



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Family Offering: €2,240

Share: €2,860

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"Their eyes were opened and they recognised Him" - Luke Chapter 24

A God of Compassion

A boy who was misbehaving in class was sent by his teacher to the headmaster. Having listened intently to the lad's version of events, the headmaster took out a blank book, wrote down the lad's name in it, observing as he did so "You have not been sent to me before this. Now I don't know who you are, possibly you are a good lad for I know even good lads with great possibilities sometimes make mistakes".

Now I'll just make a note in pencil that you were sent to me today and I'll also give the reason why you were sent. Note carefully, I'm writing in pencil and am not leaning heavily on it as I write. If you are not sent to me again this year I will erase this entry from my book and nobody will ever know about it. At these words the boy's eyes brightened up and lost their look of apprehension—his face broke in to a broad smile. They parted as friends without resentment or acrimony and especially with hope for the future.

At the beginning of Mass we ask God who is full of compassion and rich in mercy to pardon our wayward steps. St. Paul refers to the Risen Saviour as pleading for us with his Heavenly Father and showing His sacred wounds. 'Compassion' Jean Vannier says is a word of great beauty: it means suffering with, putting ourselves in the other person's place and acting accordingly. God is a God of compassion, able to empathise with us in our sufferings having been through the dark valley of suffering Himself.

Compassion is full of meaning. It means sharing the same pain. Sharing the same suffering. Sharing the same agony and loneliness.

Accepting in to my heart the misery in yours your pain calls out to me: it touches my heart: it awakens a response and I become one with you in your pain. I may not be able to remove your pain but by trying to understand it and share it I make it possible to bear it in a way that enhances your dignity and allows you to grow.

Fr. Brewster.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages

The Annual Pilgrimage Season begins on June 1st. If you have never taken part in a pilgrimage before why not this year?

St. Oliver Plunkett's Group run three pilgrimages during the season and welcome new and old faces to join them.

Advanced booking is required in order to join the Express Coach which departs on three weekends.

For More Details Contact The Pilgrimage Office. PH. 086 385 3027.

The Letters of St. Paul.

To celebrate the year of St. Paul, Manresa, the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Dollymount, will host seven evening talks on the life of St. Paul and on his letters.

These talks will examine the issues and problems which prompted these letters and will give an overview of Paul's theology.

Talks will take place from 8.00pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday evenings, 22 and 29 April; 6, 13, 20 and 27 May; and 3 June. No advance booking is required and contributions are discretionary.

Speaker: Fr. Brendan Comerford, S.J.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 7th - 12th September. It will be led by Fr. Michael. The cost, including coach to and from Dublin Airport is €725. Booking has now opened at the Parish Office.



Good Marriages Should be Celebrated.



A number of our married couples are celebrating special wedding anniversaries this year, 2009. To mark their Jubilees, We invite you and your families to join us at a celebration during 12noon Mass on Sunday next 26th April.

We hope you can be with us for the occasion. In order to know who will be attending please notify Mary in the Parish Office [Phone 455 0955] as soon as possible but No later than Friday next 24th April

You do not require to have been married in St. Agnes Church or to be from the Parish to attend.

Trocaire.

Now that Lent is over please return your Trocaire boxes to the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Many thanks for your support for the poor of the Third World.



Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his praise to sing? Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise the everlasting King
2. Praise him for his grace and favour, To our fathers in distress: Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us: Well our feeble frame he knows: In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Widely as his mercy flows

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 his 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 Bereavement Counselling Service invites you to an Open Day on 'Coping With Loss in the Recession'

on Saturday 25th April 2009 from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. at The Joly Theatre, Hamilton Building, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

- 10.00a.m. Welcome and Introduction - Maurice Higgins, BCS Chairperson
- 10.15a.m. Resilience in Transition—Liam McCarthy, Bereavement Counsellor, Personal Counselling Institute
- 11.30a.m. Travelling Through Loss - James Lynch, BCS Bereavement Counsellor
- 12.15p.m. Discussion with BCS Counsellors.

For further information call 01 8391766 or email: bereavement@eircom.net or visit www.bereavementireland.com **ADMISSION is FREE**

Flora Mini Marathon

Play your part and take part this year to raise funds for the National Children's Hospital Tallaght



The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght are calling on all ladies to 'Do it for the Kids' and run, jog or walk this year's Women's Mini Marathon on Monday, 1st June 2009

Register online at www.thenationalchildrenshospital.ie/minimarathon to receive your free fund raising pack Or call 01-4142375 or email marathon@thenationalchildrenshospital.ie

Kimmage Manor Summer Project 2009 (6th - 17th July 2009)

Crocodile Club: - Ages 5 - 7 Yrs
Ages 7 - 15 Yrs

Registration takes place in Kimmage Manor Parish

Hall. On Thursday April 23rd from 7pm to 8.30pm.

€12 per child- €15 per family.



Take part in this year's Hospice Challenges In aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross & Blackrock Hospice

Switzerland Walk 16th - 22nd Aug

Women's Mini Marathon 1st June
Please call 1850 660 606 for more information

Recently Baptised

Aaron Thomas Moloney
Ellie May June Doyle
Rian Andreas O'Faich
Calvin Desmond Michael Reynolds
Calum Laurence Hynes-Johnson
Darragh Michael Patrick Hurley
We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.



Easter Dues.

The dues at Christmas and Easter are an important source of income to the Priests of the Parish. We would ask you to send in your Easter dues as soon as possible. Spare envelopes are available at the Church exits. **Thank you in anticipation.**

A Memorial Service for Parents.

Whose babies have died within the last year, before or around the time of birth will be held in the

Church of Our Lady of Dolours Dolphin's Barn

On Sunday 26th April @ 3.00pm.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Coombe Women and infants University Hospital.



Recently Deceased

James (Jim) Lawlor, Beechfield Close
John Russell, St Mary's Pk
Matthew Carroll, Hillsbrook Ave

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th April 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 19th April 2009

9:00am Marion Griffin {12th A}

10:00am Betty Joyce {2nd A}

11:00am Mary Gerard & Marie Howard {A}

12:00pm Seamus Billane {A}

1:00pm Patrick Mahon {A} & Joan Mahon {In Memory}

7:00pm Jimmy McCann {A}

May Their Souls and the Souls of All The Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 25/04/09

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 26/04/09

9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am P Morrison & T O'Byrne

12.00pm Richard Tobin

1.00pm Catherine Nagle

7.00pm Anne Kilday

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

St. Padre Pio

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st April 2009.

Rosary 6.45pm; Mass 7.00pm.

Followed by Benediction and Blessing. **All are Welcome.**



Church Gate Collection

This week's Church Gate Collection is in aid of AWARE, which helps people to overcome depression. Please be as generous as possible