



**ST AGNES' PARISH  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
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*Priests of the Parish*

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955  
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**Family Offering: € 1,342**  
**Share: € 2,240**

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

*Thought for the Week*

*"A friend is one who knows us, but loves us anyway" - Fr. Jerome Cummings*

**Tuning in to God.**

A man and his friend, who was a scientist, were walking along a busy street when suddenly the latter said, 'stop! Do you hear that?' They both stood still but all the first man heard was the sound of traffic and of people hurrying by on the pavement. Puzzled, he said, 'what do you mean? What are you hearing?' Then the scientist, bending down, moved a loose stone at the foot of the building and uncovered a chirping cricket. His friend was amazed. On that busy street, with the noise of cars and the bustle of people all around, how could his friend have heard the tiny insect? 'I suppose I am attuned to them,' he smiled 'having studied them for years and years'. They walked on.

Later that evening, recalling the incident, the man remembered an event in the story of Elijah the prophet [1 King 19 : 11-15] Elijah recognised God not in the tearing wind or the earthquake or the fire, but in the tiny whispering sound that followed. God, he thought, is found not only in the great happenings of life, in the big stories, but also in the little events that come our way. 'How tuned in am I to hearing the voice of God in my life?'

It is a question we all need to ask ourselves in our busy lives. How essential it is for us to develop a sensitivity to hearing God over the clamour and din of our days, to finding Him in the ordinary. How different it is when we are tuned in to the great rhythm of the Spirit, when we hear that 'still small voice' underneath the clamour of everyday. Then we learn to really listen, to give our full attention to the person with us, to the task at hand. Our lives may still be busy, even hectic at times, but we are centered and at peace in the depths of our being. If we ask our most gentle God to help us tune into this wavelength we can be sure He will respond. By spending even a little time each day quietening down, creating space for Him, will sharpen our focus and move us to a new level of living. We may not hear a cricket on a busy street, but the cry of a neighbour or a loved one's heart will not go unheard. Sr. Margaret.

**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**

**Recently Deceased**

Bernard Redmond, Cherryfield Rd.  
Jimmy Crampton, Clonard Rd  
John Ryan, Kildare Rd  
Maureen McLean, Clonard Rd  
Teresa Gardner, Fernvale Dr.

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

**May They Rest in Peace. Amen.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 10th January 2010**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday 11th January 2010**

9:00am Mary & Christopher McNally {A}

10:00am Alfred Byford {3rd A}

11:00am Eileen Murphy {13th A}

12:00pm John McGoldrick {4th A}

1:00pm Conway & Dowling Families {A}

7:00pm James Ryan {14th A}

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

**St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster**

**Saturday 16th January 2010**

7.00pm Jeanne Cleary

**Sunday 17th January 2010**

9.00am Vera Brennan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am M. Finnegan K.Kennedy

12.00pm Miriam Forde

1.00pm Liam Buckley

7.00pm Pat Corrigan

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

**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

**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

**Let the Celebrations Begin.**

On Thursday the 21st of January at the 7pm Mass we begin our celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Agnes Church, which took place on the 10th of February 1935. This month on the Feast Day of St. Agnes we are having a Concelebrated Evening Mass with a guest preacher Fr. Frank Salmon SG. On the same occasion we will be blessing a new painting of St. Agnes by a parishioner Kay Bannon which will be erected in the Church.

We hope by the 21st of the month, the weather will have improved and many parishioners will make the effort to be with us on that special occasion.

**Fr. John on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council.**

**Our New Moderator.**

John Flaherty, the new Moderator for the Team Ministry linking the three parishes of Crumlin, Mourne Rd, and Clogher Rd. is being installed this Sunday in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 12.00noon.

John comes to the area from the Pro Cathedral where he has been Administrator for the last 7 years. He is also the youngest Canon in the Diocesan Chapter. We welcome him to the area and ask God's Blessing on his Ministry.

**Breaking the Cycle.**

The Hanly Centre in Dun Laoghaire is running its next programme to help families where there is a problem with Alcoholism, commencing on Monday January 18th @7.30pm. For further information ring the Centre @ 2809795 / 2801605.



**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. Be Thou My Vision**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art:  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord:  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

**The Parish Pastoral Council**

invite parishioners to attend a discussion on the **Murphy Report**. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Study Theology from Home!**

The Dominicans are offering a Theology Programme specifically for lay people, offered by distant learning. This means that one can study for a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree in Theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home.

For further information, please contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, D.24.

Tel : [01] 404 8124/7, or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

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**Greenhills College.**

**Adult education & Leisure Activities Spring 2010 . Enrolment dates for all courses.**



Monday 18th & 25th January 2010

Tuesday 19th & 26th January 2010.

7.30pm -9.00pm

Enrol on line: WWW.CODUBVEC.IE

CLASSES COMMENCE MONDAY FEBRUARY 1ST & TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND..

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday

**January 14th**

After the 10.00am Mass  
In the Parish Centre,  
Camac Room.

**All Are Welcome.**



**THANK YOU**

All at Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre extend their Very Grateful Thanks to CARMEL for the countless boxes of Christmas Cards which she sold at the back of the church, a remarkable achievement in these recessionary times!

Also, Carmel wishes to express her thanks to all who purchased cards and calendars from her in the weeks preceding Christmas.