



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

A writers group will be starting soon in the Parish. For more details please phone 450 3849 or 455 9382

Family Offering: €2,540
Share: €2,391
 Many thanks for your support

Thought for the Week

"With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable"
 Anonymous

Our Parish Council—Update

As a Parish Council which is more than half way through it's term, we don't have an impressive long list of 'hits', 'changes or initiatives' to report. We ourselves are conscious that it takes time but we are getting there. We have looked at the important input from the Parish assembly, we have reflected on our role as a parish council and we have invited speakers to inform us on topics which we feel are important for the parish. Some parish council members have become more involved in parish activities and have availed of training courses. We have had many meetings during which we prayed for and discussed the parish's needs. We have with prayer and discernment advised on topics which affect the parish today and moving forward.

We have been building on our relationships with the parish community from which we are drawn and within the Parish Council. There is always more work to be done on relationship building!

"The laity should develop the habit of working in the parish in close union with their priests, of bringing before the ecclesial community their own problems, world problems, and questions regarding humanity's salvation, to examine them together and solve them by general discussion. According to their abilities the laity ought to co-operate in all the apostolic and missionary enterprises of their ecclesial family" - Vatican II on the laity.

We have identified an urgent need for evangelisation within our parish, particularly among younger members of the parish. We have a sub committee which is examining options in this critical area and we have invited help from Catholic Youth Care who have many years of experience. We accept the need to be more welcoming to people who come to our parish as new parishioners. We have appointed a Child Protection Representative for the parish, training has taken place and we are moving to put appropriate child protection procedure in place. We have met with other parishes who are going through the same learning process as ourselves.

We have identified also the need to get more people involved in running and ministering within our parish, it is clear to all that the numbers of Ordained ministers are dwindling in our diocese and we parishioners need to take on the work of the parish in order to allow the priests do their ministerial work. By our baptism we are a "Priestly" people, we are called and commanded to involve ourselves in the work of building the Kingdom. The parish council cannot and should not try to do it all. The parish council is a consultative body of parishioners which is trying to help the parish realise our mission statement. We need input and offers of help. This is a call to parishioners to come forward and get involved, ask what can I do? There are initiatives which could be tried now given enough commitment and pairs of hands. Read the notices and bulletins and volunteer. I call especially on younger people to come forward and tell us what it is that our parish should do to cater for their needs? Tell someone from the parish council, or one of the priests, or make a call, or send a letter or an email. A list of members of the council is on the Church notice board.

Why not begin by joining some of us for Prayer around the Cross each Friday of Lent from 7:45pm to 8:30pm in the Parish centre.

Ask not what your parish council can do for you but what can you do for your parish!

Ger Bailey—Parish Council

Church Shop.

We now have St. Patrick's Day Cards and Easter Mass Bouquets in stock.

Trocaire Boxes.

Trocaire Boxes are available at the Church and from Reception in the Parish Centre.

Recently Deceased

Agnes o'Reilly, Dowland Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to her family at this time.

May She Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 10th March 2007

7:00pm Thomas, Elizabeth & Helen Brady {A}

Sunday 11th March 2007

9:00am Linda Brennan {A}
10:00am Margaret Kennedy {A}
11:00am Patrick & Kathleen Mooney
12:00pm Denis & Marie Flanagan{A}
1:00pm Vincent Gough {A}
7:00pm Joseph Cullen {A}

Please Pray for Christopher Ratigan {50th Anniversary}

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

St Agnes Parish

Readers Roster for Saturday 17 / 03 / 07

7.00pm R Rooney & J Cleary

Sunday 18 / 03 / 07

9.00am Vera Brennan
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am M Finnegan
12.00pm M McManus
1.00pm Liam Buckley
7.00pm Olan Twomey

Spare Copies of Prayers of the Faithful are available in the Sacristy.

Please note the next readers meeting will be held on Tues 27 Mar 2007 @ 7.30pm. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those helping to fold the newsletters

Eucharistic Ministers.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 13th March at 8pm.
 Veronica McDermott.

ST PATRICK'S DAY



This coming Saturday we celebrate the Feast of our National Patron. It is always a happy occasion for Irish people at home and abroad. May you enjoy the day especially as a family. Please do not drown the shamrock and drive and perhaps bring tragedy to your own home or to some other family.



Masses for the Feast begin with the Vigil Mass at 7:00pm on Friday. Masses on St Patrick's Day are at the same times as Sunday—9, 10, 11, 12 noon and 1pm.

However the evening Mass on the Feast is the Vigil Mass for the Sunday. It is at the usual time of 7:00pm.

Monday 19th March is a Bank holiday. It is also the Feast of St Joseph. There will be two Masses only at 9am and 10am. The Parish Office and Centre will be closed on that day.

Novena of Grace.

This years Novena continues over the weekend and concludes on Monday 12th March with the solemn closing by Fr Bernard McGuckian S.J. at 7:00pm Mass followed by Benediction

Lenten Evening

Prayer Around The Cross
Every Friday in Lent in the Parish Centre from 7:45pm - 8:30pm.

Citizen Information Service



A branch of this service to the community has now opened in the Slade Room of the Parish Centre. There will be somebody in the Office each Monday and Tuesday morning from 9:45am to 12:30pm. This service is free and confidential

Recently Baptised

Taylor Murray Rice
 Alex Jack Meehan



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

St Josephs Young Priests Society

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th March in the Parish Centre at 7:45pm. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood
New Members Are Welcome

EMMAUS WORKSHOPS

EMMAUS retreat and conference centre, Swords, is holding a number of workshops over the next few weeks. The first is on March 14th from 8.00pm to 9.30pm and is entitled "Journey through Lent" For more information, please contact Emmaus on 870 0050 or email info@emmauscentre.ie

St Patrick's Night Adult Dance
Saturday 17th March

Perrystown/Manor Estate Community Centre, Limekiln Lane
Music by GOOD TIMES
Dancing 9-12.30am



Subscription €8
Enquiries/Tickets Ph 456 2373
Also payable at door.
Please bring your own refreshments and wear something green

Prayer: A thought for the Season

Time is the enemy of prayer. Or to be more accurate, lack of time is the enemy of prayer. The problem is twofold and reflects two extremes. At one extreme many believe that to pray properly they need to devote hours and hours to it. At the opposite extreme are those who believe that one's whole life is a prayer and therefore there is no need to carve out special time. The truth is that we do need to dedicate some time to prayer, but it is not necessary for it to be a long time. The reality is that time is precious and hard to find, but it is possible to set aside 10-15 minutes each day to pray, particularly during Lent. Close the door on your busy life and use this time to be still before God, examining your life before him. Time spent alone with God is very precious and you will find you will be richly blessed.



God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee

Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now detest them, Never will I sin again

2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the cross of Calvary; to that cross my sins have nailed him, yet he bleeds and dies for me. **Refrain**

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.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign, in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye

Christ be near at either hand

1. Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind before me stand, Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around, above, below.

2. Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart, Christ abide and ne'er depart.

3. Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day, Christ be my unchanging friend, Guide and shepherd to the end

