



### Recently Deceased

Mary Lavin, Drimnagh Rd  
Ciaran Cavanagh, Neilstown Gardens  
Anne English, Shelton Grove  
Mary Gartland, John McCormack Av.  
Paul Doyle, Captain's Rd  
Annie McDonnell, Crotty Ave  
James Duncan, Windmill Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd January 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 4th January 2009

9:00am Jane O'Reilly {A}  
10:00am Deceased Members of the O'Farrell & O'Callaghan Families  
11:00am Kathleen Nolan {A}  
12:00pm John McGoldrick {A}  
1:00pm Aileen & Vincent Gough {A}  
7:00pm Edward Rabbitt {10th A}

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

### St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 10/01/09

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 11/01/09

9.00am J Green  
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 21st January 2009 @ 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

### Parish Centre & Office

Normal office hours will resume from Monday 5th January 2009.  
CADARA activities resume on Tuesday 6th January in the Parish Centre

## ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Priests of the Parish

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Family Offering: € 2,067

Share: € 2,678

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

### Thought for the Week

"In Christ, God is giving his life to us. God never withdraws his love from us."  
Archbishop Vincent Nicholas

## New Year Resolution

On this first Sunday of 2009, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany. We recall that the Wise Men or Magi honoured the Christ Child by bringing him valuable gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Exactly who the Magi were, we do not know; but it would seem they did not share the Jewish Faith, instead they appear to be followers of Astrology, studying the heavens to find understanding and guidance for their lives. How wonderful that they who did not share the faith of the Hebrews would be led by nature to seek and eventually find the Messiah. The generous gifts bestowed upon Jesus by the three Magi would prefigure the supremely generous gift that the Lord would give to us, the gift of new and everlasting life, paid for with His very blood upon the Cross.

As the New Year begins, we rededicate ourselves to the task of imitating the Lord Jesus in His self-giving, for when we imitate the Lord we become more like Him, and when we become more like Jesus, we grow in holiness. Our specific acts of generosity, our good and faithful stewardship of the gifts that the Lord has given to us are means to growing in holiness, as we celebrate the Lord's generosity to us on this first Sunday of the New Year, may we be inspired to imitate Him and become more generous stewards by trying to see Him in the individuals with whom we live with, namely our family, the people within our Parish and in taking care of the needs of the poor and less fortunate. Let's put their needs squarely in the centre of our lives. Let that be our New Year Resolution.

Sr Margaret

### Christmas Dues

May we remind you about your Christmas dues Envelopes distributed to all homes in the Parish before Christmas and spares are available at the exit doors of the Church. Please return your dues to the Parish Office, the Sacristy or the Family Offering Box at the rear of the Church. The Christmas Dues help to support the Priests of the Parish. We wish to thank you for your generosity in previous years.

### Study Theology from Home

The Priory Institute, run by the Dominican Order, is offering a full programme of theology through distance learning, supported by a network of study centres throughout Ireland. This programme is made up of 15-week modules which can be studied for academic credit (leading to an accredited certificate, diploma or degree in theology), or simply for personal interest.

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## 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.



### WORLD PEACE DAY

This was celebrated as always on the 1st January. Sadly this New Year was marked by violence in the Middle East with great suffering for the people struggling to live in the Gaza Strip. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims of such violence

### PEACE PRAYER

O Child of Bethlehem, Son of Mary and Son of God, Lord of all time and Prince of Peace.... Heal all our wounds, strengthen our steps, Open our hearts and minds to "the loving kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high" (Luke 1:78) Amen.  
Pope John Paul II at Manger Square, Bethlehem in 2000

### 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration takes place in the Oratory of St Agnes Church five days a week. Adoration begins again on Monday 5th January. Hours of Adoration are listed on the Oratory Door at the top right hand corner of the Church

### St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th January in the Parish Centre at 10.30am  
All Welcome to attend.