



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

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**Family Offering: € 2,493**

**Share: € 2,526**

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

**Thought for the Week**

*"Christianity is a person, one who loves us so much, one who calls for our love."  
'Christianity is Christ' Archbishop Romero.*

**Archbishop Martin's Letter to St Agnes Parish Pastoral Council**

*Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has recently responded to a letter sent by the Parish Pastoral Council, following a meeting held with parishioners of St. Agnes, to discuss the publication of the Murphy Report. The Archbishop's response is summarised below.*

The Archbishop acknowledges the horror that many feel at the nature and extent of sexual abuse of children by some priests and the anger at the way in which the Church then failed to respond to those who were abused. His Grace also describes how tragically, the mismanagement of these cases allowed the crimes against children to continue, at times for many years. The Archbishop states that good child protection policies indicate how the sharing of information is a key factor in preventing abuse. The climate of secrecy on an institutional level, coupled with the desire to avoid scandal and protect priest offenders, led to knowledge not being exchanged and this contributed in a significant way to the abuse becoming more widespread.

The publication of the Murphy Report has been a traumatic time for survivors. For some they found themselves reliving the abuse that they had suffered. Many were shocked to know for the first time that they were not the only person abused by a particular priest. Others had never before spoken about their abuse. All were angered as they looked back on the way they were treated and at times not believed. The Archbishop states that no words of apology will ever be enough. His Grace asks parishes to reach out, insofar as they can to support survivors who may live among them and to be sensitive to their trauma. One of the best ways to show our intentions is to ensure that our child protection policies are scrupulously respected.

The Archbishop states "I know that many feel alienated and disillusioned by the Church and especially by those in pastoral leadership. Yet many such people still wish to follow the message of Jesus Christ and feel the importance of that message for their lives. There is a wide spread desire to move forward in a programme of evangelisation and renewal in the Church. This does not mean leaving aside the hurt of those abused. There can be no turning back on that recognition".

His Grace also discusses the importance of encountering the Word of God in the person of Jesus, as contained in the recently distributed Gospel of St. Luke. The Archbishop says "my hope is that an encounter with the kindness and mildness of Jesus will help all of us to turn away from any trace of arrogance in Church life and will bring us back to a true understanding of our faith in its essential characteristics. The more we learn to live as Christ lived, to teach as Christ taught and to care as Christ cared, the more we will arrive at true renewal in the Church".

**Final Call**

As we enter Holy Week our two Gospel Reflection Groups have their final gatherings : Grainne Prior meets her group after 10am Mass on Monday morning and Fr. Michael Kelly meets his group on Tuesday at 7.45pm.

As we now depart from Luke's Gospel until the month of June and follow John instead perhaps you might follow your Bible. However it would be appropriate this week to follow the Passion Story in Luke beginning on Page 58 of your Gospel of Luke. The Easter Story is found on page 65 and following. To reflect prayerfully on these pages will enrich your lives.



**Recently Deceased**

*Agnes Callaghan, Clonmacnoise Rd.  
Catherine Raynor, Dowland Rd.  
Teresa McGill, Balfe Rd. East  
Patrick Williams, Somerville Ave  
Kevin Cunnane*

*We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 27th March 2010**

**7:00pm** Shared Mass

**Sunday 28th March 2010**

**9:00am** John Coonan {A}

**10:00am** Margaret Doyle {A}

**11:00am** Nellie Lowry {A}

**12:00pm** Kevin & Kathleen Lawlor {3rd & 6th A}

**1:00pm** Vera Holohan & Mary Daly {Months Minds}

**7:00pm** James Cunningham {9th A}

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

**St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster**

**Saturday 3rd April 2010**

**7.00pm** Sarah Byrne

**Sunday 4th April 2010**

**9.00am** J Green & D Callaghan

**10.00am** Family Mass

**11.00am** F & M Healy

**12.00pm** Sean Byrne

**1.00pm** June Winders

**7.00pm** William Elliott

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO  
ROME & ASSISI**

*We have now finalised details of our Pilgrimage in May & thirty people have now booked. I think the Pilgrimage is very interesting and the detailed programme is now available at the Parish Office. If you are thinking of travelling with us book soon as in March we will be offering the remaining places to a wider group. Full information is available from Mary at the Parish Office at Ph. 4555 368*

**Dublin Gospel Choir**



**A very special occasion is coming in April as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations when the Dublin Gospel Choir will perform in concert in St. Agnes' Church on Friday April 16th @ 8.00pm. There are a limited number of tickets which are now on sale at €10 each.**

They may be purchased at the Parish Office, the Church at weekend Masses and if any are still available, at the Church door on the night.

**This event should be an exciting experience and is part of our celebrations to mark our 75th Anniversary.**

There will be no 7.00pm evening Mass on that Friday.

**Do come along young and old. It will be an occasion you will long remember.**

**Marriage Jubilees**

It is coming to that time of year again when we invite couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries like Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond to come with their families to the 12noon Mass on Sunday April 18th.

When we will join with you in marking the occasion. The anniversary itself may be months away, but it is good to add a spiritual dimension to your celebrations this year.



**St. Vincent De Paul  
Sunshine Fund.**

**Church Gate Collection is this weekend March 27th & 28th.**

Each year, The Fund provides much needed holidays for approximately 1,100 of Dublin's less fortunate children. The Advocate collection is the only way the Fund can finance these holidays.

**Please be as Generous as possible**

**Spring Forward**

**This weekend the clocks go forward one hour at 2am Sunday Morning. We can look forward to long bright evenings because Summer Time has arrived.**

**Remembering Kevin Cunnane, Order Of Malta.**

The death of Kevin Cunnane took place after a short illness on the 20th of March 2010.

Kevin was indeed a pillar of the community and a true disciple of Jesus. He was the person who set up the Crumlin Unit of the Order of Malta. He then set up a Day Centre for the disabled. Kevin used his ambulance to bring people to Mass and different outings. He also organised holidays abroad and trips to Lourdes etc. He will be sadly missed but his work will carry on through the Order of Malta among others. We know God will greet him and say 'Well done good and faithful servant.' enjoy your reward Kevin you deserve it.

**Nursing Home Support Schemes:**

A new scheme of financial support for long-term nursing home care has recently been introduced by the HSE. If you or a loved one is in need of nursing home care, or if you would simply like to find out more about the new scheme, please call the HSE Infoline on **1850 24 1850** and ask for information on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal. Alternatively, log on to [www.dohc.ie/issues/fair\\_deal](http://www.dohc.ie/issues/fair_deal)

**All Hallows- An Easter Retreat:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010. Full day retreat or one-day option available. This three-day retreat offers an opportunity for reflection, prayer, celebration and exploration of the Easter Triduum themes.

**Ippa Happy Faces 2010.**

From April 1st - 6th Clear Image Photography in Perrystown will be participating in Happy Faces Day. 100 % of every donation will help to provide much needed isolation facilities for people living with Cystic Fibrosis. For a minimum donation of €25 receive a mini portrait session and a desk top portrait.

Contact Studio on 405 9878 or visit [www.clearimage.ie](http://www.clearimage.ie) or just call in anytime!

**Holy & Easter Week.**

Full details of arrangements of Holy Week & Easter should have reached your home by now, Along with a Dues Envelope. If you did not receive them or are not a parishioner, please collect them at the Church doors.

**Life Pregnancy Care,  
Dublin Group.**

Invites you to a conference on **Pregnancy Loss** Saturday April 17th 9.30 -4.00pm in The Central Hotel, Exchequer Street. Fee €15, contact Mary at 01 6790694 to register

**An Ecumenical Memorial Service Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital.**

Will host a service to remember all babies that have died before or around the time of birth. Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Dolphins Barn Sunday April 18th @ 3.00pm.

**Missing Bike**

Are you missing s child's bike? It seems to be in good order. Please contact the Parish Office. Also missing from the Parish Office is a key with a yellow tag attached. Perhaps someone took it by mistake and now do not know how they came by this key they cannot recognise. We would be grateful for the return of the key

**Recently Baptised**

**Deborah Margaret Maher-Reynolds  
Orion Cala**

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



**Conversation around Elderly/ Housebound Outreach in Crumlin Parish:**

One of the items identified at the Parish Open Day at the end of October was the need to look at how our parish is responding to the needs of elderly people in the area. If you would like to be part of a continuing conversation to see if there are any areas that need a response, you are welcome to a meeting on **Monday, 29th March at 7.30** in the Liffey Room in the Parish Centre. **People with time or new ideas to contribute are welcome.**