



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Thought for the Week

"Do not walk through life without leaving worthy evidence of your passage."

Pope John XXIII

OUR MISSION

On our first day in the Holy Land we drove to the Mount of Olives. From here we could enjoy a splendid panoramic view of Old and New Jerusalem. Our guide came into his own as he expounded and unravelled the sights in front of us. Our Spiritual Director very ably situated and steeped us in Scripture. Cameras clicked and photographs were taken in abundance. After satisfying ourselves and with a gentle nudge we would now go from the general to the particular. We boarded our bus to continue our Pilgrim way. One of the places among the many we visited that day was the Dome of the Ascension. This chapel is a small domed octagonal building on top of the Mount of Olives, marking the traditional spot where Jesus ascended into Heaven. It was here that Jesus departed from his disciples having being with them since the crucifixion on Good Friday. On the Feast of the Ascension every year, the different Christian sects hold their ceremonies in this chapel.

We celebrated today the Ascension of Jesus Christ. Having completed his mission on earth our Lord makes a triumphant return to His Father in Heaven and enters His glory. Our Lord went up to Heaven, not to abandon us, but to be our hope. We have all ascended in promise at least, that Christ is the head of the body of which we are the members. "Where he has gone, we hope to follow". Living his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time, but now he is re-united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere. Jesus had preached the Gospel only to Israel. But now he commissioned the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations. It was a daunting task, but he promised that he would send them the Holy Spirit. "I'll be with you always; yes to the end of time"

The first Christians knew that Jesus was still with them, even if not in the same way as before. In the meantime he was relying on them and now on us to make sure that the Gospel was preached and lived. Ascension Day then is the day in which the church celebrates the mission it received from Jesus to spread the Good News. Pray for all those who by the example of their lives proclaim the Good News. Thank God for them

Sr Margaret

Festival of the Peoples

Each year those from abroad who have come to make their home in Ireland are invited to the celebration of The Eucharist at St Mary's Pro Cathedral. This year the Gathering will take place on Saturday May 18th at 6.00pm-the Vigil of Pentecost. A Massed choir from many different countries will join with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group to lead the music on the day with songs in many languages and traditions.

People from other countries who would like to be a part of this Massed Choir of the Peoples are invited to one practise in Clonliffe College on Monday May 13th at 8.00pm. Let others know this Celebration of Pentecost is taking place on Saturday May 18th.

World Communications Day

It seems only yesterday when we communicated with family and friends by lifting the phone, or we put pen to paper and popped a letter in the post. How rapidly communications have changed with advances in technology. The land line has given way to the mobile, and text messages and e-mail have replaced the posted letter. Even more recently we have seen the growth in what is called 'Social Media' with the coming of Facebook and Twitter.

These advances have been of great benefit to the world, but they can be abused as we have seen especially in the growth of bullying among young people.

World Communications Day is celebrated on this Sunday and has its origins in the Second Vatican Council and has been celebrated each year since 1967 on the Sunday before Pentecost which occurs this weekend.

Let us endeavour to use the modern means of communication wisely to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to keep on contact with family & friends *Fr John*

Congratulations to all the boys and girls of Scoil Cholm and St Agnes School on the occasion of their First Holy Communion. May they come frequently to the altar to receive Jesus in the company of their parents and family

ARC Cancer Support Centre has two Centres in Dublin, 65 Eccles St & 559 South Circular Rd They are seeking volunteers to help manage 'drop-in centres'. They mainly require 'floating' volunteers who can fill in while others are on holidays/sick leave. Volunteers are also needed who might commit to one day a week for a certain period of time. The role involves: answering the door/phone. Greet clients and make them feel welcome. Make tea/coffee. Listen, chat and be supportive. Talk through the services available in ARC Cancer Support Centre. Prepare treatment rooms for classes. Ensure the 'drop-in' area is tidy and stocked with refreshments. Training is provided. Are you interested in volunteering to provide this valuable service? Please contact Jane Ketterer on 7830 7333 or by email to jane@arccancersupport.ie

JESUIT RETREAT CENTRE, Milltown Park, Dublin 6 ONE DAY RETREAT FOR MEN Directed by Fr. Laurence Murphy, S.J On Sunday May 19th from 10:30 am to 6:30pm (Registration and Coffee from 10am) Applications or enquiries, please to: John Callaghan 01 837 0778, or Des726@hotmail.com The offering for the day is €30. This covers morning coffee/lunch/evening meal. Early booking is advisable. Buses are 11; 11a & 44

A Pub Quiz will take place on Friday 17th May at 8.30pm in Frehills, St Agnes Pk., as a fundraiser for St Agnes Violin Project. Entry Fee is €5 and there will be Spot Prizes. Please support this Unique School Music Project

Come here till I tell Ya!.....stories, memories and poems from Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre. With foreword by Dermot Bolger. Kindly supported by Dublin City Council Arts Office, Dermot Bolger & Brian McElroy, Crumlin Village. €10 available from Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre, Lorcan O'Toole Court, off Kimmage Road West, Dublin 12. Also available in the Sacristy .



Hail Queen of Heaven

- Hail Queen of heaven, the ocean star, Guide of the wand'r'er her below, Thrown on life's scourge, we claim thy care, Save us from peril and from woe. Mother of Christ star of the sea, Pray for the wand'r'er pray for me.
- O gentle, chaste as spotless maid, We sinners make our prayers through 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

Queen of the May

- Bring flow'rs of the rarest bring blossoms the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and dale; Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling, the praise of the loveliest flow'r of the vale.

Refrain: O Mary we crown thee with

blossoms today Queen of the angels and queen of the May. O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the angels and queens of the May.
2. Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee. O, grant that thy children on earth be as true, as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers As long as the azure shall keep its bring hue. Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Veni Creator

- Come O creator spirit blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest, Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid, to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
- Great Paraclete to thee we cry, O highest gift of God most high, O fount of life O fire of love, And sweet anointing from above.

Vacancy for Parish Secretary The Parish of St. John the Baptist Blackrock is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one year, fixed term part-time basis. The role involves providing an administrative service to the Parish including payroll, accounts and administration. Letters of application with enclosed curriculum vitae should be received, no later than, Monday 20th May 2013. Applications to Very Rev. John Delany Adm. 24, Barclay Court, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Full details on diocesan website or from the parish office 01 2882104

Vacancy for Parish Sacristan The Parish of St Pius X, Templeogue, is currently recruiting a Parish Sacristan. This role is offered initially on a one year fixed term part time basis. The role is to provide a high level of support to the Parish Priest and Parish Team in preparing the church for liturgical celebrations two days a week. Applications should be made to Ms. Ashling Keane, HR Department, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3, enclosing an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae and cover letter no later than 5pm Monday 27th May 2013. Full details on diocesan website.

Legion of Mary

Discussion on "Mary Mediatrix of all Graces" on Monday 13th May @ 8pm in the Parish Centre. Spiritual Director present and Light Refreshments Served **All Welcome**

Family Offering Weekly Envelopes - If you have not received your new box yet please call into the parish office during the week to advise. New contributors are always welcome - if you would like to contribute by way of weekly envelope or monthly standing order, please call to the parish office to arrange.

St Agnes Liturgy Group - next meeting Monday 13th May in the Parish Centre at 8.0pm

Gifts of bread and wine

- Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we offered, Fruits of labour, fruits of love, Taken offered, sanctified, Blessed and broken; words of love who dies.

Refrain: Take my body, take my saving blood. Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

- Christ our saviour, living presence here, as he promised while on earth: 'I am with you for all time, I am with you in this bread and wine.'



Recently Deceased
*Christine McGee, Ex Cashel Rd
Christina McMahon, Captain's Rd
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

Readers Roster

Saturday, May 18th 2013

7.00pm Ciaran Heavey

Sunday, May 19th 2013

9.30am Jeanine Chalmers

11.00am T O'Byrne

{Family Mass}

12.30pm Richard Tobin

7.00pm Marie Donoghue

If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green.

REMEMBERING

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. It would seem that we celebrate what should be a sad occasion for the disciples of Jesus. In one sense they have lost their friend but it is a day of joy and hope as they bring the message of Jesus to the world. They believe that all will be well because Christ will always be with them.

As we remember this feast today and the events surrounding it, may we go forth to bring the Good News of joy and hope to our world, especially in this time of recession for so many families in Ireland

The Church Gate Collection this weekend is in aid of "Friends of St Luke's Hospital" - This charity is a vital source of support in the development of the St Luke's Radiation Oncology Network

FRIENDS OF HOPE

Banish the recession blues by enjoying an evening of music with the "Friends of Hope" choir, soloists and Orchestra. The concert is produced by well known local musician, Damian Gallagher, and is on Sunday 19th May, 8.30pm in St Mary's Priory Tallaght. Price €10

Bread of Life Prayer Group, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors Walk John Delaney will speak on Monday 13th May@ 8pm. All Welcome