



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
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Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

Recently Deceased

Maureen Butler, Cherryfield Ave.
Brigid Conroy, Dowland Rd
Joan Boxwell, Cashel Rd.
Shay Cahill, Dangan Ave
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Do the Women's Mini Marathon in Aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital 4th June 2007.
Sponsor Card & T-Shirt Paddy Brennan 087 631 7702

Family Offering: €2,830

Share: €2,508

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"An unexamined life is not worth living."
Aristotle, the Greek Philosopher

The Annunciation of Our Lord

The Feast of the Annunciation goes back to the 4th or 5th century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God has decided that the second person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke tells us, the decision is being realised. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonising death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"

Mary had an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. As Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity. She is the virgin mother who fulfils in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God.

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us. Please note that because the feast occurs on a Sunday this year, it is transferred to Monday, 26th March.

Date for Your Diary.

As is usual we will be celebrating the Annual Mass for those marking their Marriage Jubilees this year on the second Sunday after Easter which this year occurs on Sunday 22nd April. The Mass will be at 12 Noon.
More about this Celebration later.

St. Agnes Parish 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 Mary in the Parish Office.

SFO Area Meeting

The SFO meeting takes place on Mon 26th March 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

Introducing a Shared Mass.

In order to satisfy the demand for Weekend Mass Intentions, beginning Sunday 7th October, the 7.00pm Saturday evening will be a shared Mass each weekend.

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

As part of the diocesan programme to implement child protection policies and Procedures, St Agnes parish has appointed a child protection representative. Diocesan training has taken place and together with the parish council a policy statement and guidelines for our parish have been adopted. The policy and contact phone numbers are posted in the church and parish centre. This and further information will be posted on the parish web site at www.crumlinparish.ie . – Parish council.

St Agnes' Parish Child Protection Policy Statement

The parish of St Agnes values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development.

The parish recognizes the dignity, diversity and rights of all children and is committed to their protection and support.

The parish undertakes to do all in its power to create a safe environment for children and young people in order to ensure their protection and enable their full participation in parish activities.

The Parish of St Agnes is committed to protecting the rights and integrity of all children. Any person who has concerns regarding the suspected Emotional, Physical or Sexual abuse of a child should contact one or all of the following;

The parish child protection representative: 087 3155305
Diocesan director of child protection: 8842590
cps@dublindiocese.ie
Crumlin Garda station: 6666200
Health Services Executive (HSE) – Local Office: 4154739/8

The parish child protection representative will be available to discuss the issue and pass on the details to the diocesan director of child protection.

COMING YOUR WAY

We hope to distribute full details of our Holy Week and Easter Arrangements over the next week or so together with the Easter Dues envelopes. We ask for your help with the distribution. Many thanks for your help in advance

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dean Gibbons of Balfe Ave., Crumlin on his recent success in Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars. Dean appears as Sticks and is the only Irish Star in the cast. You can watch the movie on BBC 1 on Sunday evening March 25th at 4.30pm. Well done to you, Dean and to the Gibbons family. We are very proud of you.

Prayer for the Feast of the Annunciation

Come, my Lord, I feel your presence. I am filled with Your breath, Your heartbeat, Your pulse. I am warmed, enlivened by Your movement within my being. You have wrapped me in the cloak of Your love, made Your breath my breath, Your peace my peace. I am at once serene and anxious, quiet and raucous, still and trembling. Nurture me with Your Word. I hunger to be consumed by Your prayer for me. Take my hand, give me Yours, take my heart fold it into Yours. And treasure it, and nurture it, and breathe new life into it. That I might be born into Your life, that I might live Your Incarnation.

Edward Farrell

Eucharistic Adoration.

The Committee Meeting will be held on March 26th at 6.20pm



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



THANK YOU

A big thank you to those helping to fold the newsletters. Please feel free to bring a copy of the Newsletter home with you.

Lenten Evening

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