



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Thought for the Week

"Heavenly Father, may I rediscover the grace of my Baptism, the joy of being a new Creation " A prayer from Walk with Me .

I'm in Here, with You and For You.

In the original language of the Bible, the word Baptism means to submerge, to dunk. In the early Church, the rite of Baptism was often conferred through the total immersion of the new convert.

Our Lord got into the River Jordan with other people, because His Baptism by John was an inauguration ceremony. It was the official opening of His public life and mission. The main speech was made from heaven:

You are my son, the beloved: my favour rests on you 'Mk 1:11' So Our Lord got in to the Jordan because He was different, because He was beginning His work as Saviour. But He also got in, in solidarity with us, in solidarity with sinful humanity. He wasn't standing on His dignity He was saying I'm in here, with you, and for you, the Word has truly become flesh.

Christ began His saving mission for us in the River Jordan. He completed it in His death, Resurrection and Ascension. He's there for us all the time, praying for us in heaven, befriending us on earth. We have been grafted in to Him in Baptism and have started sharing in His risen life. Sometimes when people say 'be true to your baptism or practise your faith,' we think we're doing the Lord a favour by hanging in there. But when we think about it, it's the other way round. May our participation in this Sunday Eucharist sustain our commitment to be good and faithful stewards of the magnanimous gift the Lord bestows upon us, and the gift of new and everlasting life.

Sr. Margaret

Remembering Our Past

Over the Christmas I met a woman in the church who told me about her father who as a stone mason worked on the building of St. Agnes' Church. She said 'I think I have an old photograph somewhere at home taken while he worked on St. Agnes'. It would be a pity with the passage of time, old photographs which have a historical link with the parish's past would be thrown out during a Spring clean or on the occasion of a clear out following the death of a family member.

Personally I have never seen a photograph from the inside of the old church on St. Agnes' Road, Communion or Confirmation Classes from the old school, now the Bru, or photographs from the famous Crumlin Carnival which for years helped to pay for the building of the Church.

Next year 2010 is the 75th Anniversary of the opening of the new St. Agnes' and we would like to collect or even borrow mementoes from the past before they all disappear. If you have anything of interest in the bottom drawer please contact the Parish Office or myself.

We look forward to hearing from you. *Fr. John.*

Parish Pastoral Council.

With the busy Christmas Season we did not have time to complete the membership of the council. With the cold weather and coughs and colds about we felt the new council should begin in the month of February. The completion of the council membership should take place shortly and we look forward to coming together soon after that for our initial meeting. More than ever the Parish Pastoral Council will have an important role to play in sustaining the life of our Parish.

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.

4. 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**

5. 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.**

6. 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.**

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.

Help With Funerals.

Recently our neighbouring Parish of Mourne Road had no priest available to send to the graveside, and one of the Parishioners took care of the funeral. Anticipating the problem arising here, we would be interested in hearing from a couple of retired Parishioners who would be willing to be trained to undertake this Ministry if and when the problem should arise in St Agnes'.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would be interested, giving your name, address and contact phone number. Please do so this week.

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.

Please call us for further information at The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24 Phone (01) 404 8124 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or visit www.prioryinstitute.com

The Legion of Mary invite you to a discussion 'Motherhood of Mary' in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 13th January @ 7.30pm. All Welcome. Refreshments.

Wrapping up Christmas

Early this week we will be putting away the Crib. The commercial world said good bye a day or two after the Feast itself.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord marks the closure of the Season. In my childhood the Crib was in the church until the 2nd February the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

Times have changed.

Much work goes in to the decoration of the Church for Christmas and the New Year. May I take the opportunity to thank Angela Christian and her team of volunteers for making the Church look so well. May I thank all who throughout the year volunteered their services to the Parish, the Church and the Parish Centre. May I express our sincere gratitude.

The year ahead is a challenging one and we know as priests we can count on your affection and support.

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.

Recently Deceased

Carmel Lawlor, Captains Rd.
Gerald Delma, Somerville Ave
Maura McNally, Bigger Rd
Anthony Yourell, Downpatrick Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time

May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th January 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 11th January 2009

9:00am Mary & Christopher McNally {A}

10:00am Terry O'Connor {A}

11:00am Eileen Murphy {12th A}

12:00pm Dick O'Brien {1st A}

1:00pm Mary Webb & Son Christoper {A}

7:00pm

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 17/01/09

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday 18/01/09

9.00am Vera Brennan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am M Finnegan & K Kennedy

12.00pm Pat Corrigan

1.00pm Liam Buckley

7.00pm Helina O'Reilly

The Next Readers Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st January 2009 @ 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Recently Baptised

Abbie Geri & Zoe Clare Sullivan {Twins}

Marcus Hoa Minh

Sean Michael O' Brien



We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.