



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Priests of the Parish

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Family Offering: € 2,550

SHARE: € 2,650

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Una Rocks, Cherryfield Rd.
Philly Leon, Durrrow Rd
Teresa McGeown, Derry Rd
Dermott Shannon, Captain's Rd.
We express our deepest sympathies to
Their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15th 2011

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, January 16th 2011

9:00am Frank, Mary, Michael &
Kathleen McGrane {A}

10:00am Alfred Byford {4th A}

11:00am Terry O'Connor {18th A}

12:00pm Aidan Devlin {30th A} &
The Donnelly & Deegan
Families

1:00pm Mary Webb & Son
Christopher {A}

7:00pm Pauline Cully {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday, January 22nd 2011

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday, January 23rd 2011

9.00am R McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm John Green

1.00pm Nuala Talbot

7.00pm Pat Condon

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

The Next Readers Meeting will take
place on Monday 31st January at
7pm in the Parish Centre

The Next Parish Pastoral
Council meeting will take place
on Thursday 27th January 2011
at 7.30pm in The Parish Centre

PLEASE REMEMBER TO
SWITCH OFF YOUR
MOBILE PHONE OR TURN
IT TO 'SILENT' WHEN
INSIDE THE CHURCH



Thought for the Week

"Every Christian needs a half hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy and then he needs an hour." - St Francis de Sales.

Looking to the Future

When the calendar changes, bringing us into a New Year, we exchange greetings and wish those we meet a happy 2011. It is a time to speak about our hopes for the future. We look forward to a year with health, happiness and blessings for ourselves and our families.

It is also a time for resolutions - after the cabin fever of late November and much of December, we make new year promises and resolutions. More exercise, perhaps taking down the old bicycle and taking to the road, join a club, join a night class, make more contacts with family members and old friends.

I wonder how all our resolutions are now? After two weeks of the New Year of 2011, have they fallen apart?

There are some deeper things we need to reflect on. Near the top of Mount Everest there is a marker which reads "He died climbing". In our spiritual life it would be a great way to be remembered. Growth in our inner selves is an uphill climb and struggle. If you want to continue to grow as a person before God, you must never stop climbing. You are not alone on the climb, because the Lord travels with us. Keep Him close in 2011 and at the end of our days whenever that may be, it would be great for people to say about us that he or she "died climbing"

Fr. John.

Feast of St Agnes

Next Friday is her feast. Last Year it marked the beginning of our celebrations on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the opening of our present Church in February 1935. The celebrations were a great success and thanks to our Pastoral Council and all involved.

Why not make the feast by attending Mass and praying for the Parish and its people. St Agnes, Pray for Us.



Christmas Dues.

The Dues envelope you receive through your door at Christmas And Easter helps to support the priests of the Parish. They are an important source of income for the Clergy. All working people in the house should be asked to contribute. Spare envelopes are available at the Church exits. We thank you for your generosity in the past.

SWINE FLU

The number of cases is rising again, so for the present we will not be shaking hands at Masses in St Agnes Church. However at the Sign of Peace in the Mass we should greet each other with the words "Peace be with You" or "The Peace of the Lord be with you". We will keep the situation under review.

CONGRATULATIONS

I know all our parishioners would like to join in offering our good wishes to Daryl D'Souza on his doctorate which he achieved on Monday last at Dublin City University. It follows four years of dedicated study in the area of communications. Sadly for us, it will mean his return to India shortly. We will miss him greatly for his warm and friendly presence. Thank you on behalf of our Parishioners.

Fr John

Change in Confession Times

You will notice signs outside three of the Confession Boxes in the Church telling you that in future the Sacrament will be held from 10.30 to 11.30 on Saturday morning in either of the Confession Boxes near the Sacristy door, depending on which box is showing the green pilot light. The reason for the shorter hours is that this year we will have less priests available to hear confessions, especially when we have funerals. There is no change to Saturday evening arrangements when Confessions begin at 6.45pm



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.
3. Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day, Christ be my unchanging friend, Guide and shepherd to the end.

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.

Sweet Sacrament Divine

1. Sweet Sacrament Divine, hid in thy earthly home, lo! Round thy lonely shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise, Sweet Sacrament Divine.
2. Sweet Sacrament of Peace, dear home of every heart, where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart, there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery, Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art: Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord: Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son, Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.



A Message from Trocaire

Trocaire would like to thank the Parishioners of St Agnes for your generosity to Trocaire in 2010. The Haitian earthquake and flooding in Pakistan saw people across Ireland donating generously to Trocaire to help survivors in these two crises. The 12th of January marked the 1st Anniversary of the Haitian Earthquake and it is an appropriate time to reflect on how your donations are working to change the lives of those affected. Once again, many thanks to you all

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Pope Benedict XVI in his message for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees, on Jan 16, 2011, has chosen the theme 'one family of brothers and sisters in societies that are becoming even more multiethnic and intercultural, where also people of various religions are urged to take part in dialogue, so that a serene and fruitful coexistence with respect for legitimate differences may be found'.

"The World Day of Migrants and Refugees offers the whole Church an opportunity to reflect on a theme linked to the growing phenomenon of migration, to pray that hearts may open to Christian welcome and to the effort to increase in the world justice and charity, pillars on which to build an authentic and lasting peace," wrote the Pontiff. "All" he continued, "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded."

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

This octave of Prayer begins on Tuesday next and concludes on the 25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. As usual St Agnes and St Mary's came together on New Year's Eve in a joint Service to mark the closure of the Old Year and to pray for Gods blessing on all of us in 2011. The Collection taken up at the Service in aid of the Irish School of Ecumenics amounted to €455. Many Thanks.

The Loss of Virtue & Economic Crisis

Renowned essayist Theodore Dalrymple will speak on the above topic on Thursday 27th January in the Davenport Hotel at 8pm. Admission is free, if you wish to attend please email info@ionainstitute.ie or telephone 01 661 9204 to book a place

There will be a special Haiti Mass Service in the Carmelite Church Whitefriar St on Sunday 23rd January at 4pm. All welcome.

St. Padre Pio

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th January 2011. Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm. Followed by Benediction & Blessing. All are Welcome.



Recently Baptised

Evie Kathleen Quinn
Ciaran Robert Davis
Callum Leo Hyland Furlong



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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2011

We propose to hold a Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer at a date yet to be decided. We would appreciate expressions of interest and also at what time of the year you would favour. Usually we have travelled to Lourdes in early September. Please send comments to Mary in the Parish Office.