



Recently Deceased

Declan Blanford, Windmill Pk,
Julia Mc Nicholas, St. Agnes Park,
Liam Kelly, Palmerstown Woods

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd January 2010

- 7:00pm Shared Mass
- Sunday 24th January 2010
- 9:00am Jane O' Reilly @Family(A)
- 10:00am Matt Mulhall { A}
- 11:00am James Keogh (Jem) (12thA)
- 12:00pm Elizabeth Morton (A)
- 1:00pm Mary Webb@ Son Christopher (A)
- 7:00pm Nan Cullen {3rdA}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

- Saturday 6th February 2010
- 7.00pm Pauline Byrne
- Sunday 7th February 2010
- 9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers
- 10.00am Family Mass
- 11.00am P Morrison & T O'Byrne
- 12.00pm Richard Tobin
- 1.00pm Catherine Nagle
- 7.00pm Anne Kilday

Haiti Special Collection.

There will be a special collection at all Masses next week February 6th & 7th to contribute to the relief assistance and the reconstruction in Haiti.

I would also hope that it would be possible to provide support for religious institutions that have been destroyed.

The special collection will substitute the regular Share Collection.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Priests of the Parish

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Family Offering: €2,730

Share: €2,708

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The worst prison is a closed heart" - Pope John Paul II

Darkness that Nurtures.

Every year without fail, in the cold dark days of January, a quiet miracle takes place. In gardens, at the foot of tall trees or in forgotten corners, a small white flower emerges from the hard and often frozen earth. Like a secret long hidden in the dark, the snowdrop emerges without fuss or fanfare; a little white flower whose presence in these wintry days draws an 'Aah' from even the bleakest soul. Shortly afterwards the crocus comes, then daffodils, narcissus and all the wonderful flowers of spring. But it is the little snowdrop that first reaches the bleakness.

Who would have thought so delicate and seemingly frail a flower with her bowed head on so slender a stem could withstand the cold of January? Who could have imagined that the darkness held so precious a treasure?

Life grows in darkness. Hidden in the silent earth seeds and bulbs are nurtured until the day comes when they emerge into the light. We too need darkness in our soul—making journey through life. There are treasures hidden in our hearts, treasures we ourselves do not know, though we may sometimes get a glimpse of the riches within. More often we bemoan the dark, lash out against our painful and unwanted circumstances, and ignore the little shoots climbing to the light. The nurturing power of darkness is a great gift from God. But how hard it is for us to believe this! How difficult it is to wait with patience, with acceptance, for the creative power of God to bring us through.

'Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone' [Is. 9: 1] Seasons of growth take time. No one becomes fully human in an instant. 'By waiting and calm, you shall be saved; in quiet and in trust your strength lies' [Is 30: 15]. We do not lose hope in the darkness, nor do we give up the struggle. He will, in his own time, fill us with light. Then our life, like the snowdrop will reflect something of His beauty.

Parish Pastoral Council.

There was an open meeting with the Parish Community of St. Agnes's to discuss the findings of the Murphy Report at 19.30 on Tuesday January 19th in the Parish Centre.

The meeting was well attended and the discussion was constructive, informative, open and respectful. The Parish Pastoral Council took minutes at the meeting and [contributors names will remain anonymous].

The Council have sent these minutes to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in the hope that they may be useful to him in dealing with the issues raised. Any response from the Archbishop will be made known to the parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to offer sincere thanks to anyone who attended the discussion.

Recently Baptised

Aine Patricia Zambra
Daragh Aaron Loughnane
Doireann Amy Brown
Lara Marian Byrne



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

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

Catholic and Proud of It.

In the media recently there has been a call from some commentators for the removal of Religious and Bishops as Trustees of Catholic Schools. Some of these people owe their education to the same Catholic Schools.

In poorer times in Ireland it was the Church Schools that gave schooling to generations of young people. This fact is easily forgotten.

During the week ahead we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is 'Light for Every Generation'.

Let this generation give thanks for the dedication of many teachers and parents who have supported our Catholic Schools, and renew our commitment to these our Catholic Schools and help to support their values and ethos.

Valentine's Dance.

The Crumlin & District Active Retirement Association had planned to hold a Supper Dance on Saturday February 13th. However Celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Agnes Church will take place on that evening and so the Supper Dance has been postponed to the following Saturday February 20th. In the usual venue-The Parish Centre.

Anytime is a good time for a bit of romance. Tickets are available from members of the committee.

Eucharistic Adoration

This is continuing in the Oratory every week from Monday—Friday . All members are invited to attend at their chosen time.

Any difficulty please ring 085 108 64 49



1. Christ be near at Either Hand

- Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind before me stand, Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around, above, below.
- 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

- 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.

Feasts Celebrated this Week

- [A] St. John Bosco, Founder of the Salesians. Takes place this Sunday. However, the Sunday Mass takes precedence over the Feast, so this year St. John Bosco is sidelined.
- [B] Monday the 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.
- [C] Tuesday 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.
- [D] Wednesday February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. He died a martyr in Armenia in 315AD. Blessing of throats will take place after all 4 Masses.

World Day of the Sick 2010.

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick Sunday February 7th @ 3.00pm Church of the Good Shepherd, Churchtown, Dublin.

There is also a day for carers in the Carmelite Monastery, Firhouse on Saturday February 6th from 10.30-3.30pm .

60 places available only. Booking which is essential, may be done through the Parish Office. Forms are available during office hours.

3. 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. [R.]
- 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

- 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.
- 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.

Parish Choir

WE ARE CELEBRATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. AGNES' PARISH CHURCH ON THE 13TH FEB. 2010.

IF YOU ARE A PAST MEMBER OF THE ADULT CHOIR AND WOULD LIKE TO SING WITH US YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

THE NEXT CHOIR PRACTICES WILL TAKE PLACE ON **MONDAY 1st FEB. 2010 AND TUESDAY 9TH AT 8.00 P.M. IN ST AGNES CHURCH.**

ALL NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME.

MAURA RYAN P.R.O.

Church Cleaning.

Tenders have now closed for the work of giving St. Agnes a Spring Cleaning in preparation for our celebration on Saturday February 13th.

A professional cleaning company will be chasing the cobwebs and cleaning down walls and windows for the next ten days. Sorry for some inconvenience.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin Comes to Crumlin.

Our Archbishop will be the Principal Celebrant and Preacher at the Jubilee Mass to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of St. Agnes Church on Saturday February 13th @ 7.00pm.

Our Parish Choir will be supported by members of St. Agnes Boys Band. These men now play for other bands in the city and will come together for the occasion. It is a nice gesture on their part. We would like to hear from folk who were baptised in St. Agnes Church around the time of the opening 75 years ago. They may have moved away from the area but we would be glad if they contacted the Parish office @ Ph. 4555 368 during office hours.

Housebound.

Do you have a neighbour who is housebound? Or do you know someone who might like to know what is going on in the parish.....

We would like you to pass this newsletter on to them

Also if you know someone who would like to have Holy Communion brought to them in their home, please contact the Parish Office. Ph. 4555 368