



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

Family Offering: €2,446
Share: €2,788
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Mary Langron, Lorcan O'Toole Ct
Thomas Carey, Lorcan O'Toole Ct
John Joseph Moloney, Drimnagh Rd
Michael Maguire, Derry Pk

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th April 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 20th April 2008

9:00am Marion Griffin {11th A}
10:00am Betty Joyce {1st A}
11:00am Patrick Mooney Jnr.
12:00pm Mary & Matthew Keogh {A}
1:00pm Patrick Mahon {A} and
Joan Mahon RIP
7:00pm Seamus Billane {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 26 / 04 / 08

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 27 / 04 / 08

9.00am V McDermott
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am Pat Morrison
12.00pm Richard Tobin
1.00pm Catherine Nagle
7.00pm Anne Kilday

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

Collection For Students.

The Annual Church Collection for
students for the Priesthood in the
Diocese will be held at all Masses
this weekend. It will replace the
Share and you are asked to be
generous as possible.

Thought for the Week
"Humility doesn't mean thinking less of yourself; it just means thinking of yourself less"
Bob Goss

Facing the Future with Cancer

Last weekend the writer Nuala O'Faolain spoke on radio to Marian Finucane about her terminal illness, an illness which has left her in despair. The news received much coverage in the print media also.

Nuala told Marian that she did not believe in an afterlife or God. For her it is a dark and difficult time and perhaps our parishioners can keep her in their prayers.

It would appear an appropriate time that I should receive for publication on the previous Thursday an item on the same issue from a parishioner. I know our readers will find it helpful if they themselves have had cancer and face the future with some uncertainty. Our anonymous parishioner entitles her contribution "The Gift of Prayer"

Fr John PP

The Gift of Prayer

To be told you have cancer can be frightening but with modern medicine, the fear is not as severe as in previous times. Since being diagnosed with cancer, I have met many patients in hospital and people in convalescent homes who are recovering from operations to remove cancerous tumours. What I noticed about all these people was their faith in God. It was something we all had in common—we prayed.

While in a convalescent home, I had a conversation with another lady in which we both exchanged details of our operations. I had explained that my cancer had been removed completely and there was no further treatment required. Her response was "The Lord has more work for you to do". Even though I have the faith myself, I was surprised at her quick response and her open admission of her faith. This lady was due to have chemotherapy.

Prayer is powerful but I call it a gift as so many people nowadays (young and old) do not seem to pray and, frankly, they are missing out! I am glad that I have the gift of prayer and I would like to think that others will also be blessed with this gift.

To this day, I say my morning prayers—sometimes in bed, sometimes at breakfast, sometimes on the drive to work. I offer up my efforts during the day for someone/anyone. When I put my head on the pillow at night, I pray for myself and my family.

To turn to God in times of trouble is a great consolation but to have Him with you always is a wonderful way to live your life.

**NAOMI—Billings Ireland
PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES 2008
Thinking of Getting Married?**
Venue: 11 Marlborough Court, Dublin 1
Ph: 878 6156; Fax 878 8158
Email: inforequest@naomi.ie
Web: www.irishweddingsonline.com

**TROCAIRE Boxes
may be returned
to the Sacristy or
the Parish Office**

Lourdes 2008

*This special year being the
150th Anniversary of the
Apparitions*



**St. Agnes's Parish Pilgrimage to
Lourdes**

6th July - 11th July 2008

Price €675 pps staying at Jeanne
D'Arc Hotel and Includes
Insurance, Taxes, Coach transfers
to and from the Airport

Early Booking is Advisable

Celebrating Marriages



This year our annual celebration for those celebrating their Marriage Jubilees will be held at a new time of year. We have moved from the usual post Easter occasion to Sunday the 8th June at the 12:00noon Mass. We especially welcome those Celebrating Diamond, Golden, Ruby, Pearl and Silver Wedding Anniversaries in 2008.

You and your families will be very welcome to the celebration. You will be welcomed along even if your partner has died. In order to let us know how many are attending, please notify the Parish Office at 4555368 as soon as possible.

Easter Dues

We are most grateful to all who have kindly sent in their Dues. They may be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Spare envelopes are available in the Church.

Questions people ask

Q. Every now and then I think I have a vocation from God to be a priest. What should I do about it

A. Talk about it to a priest, preferably one who knows you, and pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Every diocese and religious order organises Vocation Days to help people to discern their calling. A vocation to priesthood is a grace given to an individual for the service of the church-community. Basic requirements of a genuine vocation to priesthood would include a desire to commit one's life to God and the service of people, a sound faith, regular Mass attendance and prayer, the ability to co-operate with others and being willing to obey authority.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn, courtesy of Intercom

Time Out!

Wondering about your vocation in life? Come to our weekend of information and reflection: Blackrock, Dublin; Saturday 26th April @ 11am—Sunday 27th April @ 2pm. Meals and accommodation provided. Contact Br Andrew at 01-2300824 or prescall@eircom.net or visit www.presentationbrothers.com

A Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your church help in the work of tomorrow.

Confirmations

On Friday and Saturday 11th & 12th April, over one hundred children from our Parish Schools received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Fiachra O'Ceallaigh administered the Sacrament. Our congratulations to all the children. It was disappointing after so much effort by our teachers, that so few turned up for Mass on the Sunday. Did the Holy Spirit come in one door and go out the other? On Friday next 25th April a small number of children from Scoil Eoin will make their Confirmation in St Agnes @ 11.30am



Recently Baptised

Sophie Catherine Collins
Callum Mark Rankin
Olivia Catherine Bateman
Jamie Mark Byrne
Joseph James Rafferty
Aodhán Terry Carr
Leah Sheila Rickard-Menton
Jack Alan Dunne



We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who helped last weekend with the Renewal for Eucharistic Adoration. It was a great success. Look out for your name on the new register in the coming weeks



Mary Help of Christians

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 24th April @ 7.30pm in the Salesian Oratory.
All are Welcome



1. 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



3. A new Hymn of Praise

- R.** A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
1. This is the day the Lord has made; Ransom for sin his life he gave **R.**
 2. To save us he was crucified, Raising our hearts when hope had died. **R.**
 3. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, We receive back, his life divine **R.**
 4. So live within us, make us one; Stay with us Lord, till life is done. **R.**



4. Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing

1. Let the earth rejoice and sing, alleluia, At the triumph of our King, alleluia, He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia, Reigns now at our Father's right, alleluia.
2. Jesus victor, hear our prayer, alleluia, In thy triumph let us share alleluia, Lift our minds and hearts above, alleluia, Strengthen all men in thy love, alleluia