



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

"Never look back unless you are planning to go that way" - Henry Thoreau

Where To? Catholic Schools

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Are we moving towards a more secular school system? The Minister for Education is at present conducting a consultation centred around the future Trusteeship of Primary Schools which at present are over 90% managed by the various religious Faiths in Ireland. There is talk of reducing this to perhaps 50%. So in the near future many of our schools would have a new management system in place.

In a recent report in the Irish Catholic, Aodhán Ó Riordáin TD, a Labour representative for Dublin North Central is quoted as saying "religious ethos has no place in the educational system of a modern republic."

In a profile of Mr Ó Riordáin in the Irish times, the Deputy for Dublin North Central "is viewed as a future education minister". He is clearly indicating his views on Church run schools.

I know there is likely to be a wider debate later in the year. However parents and perhaps grandparents need to be alerted to what may be coming down the line. Parents and future parents need to ask themselves whether schools in Ireland should retain their present ethos and values. At present preparation for the Sacraments is a partnership between, School, Parish and Parents. Do they wish this to continue?

The Crucifix on the end wall of the Coffee Dock in our Parish Centre was for 60 years in the hallway of what was the Girls Vocational School on the Crumlin Road. It was taken down and I was asked to find a new home for it some years ago. In St James Hospital the Christmas Crib was not erected in the entrance lobby of the Hospital in case it might give offence. Are these signs of a further growth of a secular society?

Where are we drifting? Is the religious freedom of our Catholic Schools under threat?
Fr John

St. Agnes Parent and Toddler Group

Meet in the Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12.00 noon Thursdays.

All Welcome.

GARDA VETTING

Eucharistic Ministers and others involved in Church Ministry who have yet to complete a Garda Vetting Form are asked to do so and return to Fr. Paul as soon as possible. These forms are available in the Sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers Rosters

Rosters for Eucharistic Ministers for the month of February are available after Mass in the Sacristy. If you are unavailable for any rostered duty please arrange a replacement.

Any Minister who is present at the 7.00pm Mass on Sunday is asked to assist when necessary.

Any Minister that is not included on this roster who wish to administer Holy Communion are asked to complete the form indicating their available times.

This form is available in the Sacristy after Mass.

Feasts Celebrated this Week

- Tuesday January 31st is the Feast of St. John Bosco**, Founder of the Salesians. He died in 1888. He worked with boys educating them for life. He is Patron Saint of Youth and Catholic Publishers
- Wednesday February 1st is the Feast of St. Brigid**. One of our Patron Saints. She was born in the year 454 and was renowned for hospitality, Almsgiving and care of the sick. She died in the year 524 and she is honoured in several European countries.
- Thursday February 2nd is the Feast of The Presentation of The Lord**. It is the custom to Bless Candles on that day. It is a reminder of Simeon who recognised Christ as 'A Light to reveal Jesus to the Nations'. Let us walk always as children of the light.
- Friday February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise**. He died a martyr in Armenia in 315AD. Blessing of throats will take place after all 3 Masses.

FINAL REMINDER

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.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Please join us as we continue our journey towards the 50th International Eucharistic Congress with prayer and reflection in St Agnes Parish Centre on Saturday 18th February @ 8.00pm, followed by some refreshments

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

The Thursday Afternoon Social Group meet 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

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

- 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. **R.**
- 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.**
- 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

- 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
- 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

- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- We gather in this place round the table of the Lord. Christ's presence is revealed in our communion and his Living Word.
- Now our communion recalls Christ's death and resurrection. This living sacrifice is our salvation now and evermore.
- And through this shared Eucharist we are the living Church. We witness to Christ's love His living body active in our world

Forthcoming events at Inchicore/Bluebell Pastoral Area:

- ⇒ **St. Brigid's Cross-Making Workshop:** Tuesday 31st January, 10.30am -12 noon, House of Retreat, Inchicore.
- ⇒ **Lourdes Novena:** 2nd - 11th February. 10am & 8pm.
- ⇒ **St. Brigid's Day:** Mass in Irish, 8.15pm in Conrad Na Gaeilge Hall, Grattan Crescent with Fr. Gerry Kenny OMI.
- ⇒ **The Day for Consecrated Life** will be held on **February 2nd**. Mass will be celebrated at 7.45pm at the Oblate Parish of Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell.
- ⇒ **Anointing of the Sick:** Sat 11th February, 12 noon. Torchlight Procession: Sat 11th February, 8pm.

St. Agnes Church Choir.

We wish to thank all who supported our carol singing fundraiser in the Ashleaf Shopping Centre in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. We raised €1,080 due to your generosity. Many thanks again. Maura Ryan P.R.O.

Catholic Schools Week begins on January 29th.

This year's Theme is "Catholic Schools: Christ's Living Body active in our world."

Resources are available on the Catholic Bishops Website, www.catholicbishops.ie and a link to the site is available on the Diocesan Website (notice board section)

Recently Baptised

Riley Marcus Fitzgerald
Sean James Halpin-Armstrong
Jack Christopher Gaffney
Katie Saffron Walshe
Noah Thomas Phillips
Rory Jack McMullen



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

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Events at the Faith and Family Centre: Guided Silent Weekend Retreat by Legionaries of Christ

For Women: 24-26 February, Where: Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Cost: €120

For Men: 10-12 February, Where – Dromantine Centre, Newry, NI. Cost: €160
Arrival 7pm Friday, Departure 3pm; Sunday Mass and dinner included. Deposit of €20 required at latest one week before retreat.

To book a place, or for more information, please contact the Faith and Family Centre 01 288 9317 or faithandfamilycentre@arcol.org

Recently Deceased

Brian O'Connor, Beechfield Rd
Mary Mulcahy, St Agnes Rd
Annie O'Leary, Cashel Rd
James (Jim) Tighe, Ex. Captain's Rd
Patrick Leo Scally, Crumlin Rd.
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28th 2012

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, January 29th 2012

9:30am Paddy Byrne {6th A}

11:00am Shared Mass

12:30pm John Fitzell {12th A}

7:00pm John McGuinness {1st A}

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

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday, February 4th 2012

7.00pm D Callaghan

Sunday, February 5th 2012

9.30am John Green

11.00am Family Mass, F & M Healy

12.30pm June Winders

7.00pm William Elliott

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.

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.

TABLE QUIZ

In Aid of Perrystown Manor Estate Variety Show
Thursday 9th February in The Pines Pub, Perrystown @ 8.30pm €30 per team of 4 Prizes & Raffle on the night