

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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us on

15th March 2020, 3rd Sunday of Lent



## Priests of the Parish

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## St Agnes Church Mass Times

### Weekday Masses

9.00am, 10.00 am, 7.00pm

### Saturday Vigil Mass

7.00pm

### Sunday Masses

9.30am; 11.00 am (Family);

12.30pm (Choir); 7.00pm

### Holy day Masses:-

7.00pm Vigil; 9.00am, 10.00am,

7.00pm

## Confession Times

Saturdays from 10.30am - 11.00am  
and 6.30pm - 6.50pm

Eve of First Fridays after

10.00am Mass & 6.45pm



## COFFEE DOCK

The Coffee Dock in St Agnes Parish  
Centre is open Monday to Friday  
from 10.00am-12.00 noon.

Call in any day to savour the friendly  
atmosphere, have a cuppa and some  
chat with neighbours and friends.

## Last Weekend's Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: € 2,000

Share: € 1,601

Family Offering: € 1,150

*Many thanks for your continued  
support and generosity*

## Thought for the Week

*"Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be  
conquered by love" - St Pope John Paul II*

## REFLECTION

I love visiting old wells especially if they are in a forest landscape or surrounded by shrubs, wild life and rocks. There were many close to the village where I grew up and one of the joys of our Sunday afternoon as children was walking through the vast forest and woodland that surrounded our village of Kilkea and finding one such well in the middle of the woods. It was like entering into a fairyland of mystery and adventure, watching our steps as we stepped down the rocks and forest growth to hear the sound of water. Along with other children this well became our meeting place. The pump at the top of the village was also a meeting point and often little conversations took place as we filled our buckets with water. Whenever I am close to forests, mountains, lakes, rivers, the sea, I am in heaven. Their immediate beauty lifts me to another world and I am inspired to give gratitude to God. I often sat at wells and was drawn into deep silence and reflection. I can imagine the woman in today's gospel. A man and a woman encounter each other at a well. Jesus is weary and needs refreshment. The woman too is weary from her life's experiences, burdened with shame, guilt and condemnation. Jesus uses this moment of another person's thirst to begin a conversation which leads this woman on a beautiful journey. Jesus treats her gently and kindly. She has never experienced this before. This woman was led to a moment of truth, not just about herself but about God too in the person of Jesus. Strangers encounter each other. Words are spoken. Truth is found. Love is shared. God is present. New beginnings occur. This woman goes away blessed and shares her truth of Jesus with others. She becomes a prophet of Good News having experienced God's love, mercy and hospitality in the person of Jesus and because of her story many came to this well-spring of love, grace and new life in Jesus. In this woman's searching and yearning she had not met the right person. At long last, at a well in a desert she met the right person. And what a find for her! Her present and future were changed. We may not find wells in the back garden or in the forests or in the neighbourhood but we will find this a permanent well - **Jesus** - in the Eucharist, in prayer and in one another. As we journey on in Lent, may we travel often to the well spring of new life in Jesus.

**Fr. Tony.**

## Masses for St Patrick's Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm

**There will be no 7.00pm Mass on St Patrick's Day**

**The Parish Office & Parish Centre will be closed**



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

7:00pm **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Delia Devlin 1<sup>st</sup>; George Devlin 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Medeleine Green 4<sup>th</sup>

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am **MONTHS MIND**  
Christy O'Donovan  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Joan Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Deceased members of the Madden  
Family

11:00am **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Marie Breslin 2<sup>nd</sup>; Paddy Cronin 3<sup>rd</sup>  
George Prior 5<sup>th</sup>; Anne Daly 8<sup>th</sup>  
Rose & William Bonner  
Josie & Joe Mackey

12:30pm **MONTHS MIND**  
Brian Doyle  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Diarmuid Flood 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mona Venables 4<sup>th</sup>  
Gertrude Noblett 4<sup>th</sup>; May Tynan 4<sup>th</sup>  
Simon Weafer 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Daniel Venables 37<sup>th</sup>  
William Noblett 50<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. David Boylan  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Patricia Duggan; Eileen Duggan

7.00pm **Pro Populo**

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day

9.30am Priests Intentions  
11.00am Christina O'Donnell 38<sup>th</sup>  
12.30pm Ann Keogh 12<sup>th</sup>  
Sylvester & Margaret McManagan

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm Mary McGee

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

***All Mass Intentions should be booked in  
the Parish Office no later than midday on  
the Wednesday before the Sunday Masses.***

## Our Recently Deceased



Kathleen O'Malley, Rialto  
Maureen Walsh, Dowland Road  
Bridget (Bridie) Mernagh, Moeran Road  
David Harmon, Cashel Road

*We express our deepest sympathies to their families  
at this sad time.*

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

***If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please  
contact John Green***

### Saturday, 21st March 2020

7:00pm Marie McGowan

### Sunday, 22nd March 2020

9:30am Valerie Collins

11:00am Children's Mass

12:30pm John Green

7:00pm William Elliott

### The Week Ahead...

Sunday 15th March - Saturday 21st March 2020

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 3rd Sunday of Lent    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Of the Day            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | St Patrick            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | St Cyril of Jerusalem |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | St Joseph             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Of the Day            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | St Enda               |

## Sr. Mary Colman

Sr. Mary grew up in Iveagh Gardens and at the age of 21 she entered the Holy Cross Sisters in Belfast. She spent her long missionary life a long way from home and she retired to their convent in Praetoria where she spent her final years. She was proud of her Irish roots, however her last visit home was 20 years ago. On the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday the Irish Ambassador to South Africa delivered the customary cheque.

Sr. Mary Colman died on the 7<sup>th</sup> March aged 102 and her funeral has taken place on Friday last and members of her family went out to South Africa for the funeral. ***May she rest in peace.***

Trócaire Boxes are available at all church exits, please take one home and save over the Lenten Period for a worthy cause.

# Novena of Grace

The Novena of Grace this year, conducted by Fr. John Harris, O.P. from Newbridge, was very well attended considering the fears and worries around various viruses present in our country.

Fr. Harris expresses his gratitude for your support and attendance for the Novena and appreciates the many expressions of good wishes given to him. Sincere thanks to our singers and musicians for making the masses prayerful and joyful celebrations. Thanks to our Parish Secretaries for their help with preparation for the Novena. Thanks to all our Sacristans for their commitment and co-operation. Thanks to Frs. Tom, John and Michael for their help and assistance. Finally, thanks to you, the parishioners for your presence for the Novena. Fr. Harris preached lovely, challenging homilies and guided us prayerfully, so I hope that all who attended were blessed and graced by his preaching and prayers. Thank you for your financial support to cover the various costs of the Novena. May St. Francis Xavier continue to bless us in our faith, prayer and Christian living. **Fr. Tony.**



## REMINDER REVISED CONFESSION TIMES

From Saturday 7th March, confession times will be from **10.30 – 11.00am** and **6.30 – 6.50pm.**

On eve of First Fridays, confessions will be after 10.00am mass and at 6.45pm.

(Confession is also available anytime on request.)



## The Little Book of Saint Patrick

This book, which is available in the Repository contains prayers and reflections from the writings of St. Patrick. It is both autobiographical and informative and shows the human side of a man struggling with self doubt. Price €1.50.



## PRAYER CORNER

**“Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls.”(Jesus).**



In our times of loss and grief these words are a comfort as we walk into the future and often we find strength in our prayer. This is a lovely prayer for our times of loss and grief.

**“May you rest your heartache in the compassionate arms of God each day and find comfort from this enduring love; may you welcome the tears you shed as friends of your soul, gifting you with an opening to release your pain. May disappointment, guilt, anger or any other hurts that cling to you be acknowledged and set free. My you trust the hidden part of you where your resilience resides. May you remember often the inner strength your spirit contains. May you be gentle and kind with yourself by caring well for your body, mind and spirit. May you believe in your ability to eventually heal from your loss, no matter how much loneliness or desolation you now experience. May the day come when the memories of your loved one brings you more comfort than sorrow. May you trust that love is stronger than death and draw strength from the bond that unites you with your loved one” AMEN (Sr. Joyce Rupp: OSM).**

## Enriching your Marriage

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages, time away from the busyness of life to refresh their love for one another. The next (residential) Weekends (**Fri 8 pm to Sun 4 pm**) will take place at **The International Hotel Cork from 3rd to 5th April 2020** and at the **Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 1st to 3rd May 2020.**

For information and to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or **Ph: 087-216 2436 [IRL] or 0770 281 2321 [NI].**

## CASA Church Gate Collection

CASA would like to thank the parishioners of St Agnes most sincerely for their very generous donations to their Church gate collection which raised €1,200.00.

They are a voluntary organisation established in 1981, whose goal is to develop friendship and social outlets for people with disabilities through a variety of social activities. They rely on these collections to enable them to continue their work supporting people with disabilities.

## ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line will be open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand where necessary

**Adoration & Divine Mercy Holy Hour Every Wednesday and Friday from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. All Welcome.**

# GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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SAMARITAN SYCHAR JACOB  
 JOSEPH WELL WOMAN  
 WATER DRINK JEW  
 BUCKET CATTLE HUSBAND



## The prayer of St Patrick for his people:

May the Strength of God guide us.  
 May the Power of God preserve us.  
 May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
 May the Hand of God protect us.  
 May the Way of God direct us.  
 May the Shield of God defend us.  
 May the Angels of God guard us.  
 Against the snares of the evil one.  
 May Christ be with us!  
 May Christ be before us!  
 May Christ be in us,  
 Christ be over all!  
 May your Grace, Lord, Always be ours,  
 This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.



Christ Our Light - Towards Easter 2020  
 Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA presents *The Sunday Reading Lent Programme* in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, every Wednesday during Lent at 11:15am.

A CHORAL CONCERT  
 CONTEMPORARY & CLASSICAL FAVOURITES

**HABEMUS  
 CHAMBER  
 CHOIR**

**WHEN?**  
 SUNDAY MARCH 29TH  
 7.30PM

**WHERE?**  
 ST. ANNE'S CHURCH,  
 SHANKILL

**ADMISSION?**  
 TICKET €10. AVAILABLE  
 ON THE DOOR

IN AID OF THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN  
 CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

## Discussion in St Agnes' Parish Centre

Would you like to join our Discussion on the Topic of "LOURDES" on Tuesday, 19th March at 7.45pm in St Agnes Parish Centre. Spiritual Director present All are welcome, please bring a friend. Light Refreshments served at interval. Organised by the Legion of Mary. Crumlin.



## New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week.

Saint Patrick really existed. Two Latin works, still surviving, can definitely be attributed to Patrick's own authorship. Composed in Latin, in the fifth century, and preserved in manuscripts dating from the 800's onwards, these are the oldest extant texts written in Ireland. One of these documents is his Confessio or "Confession", which is a testimony to Patrick's personal faith and trust in God, to whom he attributes the entire success of his mission in Ireland. This short document, in a very accessible and accurate English translation by Pádraig McCarthy, can be read at:

[www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

