



**ST AGNES' PARISH  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
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**Family Offering: €1,570**  
**SVP: €19,430**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

**The Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

wish to thank you for your kind generosity even in a time of recession.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air" - W.T. Ellis

**MARY'S SUNDAY**

What words would you use to describe Mary? Words like Ordinary, teenager, confused, and scared probably aren't at the top of your list. But when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to bring her the news that she would give birth to the Son of God, she was all of those things !!

Have you ever thought about how difficult Mary's situation must have been? Can you imagine how nervous she must have been trying to explain to her parents and to Joseph that she was pregnant? Can you imagine the gossip she must have faced from her peers and her parents' friends? Who would have believed anything she said? Then there were the worries Mary must have had about the baby himself: how would he turn out? Would he be accepted or despised? What kind of mother would she be?

Many of our traditional Christmas carols describe the birth of Christ and the events leading up to it as peaceful and serene, like a fairy tale. Think of the comforting words of "Silent Night" or "Away in a Manger". But the events leading up to the birth of Christ were anything but peaceful, and the night Jesus was born was anything but silent! Think about the reality of Mary's journey; a long donkey ride to Bethlehem at nearly nine months pregnant, ready to give birth but going from place to place only to be turned away, giving birth in a dirty barn with animals all around, delivering a child some already wanted dead.

The profound simplicity of Mary's faith is a model for all God's people. Despite Mary's surprise when the angel Gabriel visited her, despite the fact that she was young, despite her uncertainty about the future, despite the fact that giving birth to Jesus would be anything but easy, she said yes. We have much to learn from Mary about true discipleship. She new the struggles and challenges of life; she faced them head-on. Although none of us will be faced with Mary's situation, there are many ways we can say "Yes" to God each day. This week reflect on the simple ways you can "Yes" to the ways God is calling you.  
*Sr. Margaret.*

**Spirit of Advent.**

Enter into the Spirit of Advent with Gráinne Prior's Gospel Reflection Group, Monday 19th after 10.00am Mass in the Liffey Room, in the Parish Centre **or**

Fr Michael Kelly's Gospel Reflection Group who will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre from 22nd November to 20th December 2011.

**A GOAL MILE** event will take place on Christmas morning at the running track in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Sundrive Road to raise funds for the third world charity. Races will be staged at 10:30, 10:50, 11:15 and 11:40.

Sponsorship cards are available from Tony McDermott at 086 832 7450.



**Many thanks to all volunteers who braved the very cold weather to distribute the leaflets and calendars to all the homes in the Parish**

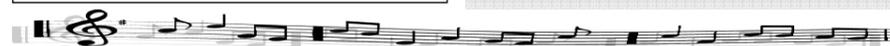
PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE  
SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**  
IN  
PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LIMEKILN LANE

**SATURDAY, 31ST DECEMBER**  
Music By **THE GOOD TIMES**

DANCING FROM 9.00 P.M. TILL 1.00 A.M.  
TICKETS / ENQS. - PH. 4562373 / 087 9939248  
TICKETS - €12 - ALSO PAYABLE @ DOOR  
Please Bring Own Refreshments

This Weekend's Church Gate collection is in aid of The Crumlin Community Youth Band. Please be as generous as possible in supporting your local band



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

**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



**Christmas week Messiah**

A magical rendition of Handel's Messiah will be performed by The Palestrina Choir, Bach singers, St Mary's Pro Cathedral Girls Choir and the orchestra of Saint Cecilia in St Mary's Pro Cathedral on Tuesday 20th December at 8.00pm.

Tickets for this festive highlight are €20 and are available at the Pro Cathedral shop or can be purchased at the door.



**Recently Baptised**

Noah Shane Mullen  
Conor Ian Doyle  
Clodagh Nancy McLoughlin  
Sinead Jacqueline Doyle  
Colleen Ann O'Flaherty



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

**Advent Prayer.**

Lord Jesus come into our fears, Come into our anxieties, Come into our failures, Come into our divisions, Come into our grieving, Come into our loneliness, Come into our darkness, Come into our doubting, Come into our despair, Come into our dying, Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

**Questions people ask**

**Q. The religious meaning of Christmas seems to mean less to me every passing year. Any suggestions on how I can rediscover the religious excitement of my younger years?**

**A.** Do you have a crib at home? Read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke and like Mary ponder on these things in your heart. Take time to reflect on the Angelus, or at least the Hail Mary, this week. Attend a Carol service. Bring Christmas cheer to somebody who needs it. Be moderate in spending and do not overindulge in eating and drinking. Each day welcome Jesus into your life and your home. Bring Christ back into Christmas.

*Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

Please remember to Turn your Mobile Phone off or to Silent when inside the Church



**Carol service in St Mary's Pro Cathedral**

The annual Christmas carol service in St Mary's Pro Cathedral will be held on Sunday 18th December at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**St. Padre Pio**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th December 2011.** Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm. Please note that Benediction will not take place this month. **All Welcome.**



**CHRISTMAS CARDS.-**

Once again Christmas Cards in aid of our own Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre are available from Carmel at the back of the Church or from the Parish Office. Great Variety and still Fantastic Value: Packet of 12—only €4 (same as last two years!)



**Church Art Calendar 2012 are on sale at the back of the Church**

**Recently Deceased**

Anthony Byrne, Kells Road  
Christina Mooney, Crotty Ave.  
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 17th 2011**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday, December 18th 2011**

9:00am Michael Clarke {A}

10:00am Michael & Dolly Lee

11:00am Esther Walsh

12:00pm Jack Doyle {A}

1:00pm Teresa & James Clancy and Teresa O'Neill

7:00pm Margaret Quinn & The Kearney Family

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

**St Agnes Parish Readers Roster**

**Saturday, December 24th 2011**

7.00pm Ciaran Heavey

9.00 John Green

**Sunday, December 25th 2011**

9.00am Nuala Talbot

10.00am T O'Byrne

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Catherine Nagle

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Mass Group**

The Family Mass Group has resumed and meets on Wednesdays evenings in the Parish Centre from 6.00pm to 7.00pm – New Members Welcome.

The group will sing at the 11.00am Sunday Mass.

**THANK YOU**

We would like to express our gratitude to the Staff and Clients of St Michael's House for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter

