



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: €2,431
Share: €2,775
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"God will not ask us how many friends you have, but how many people you are a friend to" - Anon

Stay Awake

Have you ever found yourself saying, 'I'll be glad when Christmas is over?' For some people the relentless build-up to Christmas (which begins earlier every year) with its pressure to spend, spend, spend can feel overwhelming. The world goes into a buying frenzy. Not only is there the present buying, but there is the food shopping till our fridges are filled to overflowing. It can be very easy for us to lose the true meaning of Christmas, drowned out by the noise of activity and commercialism. Advent offers us an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, when God entered into human history through the birth of His Only Son. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Eternal Son, became one of us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. That was, is and always will be the greatest Christmas present any of us could hope or pray for.

As we recall the birth of Christ at Christmas, Advent also calls on us to reflect on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. At each and every Mass we pray, 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again'. The Gospel reminds us to stay awake for we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return. May this Advent be a time to renew our faith, may it be a time of hope and may the Holy Spirit open our hearts to receive the blessings of the Christ Child this Christmas. Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Fr Michael

60th Year of Scouting in Crumlin - Can you help us find our flag?

1948 saw the birth of the 44th Scout Troop of the Catholic Boy Scouts in Ireland in Crumlin. A lot has changed since then including the population of the group and in latter years has opened its doors to welcome female members. Top celebrate our 60th Birthday, we are having a "Birthday Bash" details of which can be found on our web site www.freewebs.com/crumlinscouts or from any leaders in our Scout Den in the church car park.

The group flag is a very important emblem in any troop and our flag was commissioned in the mid 1950's and held its place at many special occasions and events. We would love to display it as part of our celebrations, but we have a problem—the flag has been misplaced over the years. If anyone can help us to locate the flag or has any knowledge of what happened to it we would be very grateful. Please email us at scout493@hotmail.com or leave a message in the Parish Centre or with the leaders in the Scout Den. *John Hanrahan, Goup Leader.*

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE. PERRYSTOWN MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH.



MUSIC & CAROLS BY THE GOOD TIMES



DANCING 8.00-1.00AM - ADM. €35 -BY TICKET ONLY.

**DINNER SERVED 8.30PM SHARP. PH. 456 2373 / 455 2761 / 451 5527
BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENT. BOOK EARLY.**

SPONSOR A LIGHT

(€5) in memory of a loved one or a gift

Light Up a Life
Christmas Tree at **Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross**



Call **1850 66 06 06**
Mon - Fri 9am—5pm for Sponsored Lights, Christmas Cards & Tree Ornaments in aid of Our Lady's Hospice and Blackrock Hospice, or visit www.lightupalife.ie

Ceremony of Remembrance

The Ceremony will take place on Sunday 7th December @ 4pm.

School Museum-Scoil Colm

Scoil Colm is hoping to create a School Museum. We would be grateful if you could donate any historical items e.g. domestic equipment [non electrical], farm tools or craft tools, war memorabilia [no sharp or dangerous items], wooden toys, school items, historical photographs [black/white], old clothes that reflect specific times in history [fashion from the 1920s to the 1970s] these items can be left in Scoil Colm or contact Alison at 4562622. Thank you for helping to promote history in our school community. *Ms. Linda Cullen, SESE Co-Ordinator.*

Message for Eucharistic Ministers & Ministers of the Word.

An Afternoon of Reflection in Advent will be held on Sunday December 7th in The Parish Centre at 3.00pm.



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 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.

2. 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



Viatres Christi

Bring Your Skills To the Developing World

Since 1960, Viatres Christi has aimed to respond to needs overseas and at home by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need. People from all backgrounds and professions join Viatres Christi - people who want to challenge and make a difference in the world, however big or small.

If you are interested in learning more, please come along to our information and recruitment session in Dublin on Saturday 6th December at 10.30am (until 3pm) in the Irish Aid Volunteering Centre, 27-31 O'Connell St Upper, Dublin 1

For more information or to book your place at an information session, please contact Colette Rooney at info@viatreschristi.com or phone 01 - 868 9986 or log onto www.viatreschristi.com

Church Gate Collection

This weekends Church Gate Collection is in aid of Pieta House, Ireland's first centre for the prevention of self-harm or suicide. We need your support, not only financially but we also need your prayers. If you know of anyone that needs help please contact Pieta House at 6010000, e-mail: mary@pieta.ie or check out our website www.pieta.ie

Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau

The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. For further information, contact the Bureau at Knock, co Mayo by phoning 094 937 5960 or visit www.knockmarriagebureau.com

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Amberli Wansboro
Chloe Antoinette McGhee
Brandon Donald Kelly-Hanks
Daniel Arthur Foran
Caidon Brendan Walsh
Alexandra Sarah Doherty
Grace Ann Dowling
Glen Stephen Mahon



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

Eucharistic Adoration

The Next Meeting takes place on Thursday, 4th December at 7:40pm in the Parish Centre. All Committee Members are asked to attend.



Nazareth Family Institute

Pre-Marriage Preparation and Training courses will be held in Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, D4 or Holy Family Resource Centre Kill-o-The Grange at Bakers Corner. For more information about the courses or upcoming dates for the courses please phone 01 289 6647 or email: nazarethfamilyinst@eircom.net or visit our website www.nazarethfamilyinstitute.org

Christmas Cards

In Aid of Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre are now available from Carmel (at the Back of the Church). A pack of 12 cards costs €4.00.

Recently Deceased

Margaret Gorman, Kildare Rd
Denis Brady, O'Brien Rd
Kay Hynes, Windmill PK
Frank Porter, Cherryfield Ave.

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time

May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th November 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 30th November 2008

9:00am Margaret & Patrick Tracey {Anniv}

10:00am Bridie Gorman {12th A}

11:00am Henry O'Brien {18th A}

12:00pm Marie Smith {5th A}

1:00pm Thomas McDermott {A}

7:00pm Anthony Chester Beatty {11th A} & Bobby Keogh

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 06 /12 / 08

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 07 / 12 / 08

9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am P Morrison & T O'Byrne

12.00pm Richard Tobin

1.00pm Catherine Nagle

7.00pm Ann Kilday

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.

St Vincent De Paul Clothing Appeal

The Society would like to thank the Parishioners of St Agnes Parish for their generous donations to last weekends clothing appeal.

