



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: €2,328
Sahre: €2,600
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"The call of Lent is the call to be free"
Anon

Love in The Air

Next Thursday is St Valentines Day. Thousands of cards, tons of chocolate and acres of red roses will be exchanged all over the country as yet one more day is exploited to the full by card manufacturing companies and others. As the cash registers ring, it is hard not to feel a little bit cynical about it all. And yet behind all the hype and fuss maybe there is really something to celebrate.

In his first official letter *Deus Caritas Est, God is Love*, Pope Benedict writes about the Christian idea of love. In it he points out that we use the word love in many different ways - we speak of love of family, friends, country, love between parents and children, love of neighbour and love of God. He then goes on to suggest that the type of love that he describes as "neither planned nor willed", what we might call the 'falling in love' that is celebrated on St Valentines Day "would seem to be the very epitome of love; all other kinds of love immediately seem to fade in comparison".

And it is true that for many people the experience of falling in love, and the feeling of being loved by another, is a very vivid and often defining experience in their lives. It opens them up to the challenges and risks of being in a relationship with another person. As Pope Benedict points out it is also a relationship which if it is to grow involves understanding, generosity and a willingness to make another person the centre of one's concern. We need, as it were to be able to move beyond the St Valentines Day moment. In the meantime, in spite of all the hype and commercialization, we should also celebrate it and the part of the human condition it commemorates.

M. O'S.

Trocaire Boxes

This year's theme for Lent is the effect of CLIMATE CHANGE on the poorest people of the World. They are the victims of water shortage on one side and floods on the other. Trocaire is helping to make a difference through various schemes.

You can help by taking a Trocaire box during Lent. They are available at the Church doors.

Please take one.

HOUSE BOUND

IF A PARENT OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS HOUSEBOUND BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR INFIRMITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE SO AS TO ARRANGE FOR A PRIEST OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO CALL SO AS TO BRING HOLY COMMUNION ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE OFFICE NUMBER IS 455 5368

DIOCESAN GUIDEBOOK 2008

Copies of the Guidebook have now been delivered from the publishers. The Guidebook is full of information about the Diocese and all its Parishes. Copies are now available in the Sacristy at € 12 each. Those who have ordered copies will be notified

February Saint

• *Our Lady of Lourdes* •
11th February

On 11th February 1858—150 years ago this year—Our Blessed Mother appeared to a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. Bernadette was collecting firewood by the River Gave outside Lourdes when she saw a mysterious beautiful woman in a grotto. Over a period of time she saw the same apparition on eighteen different occasions. On the third occasion she began to speak with Bernadette and asked her to pray for the conversion of sinners, to wash in the spring water nearby, and to tell the priests that they must build a special chapel on that spot. Bernadette asked her various times who she was and at last she replied "I am the Immaculate Conception".

Initially nobody would believe Bernadette and she suffered greatly because of the apparitions. But gradually word spread and Lourdes has since become the most famous shrine to Our Lady in the world. Many sick have also been healed there.

FURTHER EDUCATION

They say you should never give up on learning. We have received notice of adult education courses from three nearby colleges where you might enquire further



- ◆ **Crumlin College of Further Education**
- ◆ **Pearse College of Further Education**
- ◆ **St Kevin's College of Education.**

Lourdes 2008.

This special year being the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions



St. Agnes' 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

HALF TERM

This is the opportunity for families to bond together. With Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion and also Confirmation in the offing it is a time for parents and grandparents to be involved in the preparation of our young people so that they realise these are important occasions for the family. Preparation is not a school event. The home, school and Parish should work together. You are part of the team and Mid-Term break provides the opportunity within family life to learn and pray together.

Fr John PP

The Irish Catholic

We wish to advise you that the price of The Irish Catholic newspaper has increased to €1.20 from this week's issue.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting takes place on **Tues 12th February** in the Parish Centre @ 7:45pm
All Are Welcome.

Bread of Life Prayer Group

Mass for healing with guest speaker Eddie Stones in the Blesses Sacrament Chapel, 20 Bachelor's Walk on Monday 11th February at 8pm. All Welcome.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED IN MANOR ESTATE/PERRYSTOWN

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Board's Mobile Team will be at Perrystown/Manor Estate Community Centre, Limekiln Lane on Sunday 17th February from 12pm to 4pm Please come along and donate a pint of blood

PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

ADULTS VALENTINE DANCE

PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMEKILN LANE

SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 2008

Music By **The VIC MELLOWS Band**

DANCING - 9 TO 12.30 A.M.

SUBSCRIPTION - €8

TICKETS/ENQUIRIES - PH. 4562373

Also Payable At Door

Please Bring Own Refreshments



1. God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee
Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now detest them, Never will I sin again

2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the cross of Calvary; to that cross my sins have nailed him, yet he bleeds and dies for me. **Refrain**

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. Soul of My Saviour

1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me ye waters streaming from his side.

2. Strength and protection may his passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign, in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye

4. Holy Mary Full of Grace

1. When creation was begun, God had chosen you to be, Mother of his blessed son, Holy Mary full of Grace
Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

2. When creation was restored, You were there beside the Lord, Whom you cherished and adored, Holy Mary Full of grace. **Refrain**

Recently Deceased

Patrick Maloney, Bunting Rd.
Mary O'Connor, Rockmeade Ct
Phyllis Gildea, Raphoe Rd

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th February 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 10th February 2008

9:00am
10:00am Laurence Plunkett {A}
11:00am Christopher Collins {A}
12:00pm William O'Toole {A}
1:00pm Francis (Frank) Gorman {A}
7:00pm Dollie Allen {A}

Please Pray For: John Cummins
May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday 16 / 02 / 08

7.00pm Alan Ryan

Sunday 17 / 02 / 08

9.00am Vera Brennan
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am M Finnegan
12.00pm Pat Corrigan
1.00pm Liam Buckley
7.00pm John Green

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.

Reminder

If you are not contributing to the Family Offering by Box of Envelopes or Standing Order, Please complete the Green Forms at the back of the Church and return as soon as possible.

We will be pleased to provide you With a Box of Envelopes or a Standing Order Form for the year beginning in March.

Fr. John P.P