



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: €2,471
Share: €2,667
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The glory of the Cross has set free all those who were slaves of sin"
St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

Amazing Grace

The story of John Newton who gave us the very popular hymn 'Amazing Grace' is one of sin and conversion and very suitable for the time of year as Holy Week and Easter approach.

He was born in July 1775, the son of a Commander of a merchant ship. He went to sea at the age of 11 and learnt the evil ways of his older and fellow seamen. In 1748 he became Captain of a slave ship working out of Africa. One day the ship was hit by a mighty storm. He woke to find water rising in the cabin, and in desperation he turned to God and prayed "Lord have mercy on us". He felt that God spoke to him through the storm and grace had begun to work on him. All aboard survived.

John's conversion had begun and he began to treat his slaves with consideration. John applied to become an Anglican minister and was ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln, and became Curate at Olney, in Buckinghamshire. There his work was so effective that the Church had to be enlarged.

It is believed that the hymn was written by John sometime between 1770 and 1780 and maybe the music was based on an early folk melody sung by slaves. Later John took an appointment in a London Church where his preaching and hymns drew large congregations. Amongst those who attended church was William Wilberforce M.P. who became the great campaign leader against slavery and who after repeated efforts in Parliament succeeded in having slavery abolished.

Already blind, John Newton died in December 1807. Amazing Grace would lead him home. The words of the hymn are included opposite. Perhaps we might sing it with enthusiasm and pray for our own conversion at this time.

Fr. John.

Flora Mini Marathon for Crosscare

Taking place on Monday June 1st 2009. You can register for the event from February 26th on the following website www.womensminimarathon.ie

or you can pick up an entry form in the Evening Herald.

For further information feel free to contact me at this address

Michael McDonagh, Crosscare, Clonliffe College. Dublin 3. or phone [01] 836 0011 or Mob. 087 671 0442.



Join Bóthar's Mini Marathon Team

You can register for the event from February 26th on the following website www.florawomensminimarathon.ie or you can pick up an entry form in the Evening Herald every Thursday and Saturday until April 15th.

The closing date for applications is on the April 21st or when the maximum number of entries is reached.

For further information contact us on 01 498 1888 Or E-mail: marathon@bothar.ie

Recently Deceased

Anna Morgan, Clonard Rd
Karolina Kubiak, Captains Ave
Rose Mulvey, Windmill Pk
Elizabeth Frances Webster, Clonard Rd
Shay O'Byrne, Lansdowne Valley
Brigid Murray, Kildare Rd
Rose Boyle, Clonard Rd

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th March 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 29th March 2009

9:00am Danny Collins (13th A)
10:00am Patrick & May Glennon {A}
11:00am Nellie Lowry {A}
12:00pm Joe & Bridie Conroy {A}
1:00pm Phillip & Delores Hughes
7:00pm Catherine Tucker & Annie Christ y Coyle {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 28/03/09

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 29/03/09

9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am P Morrison & t O'Byrne
12.00pm R. Tobin
1.00pm Catherine Nagel
7.00pm Ann Kilday

If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green.

WEB -SITE NEWS

A Special link for the Lenten Season ['CILENT'] is now running on our Parish Website [www.crumlinparish.ie] with reflections and Readings for each day. Just click on the special logo, bottom left hand side of Home Page.

The Next readers meeting takes place this Wednesday 1st April at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre

42nd Street * Cabaret * Annie * Copacabana *
Lullaby of Broadway * Michael Jackson
Perrystown Manor Estate
Variety Group
present
MUSIC OF THE NIGHT
A colourful stage show for all ages
at
Perrystown Manor Estate Community Centre
Limekiln Lane, Dublin 12 (Buses 150 & 15A)
on
April 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2009
at 8pm sharp
Tickets available from Box Office:
087-2239870 / 4562373
OR at PME Centre on Sundays
between 2pm and 4pm
Admission €10
Groups of 20 €8 each

Celebrating Marriage Jubilees

Our Annual Mass to celebrate jubilees will take place Sunday April 26th at 12.00 Noon. If you are celebrating anytime this year a special anniversary you are welcome along.

As always please contact the Parish Office in advance so that we will know how many couples to expect. It is always a special occasion in the life of the Parish. The Parish Office number is 01-455 5368

Console National Conference - Living with Suicide

8.30am to 4.45pm On Thursday April 2nd 2009 in City West Hotel, Saggart Co. Dublin. "Remembering the past, Living the present, shaping the future".

This is the Third National Conference for those who have been bereaved by suicide. €100 per person attending. This includes light lunch, tea and coffee breaks. Telephone queries to : [01] 610 2638

Celebrating 75 Years

Did you know that our Parish Church of St. Agnes' was opened on the 10th February 1935? I wonder if there is anyone around who can recall the day? Do let us know. Our Parish Pastoral Council are planning to mark the event next year. They feel that the day itself should have a Special Mass. However they also feel that we should celebrate the occasion with other events during the year. The members invite parishioners to suggest ideas, both religious and secular. Put on your thinking cap and make some suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you. The next meeting of the Council will be on the Thursday 23rd April.



Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found: Was blind but now I see.
- 2 Twas grace that taught my heart to fear. And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear: The hour I first believed
- 3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come, 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

Receive O Father in Thy Love

- 1 Receive O Father in thy love, These humble gifts of bread and wine: That with ourselves we offer thee, Returning gifts already thine.
- 2 Behold this host and chalice, Lord, To thee on high the gifts we raise: Through them may we our honour pay, Our adoration and our praise.

Soul of My Saviour.

- 1 Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me ye waters streaming from his side.
- 2 Strength and protection may his passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee.

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

- 1 Holy God we praise Thy name. Lord of all we bow before Thee. All on Earth thy sceptre own. All in heaven above adore Thee. Endless is Thy vast domain Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark, with loud and pealing Hymn, Thee the angel choirs are praising; Cherubim and Seraphim, one unceasing chorus raising, ever sing with sweet accord, Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Church Windows.

I am pleased to tell our Parishioners that the Architects, Howley Hayes will soon be inviting tenders for the initial faze of renewing our Church windows. This work including fees will cost us around €130,000 and should be completed by the end of the Summer. This initial work will tackle some of the major problems, but much more needs to be done. More about that again.

Fr. John.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 7th - 12th September. It will be led by Fr. Michael. The cost, including coach to and from Dublin Airport is €725. Booking has now opened at the Parish Office.



Spring Forward

This weekend our clocks spring forward one hour with the arrival of Summer time. Every year we find people arriving for 1.00pm Mass only to find that the time is 2.00pm. Worse are the people who move the clock back one hour. They are certainly out of step with the rest of us.

Recently Baptised

Thomas James Dawson
Reece Damien Hughes
Sinead Carmel Mc Grath
Daisy Marie McKenna-Stapleton
Sean Anthony O'Neill
Chanelle Margaret Morris



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

The Liturgical Resource Centre Service of Prayer

The Liturgical Resource Centre Service of Prayer for justice and peace at home and abroad on Monday 30th March 2009 at 8.00pm in the Church of Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9
This opportunity to reflect, listen, pray and sing is prepared by the Parish Pastoral Workers in training at Mater Dei Institute.
Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. For more information please contact Grainne Clinton by phoning 01 837 9253 ext. 241