



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
Fr. J. Foster Ph. 4650714
Fr. P. Coffey Ph. 4650707
Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

Recently Deceased
*Martha Smith, Kildare Rd.
We express our deepest sympathies to
her family at this time.
May She Rest in Peace. Amen.*

**St Agnes' Parish
Child Protection contact number:
087 3155305**

**Family Offering: €2,455
Share: €2,527**
Many thanks for your continued
support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The ways of the Lord are not easy, but we were not Created for an easy life, but for great things for goodness". -- Pope Benedict.

Encouragement.

The great French painter Henri Matisse died in 1954 at the age of 86. In the last years of his life arthritis crippled and deformed his hands making it extremely difficult for him to hold the paint brush-yet he continued to paint, placing a bandage between his fingers to prevent the brush from slipping. One day someone asked him why he pushed his body to such suffering; why he continued to paint despite the great physical pain this entailed. Matisse replied- "The pain passes, but the beauty remains". In a similar way the pain to which Jesus submitted in his Passion would pass, but the beauty of what he did remains forever. 'Nothing is costly to one who doesn't count the cost' could be a motto of encouragement to us in our own suffering and pain. It is the message of the Passion and the Resurrection of Christ.

Anonymous.

Special Collection.

The Share Collection will be replaced by a Special Collection for students for the priesthood at all Masses this weekend.

You are asked to be generous.

The Facts:

1. Approximately 650 priests hold appointments in the Diocese from the Archbishop of Dublin.
2. At present, the Diocese has 14 seminarians. Most are studying at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. One student is at the Irish College in Rome.
3. There is one student for Ordination in the Diocese this year.
4. The majority of our students for the Diocese are in their late twenties or thirties, and have given up careers to study for the priesthood.

St Agnes Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage.

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 7-12 Sept. Five nights full board accommodation costs €665 per person sharing. A deposit of €200 per person will secure a place. Please contact the Parish Office.

Final Call.

Just to remind parishioners to return their Easter Dues which help to support the priests of the Parish. In addition, we are anxious to close off on the Trocaire Boxes and so we are making the middle of the month the closing date for the return of these boxes. So if you have a box at home please send them in right away to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

The Theatre Royal Remembered.

Walkinstown Library Wed. 9th May @ 7.0pm.
Bill Golding will give a vivid account of his memories.
All Welcome and its FREE.

Greenhills Variety Group.

Present
'Thoroughly Modern Millie' at The Civic Theatre
Tues. May 8th - Sat. May 12th. Tickets €18. Ph. 01 462 7477.

Do you use the meals on wheels service?

If so, we would be interested in talking to you.

Trinity College, Dublin, on behalf of the National Council on Ageing & Older People is examining Meals-on-Wheels throughout Ireland to see if the best service possible is being provided and how it might be improved in the future. We would like to talk to people who receive meals on wheels to find out their view on the service. **As a small gesture of thanks for taking part, a shopping voucher to the value of €10 will be given to each participant.** We are not associated with any meals on wheels organisations and everything that is said remains confidential. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Ciara O'Dwyer, Research Fellow, SPARC, TCD ph 01 896 3363.

Are You Giving.

The Family Offering Boxes have been distributed. If you do not have a box and would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Parish, especially for the upkeep of our Church, please request a box from the Parish Office. Alternatively you may ask for a Standing Order Form if you have a Bank Account.

Pilgrimage to Knock.

The Salesian Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 19th May. A coach will depart from the Church at 8am. The cost is €20. Bring a packed lunch. You may book with Carmel at the back of the Church.

Our Sympathy.

Our Parishioners offer our sympathy to our Parish Priest and his family on the death of his brother, Jim, who died during the week after a short illness.
May he rest in peace.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.

Following the promotion of the Society two weeks ago, we wish to thank all those who responded to our invitation to attend The Special Meeting of St. Agnes' Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. This meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday next 8th May @ 7.45pm.

As we commence 'A Year of Prayer for Vocations', we renew our invitation to you to attend our Special Meeting and participate in the purposes of the Society: praying for vocations and helping to support students studying for Priesthood. Do please COME, LISTEN and HEAR.
May God Bless our Efforts.

Items to be included in the Newsletter should be left in the Parish Office no later than noon on the Wednesday before each weekend in the week of publication

Dublin Childminders Conference.

'Valuing Childminding'

Sat. 12th May, 9.30 am-4.30pm.

Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley.

Keynote Speaker.

Dr. Jean Whyte, Children's Research Centre, T.C.D.

Afternoon Workshops

Cost : Free & Lunch Provided.

To reserve a place please contact Liz Butler, Childminding Advisor@8825174.

GARDA BAND MUSICAL EVENING
Under The Direction of Inspector Pat Kenny
WILL BE HELD IN
PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Limekiln Lane (off Whitehall Road West) Dublin 12
ON
THURSDAY, 10TH MAY
Commencing @ 8.00 p.m. SHARP
IN AID OF
The Alzheimers Day Care Centre, Drimnagh
AND
The Laura Lynn Hospice for Children
TICKETS - €10
Ph. 4562373/4515527
Please Give These Two Worthy Causes Your Generous Support
Please Bring Own Refreshments If Desired



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.

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.

A New Hymn of Praise.

Response 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)

Hail Queen of Heaven

1. Hail Queen of heav'n, the ocean star, guide of the wand'rer here below: Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care Save us from peril and from woe. Mother of Christ, star of the sea, Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.
2. O gentle, chaste and spotless maid, We sinners make our prayers to thee: Remind thy Son that He has paid the price of our iniquity. Virgin most pure, star of the sea, Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

