



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
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Family Offering: €2,955
Share: €2,380

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"A helping hand is worth more than a thousand words" - Anonymus

A Helping Hand in Nepal

I have never before highlighted the good deeds of one of my own family. My niece Nicola, known as Nicky to most people, has been a successful Chartered Accountant. She has been also a volunteer with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In the days of the Celtic Tiger she has been looking at society and the world in a perceptive manner. Although she was very fulfilled in her profession, she says she has been working 'to make the rich, richer'.

Nicky resigned from her job in the Autumn of 2006 and set up a Charity called The Nepalese Children's Foundation to help the people of Humla, one of the poorest and remote districts of Nepal. This area is perched high in the Himalayas and bordered by Tibet. It is a 10 day walk from the nearest tarmac road.

With the assistance of others she has set up a Primary Health Care and Maternity Service for thirty thousand people. She has set up an education system for children and is now working to help women to form local Coops to produce Fair Trade Food Products to generate income for their families in this deprived area. I Am amazed at Nicky's energy. She spends ten months of the year in Nepal and comes home to Ireland to take a little rest and to raise funds to sustain the good work she does.

This weekend Nicky and her Dublin friends will be calling on your generosity in a Church Gate Collection in aid of the Nepalese Children's Foundation. The motto of the Foundation is 'Together we can make a difference' so may I ask you to give a helping hand.

St. Agnes' Church Choir Mass.



Mass for the deceased members of the choir will be held in St' Agnes' Church on Tuesday June 10th 2008 at 7.00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Trocaire

We have received a letter of thanks to acknowledge the proceeds of the Lenten Campaign. The sum collected was €6,500 and we wish to thank our parishioners for their great generosity.

Pilgrims to Lourdes

We are just four weeks away before departure to Lourdes, so we will ask those travelling to complete their payment in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The Lisbon Treaty

Next Thursday is voting day and as usual at the time of an election or a Referendum may I remind people of the privilege they have of being in a free country, where they have the freedom to vote. On next Thursday do cast that vote whether 'yes' or 'no'. The Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which may be found on the website www.catholiccommunications.ie and may be helpful to the undecided voter.

Baby Day



On Sunday the 22nd of June we will be holding our annual gathering of babies baptised in the past twelve months. An invitation to the children will be going out this week. Of course their parents will be welcome to come along too.

At the twelve noon Mass on that day the children will receive a special blessing and a little gift. Hopefully we will not need earplugs as the choir of little angels gather together.

Catholic Education

Last Month the Bishop's Conference issued a pastoral letter on this topic. We have summary leaflets available at the back of the church. If you would like to read the full letter, log on to www.catholiccommunications.ie. The title of the pastoral letter is **Vision 08- A Vision for Catholic Education in Ireland**. We print here the introduction to the document.

Why This Pastoral Now?

Education and, in particular, the role of the Catholic Church in education at all levels, has recently become a topic of intense discussion and debate in our country, both North and South. The urgency of such a debate has been heightened by the growing cultural and religious pluralism in our society. It is in this complex and challenging context that schools must operate. The context prompts new questions and calls for new answers to old ones. Why Catholic schools in modern Ireland? What is the special character of such schools? How do they contribute to society and the educational system of which they form such a significant part? It is against this background that we wish to set out our understanding of the nature and purpose of the Catholic school in Ireland today. In presenting this vision of the Catholic school, we wish to invite a response from those engaged with us in education.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Tuesday June 10th at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome especially in this year of vocations. Old friends and new members welcome. Closing for Summer Holidays - July and August. Re-opening in September on Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass. Coffee/ tea available in new Coffee Dock

Vacancy for a Qualified Cook (Part-time)

Required in local Day Centre, Monday to Friday catering for 50 - 70 persons each day. Familiarity with HACCP is an essential requirement. Applications in writing enclosing C.V. to
Management Committee,
Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre,
Lorcan O'Toole Court,
Kimmage Road West, Dublin 12
Closing Date:- 20th June 2008

Summer Break

Our Parish Newsletter Team takes a well earned rest during July and August. During these two months our Newsletter will not be published.

During that time we will use Missalettes as we did last year. If you have any events you wish to bring to the notice of our parishioners, please send them to the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can give them a mention before the end of the month. Don't forget that the Parish Website will be 'live' and updated over the Summer months so log on to www.crumlinparish.ie

Knock 2008



Our Annual pilgrimage to Knock from St. Agnes' will take place on the last Thursday in August, which this year falls on the 28th August.

The Pilgrimage will depart at 8.30 am stopping for tea/coffee and a scone in the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown on the way to Knock.

On the return we will stop for a four course meal at the same hotel. The all-in cost including coach and meals is €42. Booking is now open at the Parish Office.

Bohernabreena Annual Mass

Takes place in Bohernabreena cemetery on Sunday the 15th of June at 3.00pm.

Recently Deceased

Patricia Howlett, Stanaway Rd.
Margaret Kerrigan, Bigger Rd.
Margaret Deignan, St. Mary's Rd.
Peter Kelly, Old County Glen.

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th June 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 8th June 2008

9:00am Noel Harding {25th A}

10:00am Bolger & Carroll Families{A}

11:00am Margaret Finnegan {A}

12:00pm Frank & Margaret Flood {A}

1:00pm John O'Driscoll {A}

7:00pm Ann & James Dolan {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 14 / 06 / 08

7.00pm Marie Donoghoe

Sunday 15/ 06 / 08

9.00am Pat Condon

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Jean Cleary

7.00pm William Elliott

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

Celebrating Marriages

This weekend at the 12 noon Mass we welcome all those celebrating marriage jubilees. May we offer them and their families our warmest congratulations, prayers and good wishes. May the good Lord bless them with health and happiness in the years to come.



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 wondrous 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.