



## ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Family Offering: € 1,605

Share: € 2,323

Many thanks for your continued  
support and generosity

### Thought for the Week

"One compliment can keep me going for the whole week" - Mark Twain

### The Light Shines in the Darkness

There are many people who are experiencing a lot of darkness, anger and pain in their lives. The recent Ryan and Murphy reports on child sex abuse have shown how many of us in Church have failed in justice to live up to our responsibilities, never mind our Gospel calling. This is a cause of deep regret and shame.

In addition many people have every right to feel angry at the way their lives have been turned upside down by the recession. So many have lost their jobs with very little hope of being re-employed in the near future. Many are finding it difficult to meet their mortgage payments and there are those who are fearful that their homes will be re-possessed. Extra burdens were added to those ravaged and left homeless by the recent floods and severe weather.

The government too has failed so many and so much money has been squandered. The banks and developers have been irresponsible. We have been living in a culture of deceit. We have as a nation got to make our voices heard particularly in the area of putting a cap on outrageous salaries that some people are earning.

It is the poor and the vulnerable who are hit the hardest and who have little or no influence on policy. They have done the least to cause the problems and this is particularly true of climate change.

Christmas was a great celebration of our faith in Jesus. We gathered to celebrate "the light that shines in the midst of darkness" We celebrated the new hope that He has generated in people down the centuries. We are invited not to leave Him in the Crib but to welcome with our hearts the gift of God in Jesus. In spite of the terrible darkness that many people feel, we have in the birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us the sure proof that God loves us and we all need to live in the assurance of that love. At Christmas we celebrated that love which proclaims "I have loved you with an everlasting love"

Let us this New Year be a light that shines in the darkness for each other.

### 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



The Website & Newsletter Teams wish all our readers and visitors a Very Happy & Peaceful New Year. We welcome any comments you may have.

### Recently Deceased

Patrick Heary, Windmill Ave  
Vera Holohan, Cooley Rd  
Christopher O'Reilly, Captains Drive  
Keith Moore, Bunting Road

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd January 2010

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 3rd January 2010

9:00am Deceased Members of the  
Dooley Family {A}

10:00am Kathleen Nolan {A}

11:00am Terri Dore {A}

12:00pm Edward Rabbitt {A}

1:00pm Nora O'Malley {A}

7:00pm Patrick Reilly {A}

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

### St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 9th January 2010

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 10th January 2010

9.00am J Green & D Callaghan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm William Elliott

The Next Readers Meeting will take  
place on Wednesday 27th January  
2010 at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

### Feast of the Epiphany

This Holyday of Obligation is on  
Wednesday next 6th January. The  
Vigil Mass is on Tuesday 5th January  
at 7pm. Masses on the Feast Day are  
at 8am; 9am; 10am; 11am and  
12noon and there is one Evening  
Mass at 7pm. There is no Mass at  
1pm on Holydays (except St Patrick's  
Day and Christmas Day)



## 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

### Photographer Required

Would anybody be willing to take  
photographs at events marking our  
Jubilee Year of St Agnes church. If  
you would like to help please contact  
the Parish Priest at 455 0955. We  
wish to keep a pictorial record for  
future generations

### While Shepherds Watched (Contd.)

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

### 4. 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

### 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.



### Happy New Year

The Priests of the Parish & Members of  
the Parish Pastoral Council wish you  
every blessing in this new year of 2010.  
We wish to thank all our Parishioners for  
their support and generosity

### Christmas Dues

Offerings of Christmas dues are gratefully acknowledged. Dues may be  
returned to the Sacristy, the Parish Office or the Family Offering box at  
the end of the Church

### The Week in St Agnes

Our normal weekly Mass Schedule resumes from Monday 4th January.  
Masses will be at 8am; 9am; 10am & 7pm each weekday. Our Parish  
Centre and office reopen fully from this Monday, including the Coffee Dock  
which is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 12noon. The Adoration  
chapel is open again from this Monday. For detail see the outside door of  
the Oratory which is on the top right hand side of the Church

### St Agnes' Parent and Toddler Group

The Group will resume after the Christmas break on Thursday 7th January 10 am to 12 am in the  
Dodder Room in the Parish Centre. We look forward to meeting everyone again. Please pass on  
word if you know someone who might be interested

The Parish Pastoral Council invite  
parishioners to attend a discussion on  
the **Murphy Report**. This meeting  
will take place on **12th January at  
7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

The discussion will be an opportunity  
for all of us as a Parish Community to  
voice our thoughts on the report and  
to support each other in these  
difficult days since the publication of  
the report

The Parish Pastoral Council.

### UNWANTED GIFTS

CROSSCARE are currently  
launching an unwanted gift  
campaign for Christmas, the idea  
of which is that they can  
distribute unwanted and unused  
goods to those in need within  
their service and that additional  
gifts can be used in our recently  
opened charity shop "Gifts for  
Good" in Cathedral Street