



**ST AGNES' PARISH  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"To sing is to pray twice" St. Augustine

**Celebrating the Feast of Agnes.**

This weekend, Saturday in fact, is the Feast of St. Agnes, Patron of our Parish. An interesting custom on her Feast Day is that two lambs are brought from the Trappist Abbey of Tre Fontane in Rome and the lambs are blessed by the Pope. On the following Holy Thursday of the same year, their wool is shorn and the wool is woven into what is called a "Pallium" which the Pope gives to a newly consecrated Metropolitan Archbishop as a sign of his jurisdiction over his Archdiocese and also a sign of his union with the Pope. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, the Feast of the Epiphany, the new Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Charles Brown was ordained a bishop. As Papal Nuncio he does not receive the Pallium but the Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has the Pallium which is worn around the neck on special occasions because he is Archbishop looking after the Diocese of Dublin.

We have a number of pictures of St. Agnes in the Church and over the front door of the Church we have a statue of St. Agnes and she invariably has a lamb in her arms. St. Agnes is the Patron Saint of young girls, engaged couples and I don't know why – gardeners - maybe because a sheep or lamb can be useful around the garden to eat the grass and save you using the lawnmower! This is an opportunity to pray for our new Papal Nuncio who is due to take up his appointment at the end of January. May his ministry in Ireland will be blessed in every way. St. Agnes pray for our Parish Community.

Fr. John.

**Church Unity Octave.**

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity began last Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and concludes on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and takes place each year on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Our Parish celebration always takes on the Eve of the New Year when we have our Annual Sunset Service, bringing together the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Parishes in the neighbourhood. This Annual Event was hosted by St. Mary's Church of Ireland on new Year's Eve. The preacher was Fr. Melvyn Mullins. Perhaps you might keep in your prayers the hope that all Christians will be one as Jesus wished.

**Have you remembered?**

Possibly because of the recession the income for dues has declined. If you have not given your Christmas Dues perhaps you would do so before the end of the month. The priests of the parish depend very much on this source of income. You will find spare envelopes at the church exits and we hope you will respond as generously as you can. Many thanks to all who have already sent in their dues to date.

**St. Agnes Parent and Toddler Group**

Recommenced on 12<sup>th</sup> January last in the Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.  
**All Welcome.**

**World Day of the Sick:**

The Diocesan celebration of the 20th World Day of the Sick will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Mourne Road, Drimnagh on Sunday 5th Feb at 3pm. Archbishop Martin will be the main celebrant at Mass which will include a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to attend especially those who are sick or housebound and their families and carers. Extensive parking will be available in the school grounds on Sperrin Road, beside the church. Anyone who needs assistance to attend is invited to contact our Parish Office 4556105 during office hours Mon - Fri. Transport will be arranged through the local Order of Malta, Red Cross and Civil Defence. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Any Parishioners from St. Agnes Parish who wish to avail of transport to this Mass from the Crumlin Unit of the Order of Malta. Please leave your name

**Irish Hospice Foundation;**

is holding a series of lunchtime workshops called "Grief at Work" aimed at dealing with grief and bad news in the workplace among colleagues.

To access information on the lunch and learn workshops at the Irish Hospice Foundation log on to [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) for the link

For further information contact: [bryan.nolan@hospice-foundation.ie](mailto:bryan.nolan@hospice-foundation.ie)

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL**

The Thursday Afternoon Social Group has started again in the Parish Centre Coffee Dock on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Take your pick ~ Cards ~ Board Games ~ Knitting / Crochet ~ Music ~ Irish Conversation and 'The Men's Club' also a Cupán Tae. **All Welcome**



**Christ be Our Light**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Ref: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **R.**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **R.**

**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.

**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.

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.

**Though We are Many**

1. Though we are many, we are one body, we who come to share this living bread; Cup of salvation, shared among all nations, nourishing us now and evermore.

2. We gather in this place round the table of the Lord. Christ's presence is revealed in our communion and his Living Word.

3. Now our communion recalls Christ's death and resurrection. This living sacrifice is our salvation now and evermore.

4. And through this shared Eucharist we are the living Church. We witness to Christ's love His living body active in our world

**The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday January 26th @ 7.30pm in The Parish Centre.**

**St Agnes Parish Walk and Talk Group**

is back in full swing after the Christmas Festivities. Why not join us to help shed the extra pounds and beat the winter blues.

Meet at the Parish Centre at 10.30am Tuesdays.

**New members always welcome.**

**Why Not Study Theology?**

The Dominican Order is offering a distance learning theology programme, leading to a range of possible qualifications from certificate level to full honours degree level. People are enabled to study theology from home, while also attending occasional study days and benefiting from the on-line support of academic tutors. Hundreds of people have completed some or all of the programme. Perhaps you would like to know more?

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**Mass on Radio-Link for the Housebound**

Radios are available from the Parish Office for those who are housebound to listen to Mass broadcast from St Agnes. The cost is €20 including batteries. Please contact the Parish Office @ 455 5368 for more information

**Confession Times**

**Saturdays: 10.45am to 11.45am**

**Eves of First Fridays: 10.15am to 10.45 am & from 6.45om to 7.00pm.**



**Catholic Papers** are available after all weekend Masses at the back of the church.

**Recently Deceased**

John Fogarty, Bunting Road.  
Marie Bahr, nee O'Connor, Late  
Cashel Road

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 21st 2012**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday, January 22nd 2012**

9:30am Sarah O'Connell {16th A}

11:00am Shared Mass

12:30pm Margaret Quinn, {6th A}

Peter Casey {6th A}

Josie Casey {20th A}

7:00pm Matt Mulhall {12th A}

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

**St Agnes Parish Readers Roster**

**Saturday, January 28th 2012**

7.00pm Ciaran Heavey

**Sunday, January 29th 2012**

9.30am Jeanine Chalmers

11.00am Family Mass.

T O'Byrne

12.30pm Richard Tobin

7.00pm John Green

If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green.

Please note that the next readers meeting will take place on Monday 30th January 2012 @ 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**THANK YOU**

We would like to express our gratitude to the Staff and Clients of St Michael's House for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter



Church Art Calendar 2012 are on sale at the back of the Church