



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
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Family Offering: €2,183
Share: €2,617

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Hamilton, Beechfield Rd
Patricia Kavanagh, Esposito Rd
Arthur Hall, Raleigh Square

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd February 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 24th February 2008

9:00am Rita Colgan {1st A}

10:00am Christopher Travers {A}

11:00am Thomas & Patricia Tobin &
Charles & Elizabeth Jones
{Anniv.}

12:00pm Elizabeth & John Kingham
{Anniv.}

1:00pm Mrs Nellie Whelan {1st A}

7:00pm Barnie White {A}

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

**St Agnes Parish
Readers Roster**

Saturday 01 / 03 / 08

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 02 / 03 / 08

9.00am V. McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am Pat Morrison

12.00pm Richard Tobin

1.00pm Catherine Nagle

7.00pm J O'Rourke

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.

READERS MEETING

The monthly meeting of St
Agne's Parish Readers
Group will take place on
Tuesday 26th February at
7:30pm the Liffey Room of the Parish
Centre



Thought for the Week

"The moment I realised that God existed, I know that I could not do otherwise than to live for Him alone" - Blessed Charles de Foucauld (1858 - 1916)

Keeping a Soft Heart

"O that today you would listen to his voice; Harden not your hearts."

None of us would like to think of ourselves as having hardened hearts. And yet is it possible that in the comings and goings of our daily life, we do indeed tend to harden our hearts a little to the many demands made on us to be compassionate? We walk quickly by the person sleeping rough in the doorway, not because we are hard hearted perhaps, but because we do not know what we should do. We switch channels on the TV when news of suffering in some faraway place makes us feel both guilty and helpless. When we buy clothes or shoes that seem surprisingly cheap, maybe we push to one side of our minds questions about the conditions of the workers who made them. And while we are grateful for the thousands of women and men who come here to work looking after our sick, elderly and our children, we perhaps do not want to dwell too much on the fact that they themselves have family at home who may not see them for years on end.

So while we may not deliberately harden our hearts, perhaps the routine of our lives tends to toughen them a bit.

Part of that routine of course for many people involves taking time out to pray and worship God. And this psalm reminds us to 'listen to his voice'. But it might hint at more than that. Maybe it is only by keeping a soft heart in our encounters with the vulnerable, the weak and the troubled that we can open ourselves up to hear the voice of God speaking to us?

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**CITIZEN
INFORMATION
CENTRE**



A branch of this service to the community is established in the Slade Room of the Parish Centre. There will be somebody in the Office each morning from 9:45am to 12:30pm. This service is free and confidential.

SFO Area Meeting

Takes place in the Oratory of Columban Srs. [back of Fr. Kitt Court] Monday 25th February from 3pm-4pm.

Divine Office and Prayers of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament.

Third Order Franciscans.

**Eucharistic Adoration
Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of the
Adoration Committee will
take place on Wednesday
27th February at 6:45pm
prompt in the Parish Centre.



CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

This weekends Church Gate collection is in aid of CASA which helps people with disabilities.

Your generosity would be greatly appreciated



Special Pilgrimage to Knock

A Special Day Pilgrimage to Knock for Men and Families to honour St Joseph will take place on

Friday 14th March 2008

A Pilgrimage for men and women - especially fathers and grandfathers - to put aside all material matters and enjoy their son's or daughter's company without distraction for one day.

A Special Reflection on St Joseph and Fatherhood will be delivered by the well-known Dominican Fr John Harris OP. Mass and Benediction will follow. Confessions will be available from early morning through the day.

Note: Assembly in the Basilica at Knock is at 1:45pm

VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for the post of
Parish Secretary.

Computer Skills Required

Applications, with Curriculum Vitae and the names of two referees should be sent to

Very Reverend John Deasy
55 St Agnes Road,
Crumlin, Dublin 12

Applications for Full or Part-time post are most welcome.

The closing date for completed applications is 7th March 2008

For more information, please call
Fr John Deasy on
01 - 455 0955

PARISH FINANCES



By this time most of you should have received your Family Offering Box for the new financial year which commences next weekend. The number you have on your box may well be different this year as we have endeavoured to streamline our systems and everything is now on Computer.

I wish to take opportunity to thank you for your support over the past year and to thank all our collectors and counting people for their work.

If you have not received a box please let us know by either calling to the Parish Office or phoning 01 455 5368, or return the Green Form (available beside the F.O. Box at the back of the Church). Our Annual Audit of the Parish Finances takes place for the year ending 30th June. Looking at our most recent audit the income from the Family Offering remains stable, with only a slight increase. However our day to day operating costs continue to grow.

Over the past two to three years, we have spent €2.5 Million on our Capital Programme. Our Parish Centre cost €2.1 Million and work on the Church roof cost € 350,000. the work was funded out of the sale of the land to the rear of the Church. We intend to embark on work on our Church windows which need repair work undertaken. The cost of this is not yet known, but will be substantial.

May I renew my thanks for your support and hope you will give generously as possible in the year ahead.

Fr John PP



WORLD YOUTH DAY

This coming July, young people from all over the world will be gathering in Sydney, Australia to celebrate World Youth Day. They will be joined by Pope Benedict XVI. It will be a wonderful privilege for these young people to be there, and they will long remember the occasion St Agnes Parish will be sponsoring 3 people. They will be asking your support through a special Church Gate collection on the weekend of 8th & 9th March. More about this before it happens - watch this space.

Catholic Papers

Catholic papers are available after all weekend Masses at the back of the Church.

Items to be included in the Newsletter should be left in the Parish Office no later than noon on the Wednesday before each weekend in the week of publication



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. Christ be near at Either Hand

1. Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind before me stand, Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around, above, below.

2. Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart, Christ abide and ne'er depart