



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Priests of the Parish

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Family Offering: €2,470
Share: €2,694
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Joe McKnight, Windmill Park,
Leo Casey, John McCormack Ave
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time
May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

Thought for the Week

"Our true worth is what we are worth in the eyes of God" - Thomas A Kempis

A Disturbing Killing

The death of Aidan O'Kane last weekend in East Wall is disturbing and alarming. For Aidan's son, aged 25, the loss of his mother two years ago and now the violent killing of his father in the shadow of Christmas is a personal tragedy.

The people of East Wall must feel deeply hurt. They have a wonderful spirit in their community as priests who have served in the Parish testify. I know that the Parish Community will rally round and this sad event will bring people closer together.

What is disturbing is that this gang of youngsters has been causing hassle in the area and intimidating people many of whom are elderly. In a tight community many know who these young people are, but through fear feel unable to report them either to their families or to the Gardai. The price of challenging such a gang cost one man his life.

What is alarming is that a child believed to be aged 15 acquired a gun, from what source we do not know, and used it to take the life of a man.

It is good to hear that parents have been helpful and hopefully the source of this gun will be discovered.

For all of us the question must be asked are we loosing our sense of good and evil. The 5th Commandment says "Thou shalt not kill". That Commandment has not changed, but our respect for all human life has declined steeply since my youth, where murder was a rare event. We must re-establish our sense of right and wrong and our respect for the Law of God.

I am sure some of the parents in this incident did not know their children were keeping such bad company and they are horrified at what has happened.

Do you know who your teenage son or daughter is in company with when they leave your home today?

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th December 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 14th December 2008

9:00am Mary Donovan {A}

10:00am Breda & Arthur O'Doherty
Brigid & Michael Ebbs {A}

11:00am Kathleen Smyth {6thA}

12:00pm Jack Doyle (Boxer) {30thA}

1:00pm James & Elizabeth O'Leary
& their son Seamus {A}

7:00pm Edward McDonald {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 20 / 12 / 08

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday 21 / 12 / 08

9.00am Vera Brennan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F Healy & M Kennedy

12.00pm Pat Corrigan

1.00pm Liam Buckley

7.00pm Helina O'Reilly

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend 13th & 14th December. It will replace the normal Share Collection.

Please be as generous as you can

ADVANCE NOTICE

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

The Christmas Penitential Service with Confessions will take place this year on Tuesday 23rd December at 7.30pm. Grace is in the air and it is a great opportunity to make our Peace with God

There will also be Confessions on Christmas Eve from 10:15am—1.00pm; 3.00pm—5.00pm and 6.00pm to 7:00pm.



Carol Concert

Our Family Mass Group welcome all our parishioners to join them for their

Annual Carol Concert and Nativity Play in St Agnes Church on this **Sunday**

afternoon at 4.00pm. Please do come along.



Thank You—We would like to thank the volunteers from St Michael's House who regularly help with folding the Newsletter.



Parish Pastoral Council

Our outgoing council has its final meeting on Thursday evening last.



Our new Council is in the process of being set up and will meet for the first time in the New Year.

I wish to thank those who have shown interest in becoming members of the new council. There are challenging times ahead and I look forward to working together with the new Council to help build a vibrant and caring Parish here in St Agnes.

Fr John

St. Padre Pio

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th December 2008. Rosary 6.45pm, Mass 7.00pm. Followed by Benediction and Blessing.

All are Welcome

S. F. O. Area Meeting

Takes place Monday 15th December in Oratory of Columban Convent [back of Fr. Kitt Court] 3-4pm. Lectio Divina. Divine Office. Prayers of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament. [Third Order Franciscans.]

All are Welcome to attend

Christmas Cards

In Aid of Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre are now available from Carmel (at the Back of the Church). A pack of 12 cards costs €4.00.



Christmas Youth Retreat



A retreat for 16-35 Year olds will take place in Newbridge College, Co Kildare from 19th to 21st December. There will be inspiring talks, workshops, music and prayer.

You have to bring your own sleeping bag and pillow and there are free buses available. For more information contact Youth 2000 office on 01 675 3690 or visit www.youth2000.ie

Training for Success

This is a one year course for people with epilepsy that is run in IT Sligo. Learn Practical Skills and Self Confidence with Progression and Qualification on offer. No Leaving certificate is required and there is a payment of €303.00 per week with Medical Services and Campus Accommodation available. Entry is by interview, please call for more information on 071 9155303

Annual Mass for the Deceased

Photographs from the Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners are ready for collection in the Parish Office. The opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9.45am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to 4.45pm



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 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.

2. 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



3. Sweet Sacrament Divine

1. Sweet Sacrament Divine, hid in thy earthly home, lo Round thy lonely shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise, Sweet Sacrament Divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of Peace, dear home of every heart, were restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart, there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery, Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

4. O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, to free your captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel, to you shall come Emmanuel.

2. O Royal branch of Jesse's tree, Redeem us all from tyranny; from pain of hell your people free, and over death win victory **Refrain**

Parish Book Shop—Why not get Mass Bouquets, Rosaries etc and little presents for the children here, before and after all Masses. The staff of the Parish Shop wish you all a Happy Christmas