



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: €1,411

Share: €1,768

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater their power to harm us"

Prayer During Lent in Preparation for Easter.

The theme of the International Eucharistic Congress due to be held in Dublin later in the year is: The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another. It is also the Lenten Theme that we have chosen in the parish for 2012. The Eucharistic Congress is intended to make manifest 'the central place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in her mission.' The Sunday Eucharist gathers Christians together as God's family round the table of the Word and the Bread of life. It is the privileged place where communion is ceaselessly proclaimed and nurtured. As a Eucharistic community we are acutely aware of the need to constantly deepen and renew our relationship with Christ and with one another.

There is a long tradition in the Catholic Church of seeing Lent as a time for repentance and renewal. In keeping with this tradition, the Parish Team is putting together a Lenten Programme designed to spiritually refresh and renew each one of us as we journey towards Easter. A number of different activities will take place in the parish. The Novena of Grace which has a long tradition in the parish will be led by the Augustinian Fathers and will offer parishioners an opportunity to participate in an intense period of prayer for their own needs and the needs of the wider community and world. Father Michael will hold a series of Scripture Reflections on Tuesday evenings. These will offer an opportunity for participants to encounter Christ in his Word. Gráinne Prior, (Parish Pastoral Worker) will hold her morning scripture reflections also.

A new venture called a Neighbourhood Retreat will be introduced in the parish beginning on Ash Wednesday. These Neighbourhood retreats have become popular throughout the country and to a great extent are replacing the traditional parish retreats. They are based on Ignatian Spirituality, are specifically designed for small groups of lay people, (10 – 14) and are run by lay people. They are suitable for everybody. The aim of such retreats is to help people understand the Gospels and to pray them in their own homes for fifteen minutes each day during lent. The retreat offers an introduction to Scripture and to different ways of praying. In our busy lives, they help us to slow down, to listen and to pray. They are for those who want to be able to use and understand the Word of God (the Bible) in their daily lives and who want a fuller life and relationship with God.

The retreat will take place in the Parish Centre beginning on Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm and will continue every Wednesday evening throughout Lent. Further details can be obtained from Sister Lucy O'Sullivan RSC. Tel. 087.6569179 or from Andrew Fanthom 086.3257413.

Fr Paul

Recently Deceased

William Savage, Lismore Rd.
Richard(Sonny) Doyle, Cherryfield Ave
Brigid Lambert, John McCormack Ave
Agnes Heary, Stanaway Ave
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4th 2012

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, February 5th 2012

9:30am Edward Finnegan (A)

11:00am Shared Mass

12:30pm William O'Toole {32nd A}

7:00pm Kathleen Brohoon {9th A}

Please also remember in your prayers William & Elizabeth Manning whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**St Agnes Parish
Readers Roster**

Saturday, February 11th 2012

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday, February 12th 2012

9.30am Vera Brennan

11.00am M Finnegan & K Kennedy

12.30pm L Buckley & C Nagle

7.00pm Pat Corrigan

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

Coffee Dock.

The Coffee Dock in St. Agnes Parish Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, call in any day to savour the friendly atmosphere.

Everyone is welcome.

Disability Mainstream Access Project DMAP

Spaces open for Integrated Gardening Group. Venue: Pearse College Allotments, Crumlin.

We are presently organising an integrated gardening group. This group, which will be facilitated weekly by a gardening expert, is open to young and old, able bodied and disabled people alike. All you need is a warm set of clothes and a good pair of gloves. While the Gardening group isn't due to begin the seeding process in earnest until April, work will begin clearing two raised beds at Pearse College Allotments. If you are interested in joining in, at any stage, please contact us. Numbers for this initiative are limited. If you like further information, please contact us at

4059819/0851016633 or alternatively by email: dmap@dublin.ie

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9th February after 10.00am Mass in the Camac Room in the Parish Centre.



All Are Welcome

Family Offering.

Your new Family Offering box will be distributed shortly. We thank you for your continued support to the Family Offering.

Anyone not contributing and who would like to do so on a regular basis, please leave your details in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Renew that sparkle in your Marriage

You are married and love each other dearly; but do you sometimes wonder if the sparkle may have lost some of its lustre? Marriage Encounter is a residential weekend experience with a difference. It helps spouses rediscover the joys of communicating at a deeper more intimate level and thereby enrich their mutual understanding and love. It can benefit couples be they a few or many years married.

For dates, details, costs, bookings and lots more info. visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone (01) 832 4429 or 845 3517.

The Crosscare Inaugural Conference Action for Justice 2012-

There has been great interest in our recent invitation to The Crosscare Inaugural Conference taking place on Tuesday 28th February. As places are limited, please let us know as soon as possible if you or a parish representative would like to attend. RSVP by February 3rd to olivia@crosscare.ie.



Christ be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. .

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **R.**

Lord Accept the Gifts we offer

1. Lord, accept the gifts we offer, at this Eucharistic feast; Bread and wine to be transformed now, Through the action of thy priest. Take us too Lord and transform us, Be thy grace in us increased

2. May our souls be pure and spotless, As this host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out, Like the grape that forms the wine, As we, too, become partakers. In this sacrifice divine.

World Day of the Sick:

The Diocesan celebration of the 20th World Day of the Sick will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Mourne Road, Drimnagh **this Sunday 5th Feb at 3pm.** Archbishop Martin will be the main celebrant at Mass which will include a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to attend especially those who are sick or housebound and their families and carers. Extensive parking will be available in the school grounds on Sperrin Road, beside the church. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Feast of our Lady of Lourdes.

The Feast occurs on Saturday next 11th February.

Our Lady appeared on a number of occasions at the Grotto to St. Bernadette in the year 1858. She was asked by people to ask the Lady who she was and Mary replied "I am the Immaculate Conception". Lourdes brings together the greatest number of Pilgrims anywhere in the world and in particular the sick have a special place there. Pope John Paul II declared the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes as World day for the Sick.



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Please join us as we continue our journey towards the **50th International Eucharistic Congress** with prayer and reflection in St Agnes Parish Centre on Saturday 18th February @ 8.00pm, followed by some refreshments

Save the date.

Rehearsals are well underway now for the four performances of **OKLAHOMA!** in St Agnes' Primary School Hall on Sat March 24th, 3pm and 7:30pm and Sun March 25th, 3pm and 7:30pm. All tickets will be €6. Seats will be numbered by rows, so advance booking will be worth it! Tickets will be on sale from 1st March.

Ring the date on the calendar to enjoy a wonderful show on stage in the heart of Crumlin directed by Eimear O'Grady with a live orchestra. It's going to be amazing - please tell all your friends!

The Annual Collection for ACCORD.

This is the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses next weekend 11th & 12th of February 2012.

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual SHARE collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage preparation courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, Marital Sexual Therapy, A Relationship & Sexuality Programme in Schools.

Catholic Papers are available after all weekend Masses at the back of the church.

