



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Priests of the Parish

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
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Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

Family Offering: €2,631

Crosscare: €5,753

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Gerard McDonnell, Cashel Rd
Bill Fitzgerald, Stanaway Ct
Frank Coyne, Rockfield Ave
Joseph Brohoon, Cashel Ave
Elizabeth O'Reilly, St Mary's Drive
Ann Louise Ring, St Teresa's Rd
Olan Twomey, Raphoe Rd
Molly Clarke, O'Dwyer Rd.

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 22nd September 2007

7:00pm Thomas & Helena Lawlor {A}

Sunday 23rd September 2007

9:00am Bridget & Jack Hynes {A}

10:00am Patrick Cox {A}

11:00am Kathleen Higgins {A}

12:00pm Mairead & John Canning {A}

1:00pm Hanna O'Callaghan {A}

7:00pm Michael Reilly {1st A}

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

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for

Saturday 29 / 09 / 07

7.00pm A Ryan & P Scully

Sunday 30 / 09 / 07

9.00am Vera Brennan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am M Finnegan

12.00pm Pat Corrigan

1.00pm Liam Buckley

7.00pm John Green

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.

Next meeting 2nd October @ 7:30pm

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

Thought for the Week

"Christ still speaks to those who will take time to listen."
Anonymous..

Mother of the Needy

India, roughly as extensive as Western Europe has 28 states, 22 official languages and it's population covers 83% Hindus, 12% Muslims, 2.3% Christians and Sikhs, Jains, Parsis, Buddhists, Jews in smaller percentages. But one factor that binds the various religions of India to Christians is the figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thousands of devotees from these religions visit Marian Shrines to invoke her blessings especially the Basilica of our Lady of Health in a little town of Vailankanni, in the state of Tamil Nadu, a night's journey from the southernmost tip of India on it's east coast.



Our Lady of Good Health

The apparition at Vailankanni occurred in the 16th Century when a physically challenged son of a poor widow sees a vision of a Lady of peerless grace with the Divine Child in her arms asking for a cup of yogurt which he sat everyday to sell under a tree. The Lady directs the boy to ask for a chapel to be built on the spot of her apparition. The boy runs buoyantly completely healed. A thatched chapel is built and Our Lady is

called "Our Lady of Good Health". Then in the 17th century, a Portuguese merchant vessel, is caught in a storm in the Bay of Bengal. The sailors pray to Mary, making a vow to build her a chapel wherever they would reach safely. Their ship reaches the shore of Vailankanni where they transform the thatched chapel into a beautiful one. Today there stands a beautiful Basilica and Vailankanni is fondly called the "Lourdes of the East".



The Basilica

What inspired me in my first visit to Lourdes in France (which marks the 150th year of the apparitions next year) was the sight of the sick and helpless given a pride of place, and my mind raced back to Vailankanni which I visited ten years ago to invoke Mary's blessing on a sick relative. This year from the Dublin Diocese, close to 700 young people offered themselves to care for the sick at Lourdes. The sick, the needy, the young, the old, people of whatever faith or no faith, Mother Mary draws them all. It's as if those who are easily forgotten by us are uppermost in her mind.

Fr Darryl

CROSSCARE

The Annual Collection was taken up last weekend. However a number of people may wish to send in a donation who were unable to do so last week. Donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Crosscare" or given to one of the priests or to Angela or Carmel.

SICK PILGRIMS

The Director of the Dublin Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Fr John Gilligan has written to thank our Parishioners for their contribution of €817 to help send over 200 pilgrims to Lourdes this year. Two of the sick pilgrims this year were from St Agnes' Parish

SFO Area Meeting

The SFO meeting takes place on **Mon 24th September** in the Columban Sisters Oratory (back of Fr Kitt court) from 3.00 to 4.00 pm. Lectio Divina—Divine Office and prayers of intercession before the Blessed Sacrament

All Are Welcome

MANY THANKS

Dublin has expanded greatly in the past fifty years. Looking at the list of new parishes around the perimeter of the city, very few of them celebrate the Forty Hours Adoration. Sadly many of them open their Churches only for Mass on weekdays and Sundays—a sign of the times where Churches have to be protected in this way.



Last weekend we celebrated the 40 Hours in St Agnes and it was good to see so many Parishioners and visitors visiting the Church especially on Monday. Even on Sunday afternoon during the All Ireland there were 10—15 people present.

May I thank all who attended and showed their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Our gratitude to all who organised the occasion and promoted the Forty Hours, especially our Liturgy Group. Thanks also to those who donated flowers and candles, to Angela, Carmel and our Parish Choir.

May we remind our Parishioners that adoration continues in the Oratory which is at the top right hand corner of the Church. The hours are: Monday and Tuesday from 11am to 7pm and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 4pm. If you would have an hour to spare each week give your name to one of the committee or leave your name in the Sacristy and the time that would suit you.

Fr John PP

Shared Mass

As already announced from the beginning of October, the 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings will be a shared Mass. All the names called out at that Mass will be included in that Celebration of Mass. You book as usual through the Parish Office. This is to satisfy the demand for weekend Mass intentions. The remaining Masses may be booked in the usual way.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Your editor welcomes notice of good things happening in the Parish—successes and achievements. If you have good news to share, please let us know. "Church" jokes are also welcome as are items of general news. We do not take advertisements.



Sing Praise to our Creator

1. Sing praise to our creator, O sons of Adams Race God's children by adoption, baptized into His grace Praise the Holy Trinity, undivided unity; Holy God, Mighty God, God Immortal, be adored
2. To Jesus Christ give glory, God's co-eternal Son; As members of His Body, we live in Him as one Praise the Holy Trinity, undivided unity, Holy God. Mighty God, God Immortal be adored.

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.



FAMILY MASS RESUMES

Susan Kinsella and her team are resuming practice for the 10am Family Mass on this coming Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. They will sing at the 10am Mass on Next Sunday 30th September.

If parents wish to enrol their children in the Family Mass Group, please come along next Wednesday from practice at 6pm in the Parish Centre or approach Susan at the 10am Mass on any Sunday Morning. New children of all ages are very welcome.

Bro. John who has played the organ for many years has moved from Crumlin to a new appointment. We wish to thank him for his generous service to the Family Mass Group over the years. Are there any new musicians out there who would like to lend a hand? Contact Susan if you know of anyone who might be approached. We know there is talent out there so please offer to help or suggest someone who might be asked.

EXPANDING THE SERVICE

The Citizens Information Service is by way of a pilot scheme, expanding their service to the community to daily opening from 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday in the Slade Room of the Parish Centre. This arrangement continues until mid October, when it will be reviewed.

Stay with us Lord

- (R) Stay with us Lord we pray you Alleluia
1. You are the bread come down from heaven. You are the food of life eternal. (R)
 2. You are the light which illumines the world. Brightening our way, dispelling our darkness. (R)
 3. You are the Christ the divine Son of God. You are the pledge of life eternal. (R)

Sweet Heart of Jesus

1. Sweet heart of Jesus, Fount of love and mercy, Today we come, thy blessing to implore; O touch our hearts, So cold and so ungrateful, And make them Lord, Thine own for evermore.
R. Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore, O make us love thee more and more.
2. Sweet heart of Jesus, make us pure and gentle, and teach us how to do thy blessed will; to follow close the print of thy dear footsteps, and when we fall—sweet heart, oh, love us still.