



# 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. Coffey Ph. 4650707  
Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

### Recently Deceased

Alice Murphy, Captain's Rd  
Patrick Dignam, Windmill Ave  
Luke Brennan, Commeragh Rd  
Catherine Byrne, Windmill Lodge

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

We would be grateful if you could please either Turn Off your Mobile Phone or set it to 'Silent' when entering the Church.



### Sunday Mass Collections

Family Offering: €2,601  
SHARE: €2,577

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

### Thought for the Week

"Tears have never fed a child; pity has never healed a wound. Unless words become deeds, unless dreams are lived, they are mere deceptions."  
Doctor Mike Meegan

### Political Correctness

For the past two years or so, O'Connell St has been disrupted with all the work needed to landscape the main street in our capital city. It is good to see it looking so well and congratulations to the city fathers and all involved in the project.

One little feature disappeared, and that was the statue of the Sacred Heart in the centre of the street opposite the Gresham Hotel. I am delighted that the shrine has reappeared again. It was Dublin Taxi men's place of devotion and I am sure they petitioned for it's return.

With such cultural diversity in Ireland nowadays, it is good to see that we treasure our past and the faith that is part of that past. The Sacred Heart statue in O'Connell Street is an expression of this.

I was saddened last year when I heard that the Christmas Crib in St James's Hospital (or was it Beaumont Hospital?) was set up for the Annual Christmas Carol Service and then removed. This was said to be out of respect for those of other religions and those with none. In this age of Political Correctness, are we in denial that we are a Christian country with centuries of tradition behind us?

Recently the Crucifix that graced what was the girls technical school on Crumlin Road for 60 years was removed. This was the last sign of a religious presence in what is now an adult learning centre. Why was it removed from the entrance hall? I wonder was it for the same reason. I am happy to tell you that the crucifix has now been erected in the Coffee Dock of our new Parish Centre. Look out for it there.

Let us be proud of our Christian Past and treasure the symbols and the visuals that hopefully will continue to speak to us into the future. Have we got a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart, a Christmas Crib and a crucifix in our family home?

Father John

### Eucharistic Adoration

It is lovely to see so many parishioners coming to pray in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Keep it up. We still need some more who will commit themselves to a Holy Hour [ or half hour ] at a specific time each week. Then Jesus would never be left alone.

### KWCD PARTNERSHIP & CRUMLIN & DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

This is the last and final Wednesday talk in the Parish Centre.

The topic is Stress and Burnout by Dr Doreen O'Rourke

Come and join us and give us your view

### REMINDER

Thank you again, all those who volunteered to staff our Reception and Coffee Dock on a volunteer basis. Lists are available for collection at Reception.

Many thanks to Colette Brennan for taking on the role of co-ordinator

### The End Of An Era

This weekend the final public Mass is being celebrated at 11am in our Mass centre in St. Damian's school. I would like on behalf of the priests of the Parish to thank all who helped in setting up the centre each week and all who have taken part in the Liturgy in any way. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated and I would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to you all this Sunday.

Some elderly people would be grateful for a drive to Sunday Mass is St. Agnes. If you have a car please offer them a lift. Mass times in St. Agnes are on Saturday at 7pm (Vigil) & Sundays at 9, 10, 11,12,1pm and 7pm. On Holydays of obligation to hear Mass except Christmas day & St. Patrick's day. Masses are at 7pm (Vigil),8,9,10,11,12 (No 1pm Mass) and 7pm.



### S.F.O.Area Meeting

Takes place Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3-4pm  
Columban Sisters Convent [ Oratory ]  
Back of Fr. Kitt Court.  
Lecto Divina-Divine Office Prayers of  
Intercession before the Blessed  
Sacrament.  
All Are Welcome

### Retreat

All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are invited to attend a retreat in the Cherith Centre, Carmelite Monastery, Firhouse Road on Sunday 10th December 2006 at 3pm. The retreat will last for approx 3 hours. There is no charge and people are asked to make their own way there. Please leave your name in the Sacristy before 3rd December if you are planning to attend.

### CHORAL CHRISTMAS

Milltown Parish Chamber Choir have launched a Christmas CD, 'A Choral Christmas', which includes a variety of seasonal hymns and carols. Cost €10 and is on sale at Milltown Parish Centre, National Concert Hall Shop, Veritas, Cathedral Books and Easons

### ISANDS

Christmas Service of Remembrance will be held in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis St, Dublin 8 on Sunday 3rd December at 7:30pm  
All are welcome

### St Agnes Parish Readers Roster for

Saturday 02 / 12 / 06

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday 03 / 12 / 06

9.00am Richard McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm Pat Condon

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

Please note the next readers meeting will be held on Wed 6th Dec @ 7.30pm. If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green or the Sacristy

### Sponsor a Light

In memory of a loved one ON THE

LIGHT UP A LIFE CHRISTMAS TREE AT

Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross

On Sunday 3rd December 4pm. Call 1850 66 06 06 for Candles, Sponsored lights and Christmas cards in aid of Our Lady's Hospice & Blackrock Hospice.

### Christmas Cards

A great selection of Christmas Cards are available from Carmel at the back of the Church. Funds are in aid of the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre. Pack of 10—only €3

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 25th November 2006

7:00pm Margaret & Patrick Treacy {Anniv.}

Sunday 26th November 2006

9:00am Phyllis O'Driscoll {A}

10:00am William O'Toole & Family RIP

11:00am Marie Smith {3<sup>rd</sup> A}

12:00pm Thomas Kavanagh {3<sup>rd</sup> A}

1:00pm Bridget (Bridie) Gorman {A}

7:00pm Mary & Charlie Cusack {A}

#### ST DAMIAN'S MASS CENTRE

11:00am Hugh, Mary, Manus & Hughie Brogan RIP

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

### Did You Know?

The answer to last weeks teaser - Can you name the seven Parish Priests of Crumlin Parish since it's foundation in 1941?

1. Archdeacon Daniel Hickey
2. Canon Gerard Goff
3. Richard McNeven (transferred to Sandymount)
4. George Henry
5. James McNamee
6. Canon Sean Kitt (the longest serving Parish Priest with 20 Years)
7. John Deasy

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the residents of St Michael's House for helping to fold the newsletters



### 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.

### 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 the 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.

### The Lord's my Shepherd

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie, In pastures green, he leadeth me The quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.



3. Goodness and mercy all my life, Shall surely follow me; And in God's house for evermore, My dwelling place shall be.

### Hail Redeemer King Divine

1. Hail! Redeemer, King divine ! Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine, King whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace.

R. Angels, saints and nations sing: Praised be Jesus Christ our King Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary.

2. Eucharistic king, what love, Draws thee daily from above, Clad in signs of bread and wine, Feed us, lead us, keep us thine R.

3. King whose name creation thrills, Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills, Till in peace each nation rings, With thy praises, King of kings.