



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Family Offering: € 1,605

Share: € 2,323

Many thanks for your continued
support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"One compliment can keep me going for the whole week" - Mark Twain

The Light Shines in the Darkness

There are many people who are experiencing a lot of darkness, anger and pain in their lives. The recent Ryan and Murphy reports on child sex abuse have shown how many of us in Church have failed in justice to live up to our responsibilities, never mind our Gospel calling. This is a cause of deep regret and shame.

In addition many people have every right to feel angry at the way their lives have been turned upside down by the recession. So many have lost their jobs with very little hope of being re-employed in the near future. Many are finding it difficult to meet their mortgage payments and there are those who are fearful that their homes will be re-possessed. Extra burdens were added to those ravaged and left homeless by the recent floods and severe weather.

The government too has failed so many and so much money has been squandered. The banks and developers have been irresponsible. We have been living in a culture of deceit. We have as a nation got to make our voices heard particularly in the area of putting a cap on outrageous salaries that some people are earning.

It is the poor and the vulnerable who are hit the hardest and who have little or no influence on policy. They have done the least to cause the problems and this is particularly true of climate change.

Christmas was a great celebration of our faith in Jesus. We gathered to celebrate "the light that shines in the midst of darkness" We celebrated the new hope that He has generated in people down the centuries. We are invited not to leave Him in the Crib but to welcome with our hearts the gift of God in Jesus. In spite of the terrible darkness that many people feel, we have in the birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us the sure proof that God loves us and we all need to live in the assurance of that love. At Christmas we celebrated that love which proclaims "I have loved you with an everlasting love"

Let us this New Year be a light that shines in the darkness for each other.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2010

The Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi and Shrines associated with St. Agnes will take place from **Monday 17th May 2010 to Monday 24th May 2010.**

- The Spiritual Director will be John Deasy PP
- Cost € 1,069 p.p.s. including taxes and charges
- Booking Deposit €200

The Pilgrimage includes: - Accommodation in a 3 Star Hotel with Breakfast each morning - 7 Evening meals in a local restaurant - Luxury air conditioned coach with guide throughout the Tour and coach to and from Dublin Airport.

To book a place or for further information, please contact Mary in the Parish Office



The Website & Newsletter Teams wish all our readers and visitors a Very Happy & Peaceful New Year. We welcome any comments you may have.

Recently Deceased

Patrick Heary, Windmill Ave
Vera Holohan, Cooley Rd
Christopher O'Reilly, Captains Drive
Keith Moore, Bunting Road

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd January 2010

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 3rd January 2010

9:00am Deceased Members of the
Dooley Family {A}

10:00am Kathleen Nolan {A}

11:00am Terri Dore {A}

12:00pm Edward Rabbitt {A}

1:00pm Nora O'Malley {A}

7:00pm Patrick Reilly {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 9th January 2010

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 10th January 2010

9.00am J Green & D Callaghan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm William Elliott

The Next Readers Meeting will take
place on Wednesday 27th January
2010 at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

Feast of the Epiphany

This Holyday of Obligation is on
Wednesday next 6th January. The
Vigil Mass is on Tuesday 5th January
at 7pm. Masses on the Feast Day are
at 8am; 9am; 10am; 11am and
12noon and there is one Evening
Mass at 7pm. There is no Mass at
1pm on Holydays (except St Patrick's
Day and Christmas Day)



Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum
videte, regem angelorum, Venite
adoremus, venete adoremus, venete
adoremus dominum.

2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum,
genitum non factum, Venite adoremus,
venete adoremus, venete adoremus
dominum.

2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head, the star in the bright sky looked
down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus
asleep in the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he
makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down
from the sky, And stay by my side until
morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to
stay close by me forever and love me I
pray. Bless all the dear children in thy
tender care and fit us for heaven, to live
with thee there.

3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks
by night, all seated on the ground, the
angel of the Lord came down, and glory
shone around

Photographer Required

Would anybody be willing to take
photographs at events marking our
Jubilee Year of St Agnes church. If
you would like to help please contact
the Parish Priest at 455 0955. We
wish to keep a pictorial record for
future generations

While Shepherds Watched (Contd.)

2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread,
Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad
tidings of great joy I bring to you and all
mankind

4. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is
bright round yon virgin, mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in
heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly
peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds
quake at the sight, glories stream from
heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the
Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy
holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus
Lord at thy birth.

6. Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly
singing o'er the plains, and the mountains
in reply echo still their joyous strains

Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in
Excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your
rapturous strain prolong? Say what may
your tidings be, which inspire your
heavenly song. Refrain

Happy New Year

The Priests of the Parish & Members of
the Parish Pastoral Council wish you
every blessing in this new year of 2010.
We wish to thank all our Parishioners for
their support and generosity

Christmas Dues

Offerings of Christmas dues are gratefully acknowledged. Dues may be
returned to the Sacristy, the Parish Office or the Family Offering box at
the end of the Church

The Week in St Agnes

Our normal weekly Mass Schedule resumes from Monday 4th January.
Masses will be at 8am; 9am; 10am & 7pm each weekday. Our Parish
Centre and office reopen fully from this Monday, including the Coffee Dock
which is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 12noon. The Adoration
chapel is open again from this Monday. For detail see the outside door of
the Oratory which is on the top right hand side of the Church

St Agnes' Parent and Toddler Group

The Group will resume after the Christmas break on Thursday 7th January 10 am to 12 am in the
Dodder Room in the Parish Centre. We look forward to meeting everyone again. Please pass on
word if you know someone who might be interested

7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was
to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay; in fields where they lay keeping their
sheep, On a cold winter's night that was
so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining
in the east, beyond them far, and to the
earth it gave great light, and so it
continued both day and night. Refrain.

8. O Come All ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born
the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come let us adore him, O
come let us adore him, O come let us
adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in
exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above, Glory to God in the highest.

Refrain.

3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this
happy morning, Jesus to you be glory
given, word of the Father now in flesh
appearing. Refrain.



The Parish Pastoral Council invite
parishioners to attend a discussion on
the **Murphy Report**. This meeting
will take place on **12th January at
7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

The discussion will be an opportunity
for all of us as a Parish Community to
voice our thoughts on the report and
to support each other in these
difficult days since the publication of
the report

The Parish Pastoral Council.

UNWANTED GIFTS

CROSSCARE are currently
launching an unwanted gift
campaign for Christmas, the idea
of which is that they can
distribute unwanted and unused
goods to those in need within
their service and that additional
gifts can be used in our recently
opened charity shop "Gifts for
Good" in Cathedral Street