



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

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Family Offering: €1,837
Share: €2,850
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." - Anon.

You are Loved

A certain man each Sunday morning crept into the back of the church for the earliest Mass. He sat close to the aisle in the back seat, ready for a quick getaway. Since his divorce he was sure every one was looking at him. He felt a failure; he felt guilty for the breakdown of his marriage.

On one particular Sunday a soloist sang a haunting rendition of 'Amazing Grace', after Communion. It begins with the words 'Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me....'

Everyone in the church that morning was deeply moved as the familiar words touched them. Everyone except the elderly priest who was the chief celebrant. At the end of the Mass he spoke to the people and said 'I hate that song. I am not a wretch. You are not a wretch. The Gospel is right. You are a child of God, perhaps momentarily paralysed but called to rise'. He then moved down the centre aisle and began to point at seat after seat: 'you are a child of God. And at the last row, last seat, he pointed to Don: 'You are a child of God'. An old priest had found him hiding with his guilt in the last row and broke through his self-hatred. He was released from his paralysis and free to move on.

How hard it is to believe that God really loves us. We are all sinners. But, and it is an important but, we are sinners who are loved. God will not refuse to forgive us if we turn to him and trust His grace and mercy. 'Think of the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called His children and that is what we are....' [1 Jn 1] The old priest was right, 'You are a child of God'. Don't ever forget it. Maybe the words of Amazing Grace could now read, 'Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved and set me free.... Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.

A Word of Gratitude.

Holy Week and Easter is the busiest time in the Church and many people are involved in the preparation of the ceremonies and decoration of the Church. May I take the opportunity on behalf of the priests to say thanks to one and all. This year we had the conclusion of the Novena of Grace followed by the St. Patrick's weekend with Holy Week and Easter immediately after.

To all who contributed of their gifts and services we are most grateful. I know our parishioners will echo these words of gratitude.

Fr. John.

SFO Area Meeting

Takes place in the Oratory of Columban Srs. [back of Fr. Kitt Court] Monday 31st March from 3pm-4pm.

Divine Office and Prayers of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament.

Third Order Franciscans.

TROCAIRE Boxes may be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office

Lourdes 2008

This special year being the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions



St. Agnes's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

6th July - 11th July 2008

Price €675 pps staying at Jeanne D'Arc Hotel and Includes Insurance, Taxes, Coach transfers to and from the Airport Early Booking is Advisable

Eucharistic Adoration

We are privileged to have had Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish since 2005. Now we wish to renew our commitment to this wonderful Apostolate. On the 12th & 13th April, members of the Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will speak to us at all Masses on this subject. To prepare, we invite all adorers and all others who are interested to attend a meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wed 2nd April at 7.30pm. For further information please phone 085 1086449

Paricians

A talk and discussion on Divine Mercy at 60, Sundrive Road at 8.0pm on the 1st April 2008.

All are Welcome.

Organised by The Legion Of Mary

Good News Stories.

We always welcome news of events and happenings to share with the people of the Parish.

We hear that Crumlin United Football Club made a major contribution to the under 17 team that qualified for the European Championships. They were well represented in the panel of players. May we congratulate all involved in the club on their achievements. We wish them every success in the upcoming finals.

Did You Forget?



This weekend the clocks 'Spring' forward one hour so that we now enter what we call Summertime. As I write this the weather feels more like mid Winter.

Easter Dues

Donation of Easter dues are welcome at this time. They may be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Spare envelopes are available in the Church.

A Visitor for Easter.

In St. Agnes Church, we welcome many visitors at Christmas and again at Easter. Last weekend at 9.00am Mass on Easter morning we met Billy Byrne a native of Crumlin who now lives in Detroit and is National Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States. He is a regular visitor to Ireland and to Crumlin.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This feast takes place this weekend/ the Sunday after Easter. We have a shrine dedicated to the Divine Mercy in the porch at the rear of the Church. This was where the Baptismal font was many years ago and where we have the only stained glass window in the Church which depicts the Baptism of Our Lord. It was donated to the Church by the Women's Sacred Heart Sodality in 1919

Confirmations 2008

We will welcome Bishop Fiachra O'Ceallaigh to administer Confirmation to children in the Parish on three dates in April.

Friday - April 11th

St. Agnes Primary School
Scoil Cholm Boys School

Saturday - April 12th

St. Damians Primary School

Friday - April 25th

Scoil Eoin Special School

Confirmations will commence at 11.30am each day. We hope our children and parents will make an extra effort over these coming weeks to prepare to welcome the Holy Spirit.

Recently Baptised

**Clayton Eamon Kirwan
Kaci Martina Hodgins**



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

Recently Deceased

*Anthony Smith, Moeran Road
Kathleen Maher, Cherry Grove.*

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th March 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 30th March 2008

9:00am Jimmy Mc Cann {A}

10:00am Danny Collins {A}

11:00am Nellie Lowry {A}

12:00pm Kevin & Kathleen Lawlor{A}

1:00pm Gerry Fitzgerald {A}

7:00pm Joan Boxwell {1st A} & Paula Farmer

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 05 / 04 / 08

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 06 / 04 / 08

9.00am John Green

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm Pat Condon

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

Feast of the Annunciation of The Lord

This Feast which is usually held on the 25th of March, has been displaced like the Feast of St. Patrick because of the early date of Easter. It will now take place this Monday the 31st of March.



1. Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his praise to sing? Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise the everlasting King
2. Praise him for his grace and favour, To our fathers in distress: Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us: Well our feeble frame he knows: In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Widely as his mercy flows



2. Praise to the Lord

1. Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation. O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation. All you who hear, now to his altar draw near, joining in glad adoration
2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar: Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter. Christ the high priest, bids us all join in his feast, Victims with him on the altar

3. A new Hymn of Praise

- R.** A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
1. This is the day the Lord has made; Ransom for sin his life he gave **R.**
 2. To save us he was crucified, Raising our hearts when hope had died. **R.**
 3. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, We receive back, his life divine **R.**
 4. So live within us, make us one; Stay with us Lord, till life is done. **R.**



4. Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing

1. Let the earth rejoice and sing, alleluia, At the triumph of our King, alleluia, He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia, Reigns now at our Father's right, alleluia.
2. Jesus victor, hear our prayer, alleluia, In thy triumph let us share alleluia, Lift our minds and hearts above, alleluia, Strengthen all men in thy love, alleluia