephen's Day, I spent the afternoon in the home of my brother, his wife and family who were gathered together to celebrate Christmas. It was certainly an afternoon charged with energy as we had five children in our company aged from 10 years of age down to 2 and a half. Santa had come and gone but there were toys, books and games everywhere, you walked with care!!

They live in the valley between Enniskerry and Glenree. This year of course we had mild weather and a touch of sunshine to make the journey very pleasant and the company very enjoyable.

A very special feature of the afternoon was the arrival of the Wren Boys. They came all dressed up and with straw hats that cover their faces. They bring their own musical instruments, and sang and entertain us, and accept a little hospitality. The 8 - 10 men and women who make up the group give up their Stephens Day to collect for a local charity and they begin at 12.30pm and finish around 8.00pm. I admire their dedication on the day after Christmas.

This is an opportunity to say thank you to so many good people who assist charities throughout the country by giving up of their spare time to raise funds or lend a hand in many other ways to enable so much charitable work to continue.

It is an opportunity to thank all our own parishioners who help in the Parish of St Agnes by their voluntary services. They are living out the words at the top of the page in our "Thought for the Week" - Love is shown in our deeds, not in our words.

Fr John

Christmas Dues.

The Dues envelope you receive through your door at Christmas And Easter helps to support the priests of the Parish. They are an important source of income for the Clergy. All working people in the house should be asked to contribute. Spare envelopes are available at the Church exits.

We thank you for your generosity in the past.



VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CONGRESS



It is less than 6 months until the 50th International Eucharistic Congress begins in Dublin in June 2012.

YOU CAN HELP AS A VOLUNTEER.

Over 700 people of all ages have already offered to assist. Many more are needed to give a helping hand. Every volunteer will have the opportunity to reflect on the spirituality themes of the Congress as part of the training and preparation. Volunteers will be provided with a uniform and meals while on duty.

Apply this week by completing the form at www.iec2012.ie or call to the Parish Office where Mary, our Parish Secretary will assist you. Register this week and make a difference.



Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, regem angelorum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, the star in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around

2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread, Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind"

3. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease.



The Week in St Agnes

Our new daily Mass Schedule begins on this Tuesday 3rd January.

Mass times in future will be at 9am, 10am and 7pm on weekdays.

The Adoration Chapel will also open again from Tuesday. For more information, please see outside the Oratory Door.



4. Once in Royal David's City.

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

6. Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains

Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong? Say what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ our Lord the new born king. **Refrain**

4. See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

8. O Come All ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain.**

3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning, Jesus to you be glory given, word of the Father now in flesh appearing. **Refrain.**

9. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born king, peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, with angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Refrain: Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. **Refrain.**

DID YOU FORGET?

I wonder how many will turn up for Sunday Mass this morning at the wrong time? **Our new Mass times are 7.00pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass, Sunday Morning Masses will be at 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm, Sunday Evening Mass will be at 7.00pm**

Feast of the Epiphany

The Holyday of Obligation is on Friday next 6th January. The Vigil Mass will be on Thursday evening at 7.00pm. Monday Masses will be at 9.30am and 11.00am Only. There will be no Mass at 12.30pm. There will be the usual 7.00pm Mass on the evening of the Feast.

Epiphany is not just about the arrival of the wise men or the Kings to visit Jesus in the crib. It is about all of us discovering Jesus as a light to the world and we are called to reveal this to others in our daily lives.



Recently Deceased

Carmel Fox, Hillsbrook Grove
Karl Westhelle-Hartfiel, St Agnes Pk
Michael Doyle, Kildare Rd
Margaret Macken, Whitehall Rd, W
Julie McCormack, Dolphin House

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31st 2011

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, January 1st 2012

9:30am Ciaran Collins (10th A)

11:00am Vera Holohan; Mary Daly

12:30pm Edward Rabbitt (A)

7:00pm Priests Intentions

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

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday, January 7th 2012

7.00pm D Callaghan

Sunday, January 8th 2012

9.30am John Green

11.00am F & M Healy

12.30pm June Winders

7.00pm William Elliott

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Priests of the Parish, our Parish Pastoral Worker and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council join in wishing you and your family every blessing in the New Year of 2012. We wish to thank all our Parishioners for their support and generosity

Parish Office Opening Times

The Parish Office will be closed on this Monday but will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January at the usual opening times