



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

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Family Offering: € 2,776
Share: € 2,709
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world"
Anonymous

The Music of What Happens

One day the story goes, a discussion arose among the followers of the legendary hero Fionn Mac Cumhaill as to what was the finest music in the world. "The cuckoo calling" said one, others named their favourite music, the song of the lark, the laughter of a child. "Tell us chief", asked one man, "What do you think?" "The music of what happens" said Fionn, "that is the finest music in the world" people who are attuned to the minor miracles of each day find life full of meaning. Sunny days or rainy days—whatever comes is welcomed in the ordinary give and take of the day. The routines of work and play, of eating and drinking, they catch a glimpse of the divine.

Sometimes we want to escape, we want colour, lights and action! It is as if we, measure our lives by the high points, the golden moments that sometimes surprise us. We disregard the ordinary happenings of each day, the "music of what happens" is heard by those who value the ordinariness of life. God's presence is found not just on the days when we feel ourselves to be on Mount Tabor like Peter and the Apostles, but on days when we are tired and thirsty and just want to rest like Jesus by the well in Samaria.

In this fragmented age we look for roots, for stability, and at-homeness with ourselves that withstands the hectic pace of modern life, perhaps it is the little things that point the way—the unseen gestures of kindness, the patience in times of hassle, the unsung loving service to family, the quiet faithfulness to duty, the gossip avoided, the words of blessing freely bestowed. The great St Therese found a very simple and direct path "A Little Way" to heaven by embracing the bits and pieces of each day with great love, finding God in the most mundane tasks. Like her we too will find the Lord right where we are if we but tune into the silent music of his presence.

Sr Margaret

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.

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.

St. Padre Pio

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th January 2009.
Rosary 6.45pm, Mass 7.00pm.
Followed by Benediction and Blessing.
All are Welcome

Church Unity Octave

This annual period of prayer begins this Sunday and concludes on Sunday next the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Our local celebration took place on New Year's Eve when the Parishes of St Agnes and St Mary's joined together in prayer and song to mark the closure of 2008 and to ask for God's blessing on the year ahead.

The theme for the Octave of Prayer this Year is "That they may become one in your hand"

The inaugural service for the Dublin area will take place in Christ Church Presbyterian Church, Rathgar at 3.30pm this Sunday 18th January and all are most welcome to attend

Protection of Children

The Parish has a protection policy to safeguard all children and young people involved in Church and Parish related activities. This policy may be found on the Church Notice Board and also on the Notice Board in the Parish Centre. Our Parish has a Child Protection Representative who monitors activities involving children in the Parish and if anyone has concerns in this area, they should contact the representative in the Parish. The contact phone number is published each week in the Parish Newsletter



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.

Our Patron Saint

This Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of St. Agnes, Patron of Our Parish. She features in the painting in the apse of the Church - to the rear of the altar. She was noted for her beauty and was born into a wealthy family in Rome. She was martyred in defence of her virginity in the final persecutions in Rome in the early 4th century. St Agnes is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, gardeners and young girls.



St Agnes, Patron of Our Parish, Pray for Us

Father Peter Coffey



Fr Peter is recovering from an operation and is making good progress, thank God. He is now home from hospital and we wish him well. He will be absent from the Parish for a few weeks.

Please keep him in your prayers

Recently Baptised

Conor Patrick Redmond

We welcome him into our Christian Community and wish him every blessing in his life ahead.



Refugees

So many people in the world are displaced because of war, violence and injustice. This Sunday we are asked to pray for migrants and refugees throughout the world

"Guys and Dolls"

Loreto College Crumlin presents the Annual Transition Year Musical from Tuesday 20th January to Friday 23rd January at 8:00pm sharp in the Primary School. This Year they are performing "Guys and Dolls". Tickets are €8 on Tuesday and €10 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and are available at the door or from the Secondary School Office. Come early to avoid disappointment!



THANK YOU

Carmel wishes to express her thanks for all who purchased cards and calendars from her in the last few weeks. Also all at Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre want to 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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Mondays & Tuesdays - 11am to 7pm
Wednesdays to Friday - 11am to 4pm*

Let us remember our weekly Holy Hours. If you are ill or cannot attend your time, please ask someone to exchange with you.



All are welcome even for 10 or 15 minutes. Please pray for Vocations, for the sick, for those afflicted by the recession and for world peace.

The Next Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday 29th January at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre

The Next Readers Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre



Recently Deceased

*Maire Bohill, Bigger Rd
John Murphy, Kilkdare Rd
Martin Ryan SDB, Salesian House
William Haslam, Ravensdale Close*
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time
May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th January 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 18th January 2009

9:00am Thomas Bissett {9th A}

10:00am James Brown {1st A}

11:00am Margaret Quinn {3rd A}

12:00pm Molly & Gabriel Fox, Caroline Kiernan, Peter Spurgin {A}

1:00pm Eileen & Jack Durcan {1st & 2nd A}

7:00pm John Hughes {3rd A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 24/01/09

7.00pm John Green

Sunday 25/01/09

9.00am R McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm Pat Condon

Our Sympathy

 Fr Martin Ryan, a member of the Salesian Community in the Parish died during the week and his funeral took place from St Agnes on Wednesday last. He never served in the Parish. We offer our condolences to his family and the community in St Teresa's Road.
May He Rest in Peace