



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
Fr. J. Foster Ph. 4650714
Fr. P. Coffey Ph. 4650707
Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

Family Offering: €2,325
Share: €2,559

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The best way to have the last word is to apologise" - Anonymus

Welcome to the Lassus Scholars

On Sunday 15th June, this distinguished Choir and their Junior Group, called the Piccolo Lasso will sing at the 11am Mass in St Agnes. They will sing under their Director, Ite O'Donovan.

At the end of March, they were invited to sing in place of the Cathedral Choir at Westminster Cathedral in London. This was indeed an honour for them and a sign of their growing reputation. This was the first time in a decade the Westminster Cathedral Choir invited another Choir to perform its full weekend duties.

The Lassus Scholars has 25 male and female voices. It was founded in 1996 by Ite O'Donovan and is named after the composer Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594).

Since the Choir's foundation, the Choir has sung in Churches and at Concerts in Rome, Krakow, Strasbourg, Moscow, Cologne, New York and Boston. It is indeed a pleasure to welcome them to our Church.

What is the connection with St Agnes? In the Junior Choir two grandsons and one granddaughter of the late Molly Clarke of O'Dwyer Rd., are members and they will be remembering especially their beloved grandmother when they come to sing in St Agnes on the 15th June. Come and Listen.

Fr John PP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st May 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 1st June 2008

9:00am

10:00am John Stephen Coonan

11:00am Thomas & Cathal Tighe {A}

12:00pm Charlie Croughan, his parents William & Claire Croughan and his brothers William & Arthur

1:00pm James & Annie Byrne {A}

7:00pm Mary & Peter Dempsey {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 07 / 06 / 08

7.00pm Alan Ryan

Sunday 08/ 06 / 08

9.00am Vera Brennan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am M Finnegan

12.00pm Pat Corrigan

1.00pm Liam Buckley

7.00pm John Green

Spare Copies of Prayers of the Faithful are available in the Sacristy. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy



EXAM TIME

We wish all our young people well in their examinations beginning this week. Much hard study has been done and may you do well. We will keep you in our prayers

Permanent Diaconate

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin recently announced a series of initiatives to foster a broad programme of renewal in all sectors of the life of the diocese.

One of these initiatives is the establishment of the permanent diaconate. Deacons are ordained to work alongside priests and lay ministers, with a particular focus on the ministry of charity and on bringing the ministry of the Church to those who are on the margins. They also assist in the liturgy and are given some responsibility for the Word of God. In general the diaconate is exercised on a voluntary part time basis. Applications are welcome from married men between the ages of 35 and 56, or single men between the ages of 25 and 56, who have the recommendation of their parish priest. Further details on the permanent diaconate can be obtained from any of the priests of the parish, and the information booklet can be found on the diocesan web-site :- www.dublindiocese.ie.

Celebrating Marriages

This year our annual celebration for those celebrating their Marriage Jubilees will be held at a new time of year.

We have moved from the usual post Easter occasion to **Next Sunday, 8th June at the 12:00 noon Mass.** We especially welcome those Celebrating Diamond, Golden, Ruby, Pearl and Silver Wedding Anniversaries in 2008.

You and your families will be very welcome to the celebration. You will be welcomed along even if your partner has died. In order to let us know how many are attending, please notify the Parish Office at 455 5368 as soon as possible.

Church Gate Collection
This weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of St John of God School, Celbridge
Please be as generous as possible

PARISH PASTORAL WORKERS

The Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin is composed of 200 parishes in six eastern counties, served in five pastoral areas. The Archdiocese is now inviting applications from suitably committed and qualified people who desire to work in the service of the Church as Parish Pastoral Workers. The Parish Pastoral Worker will be a baptised Catholic recommended by their parish community, who will work in partnership with the priests and pastoral council of a particular parish or group of parishes, as they serve the mission of the Church at local level. Vacancies will be filled in each pastoral area.

Required:

- ◆ A Primary degree in theology/ religious education or equivalent.
- ◆ Relevant Experience
- ◆ Current driving Licence and the use of a car

Applying:

A Brochure and application form are available from the Human Resources Department, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin 9. Phone: 01 8373732 Extn: 256
Email: pastoralworker@dublindiocese.ie or download from www.dublindiocese.ie

Closing date:

The application form should be completed and returned to Archbishop Martin by the 12th June 2008. Short-listing will take place immediately.

Interviews.

Stage One: Interviews will take place in mid to late June 2008 at which candidates will be selected to participate in the Parish Pastoral Worker Formation Programme beginning in September 2008 as a student of the Mater Dei Institute.

Stage Two: In June 2009, following successful completion of the Parish Pastoral Worker Formation Programme, an interview will take place with the Dublin Dicoese to decide whether the candidate Parish Pastoral Worker should be mandated by the Archbishop to undertake a formal and public role in parish ministry. As this will initially be a pilot programme, a three year contract will be offered to successful candidates.

Benefits:

- ◆ Salary Scale from €38,000 to €48,000 over 7 incremental points-entry above the minimum possible with
- ◆ relevant experience and / or educational qualifications: Candidate Parish Pastoral Workers will be paid at
- ◆ 70% of the Parish Pastoral Worker rate during their time as a full-time student with the Mater Dei Institute.
- ◆ Income continuance and Health Plans
- ◆ Non-Contributory Pension Arrangements



How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

R. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great thou art, how great thou art. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart. Then shall I bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, My God how great Thou art. *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 Heart of Jesus

1. Sweet Heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy, today we come, thy blessing to implore; O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful, and make them, Lord, thine own for evermore

R. Sweet Heart of Jesus, we implore, O make us love thee more and more

2. Sweet heart of Jesus, make us pure and gentle, and teach us how to do thy blessed will; to follow close the print of thy dear footsteps, and when we fall - sweet heart oh, love us still *(R)*

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices, Who wonderous things has done, In whom the world rejoices, Who from our mother's arms, Has blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God, Through all our lives be near us, With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.

Recently Baptised

Michael Azanobo Irumire
Owen Apasomi Irumire
Nora Lulu Irumire
Saoirse Rebecca Dorgan



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

Mini Marathon

Good wishes to all the ladies running in the Women's Mini Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday. I believe some men are also known to run in disguise. It is all in a good cause and may many charities benefit handsomely.

GARDA BAND

The Garda Band will perform in Drimmagh Castle Primary School Hall on Wednesday 4th June at 8pm in aid of Chernobyl Children's Project. Tickets available at the door at €7 each. All are welcome

"Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts"

An evening of Reflection through Music Song & Dance in Clonliffe College Church on Monday 9th June @8pm.

Music Provided by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group & Friends. The children of the Family Mass Group will participate in the evening.

Tickets €10 on entry

Proceeds will support Paul, a student on his way to London to persue a 3 year course in Musical Theatre Studies. Paul is a son of Susan, Leader of Family Mass Group