



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

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**Family Offering: € 3,563**

**Share: € 2,440**

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

*Thought for the Week*

*"Kind Words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless" -  
Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**A Little Renewed by Trust and Wonder**

The rumours of his nephew's recklessness reached the old Priest. His relatives begged him to come and do something to stop the young man throwing away the family fortune in a life of debauchery. "He will listen to you," they said. "You will show him the error of his ways", so he set out to visit him.

The nephew was glad to see his uncle whom he had not met for many years, he welcomed him warmly and invited him to stay the night. All night long the uncle prayed in his room. Next morning as he was leaving he said to his nephew "I must be getting old, see how my hand shakes, will you help me please to tie my shoes?" "Gladly", said the young man and he bent down to tie the laces. "Thank you", the priest said. "You see a man becomes older and feebler day by day. Take good care of yourself" and he blessed him and left the house. Not a word had been said about the young man's lifestyle of the complaints of the relatives. But from that morning on, the dissipations of the nephew ended. Not many, I suppose would have the wisdom that priest showed in relating with his nephew, his gentleness enabled the young man to get in touch with his best self and be converted to a new way of living. The uncle's reverence for his nephew opened the latter to his responsibility to life.

God shows a deep reverence for all his creature. Made in his image and likeness we are revered by Him who, as scripture says, "delights in His people (Ps149). We experience our true selves in the presence of God who out of respect for us never coerces but rather invites our receptive attention. To be open and to respond to the non-assertive presence of God in our lives is our true vocation.

If we lack that attentive cherishing so characteristic of all true reverence, our relationship with others will be less than whole. The Gospel calls us to this deep reverence for everyone, especially 'the least'. "In as much as you have done it to the least of my brethren, you have done it to me" (Mt 25:40). We can look at incidents in the life of our Lord and see what it is to be reverent. St Paul wrote that, "He was heard for His reverence" (Heb 5:11), Will we be heard for ours?

**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**



**Recently Deceased**

Robert Pidgeon, Captain's Drive  
Brenda O'Connor, Hughes Rd East  
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 23rd January 2010**

7:00pm Shared Mass

**Sunday 24th January 2010**

9:00am Kathleen Brohoon {7<sup>th</sup> A}  
10:00am Sarah O'Connell {14<sup>th</sup> A}  
11:00am Eileen & Jack Durkin;  
Eamonn Hartrey {A}  
12:00pm Josie & Peter Casey {18<sup>th</sup> &  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniv}  
1:00pm Maureen & Denis Brady {A}  
7:00pm Frank Brown {A}

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

**St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster**

**Saturday 30th January 2010**

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

**Sunday 31st January 2010**

9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers  
10.00am Family Mass  
11.00am P Morrison & T O'Byrne  
12.00pm Richard Tobin  
1.00pm Catherine Nagle  
7.00pm Anne Kilday

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

**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

**This weekends church gate collection is in support of the Irish Red Cross and their relief work in Haiti. Please be as generous as you can.**

**CABIN FEVER**

The phrase has been on the lips of many since Christmas. With the bad weather they have been locked away unable to get out and about and to Church also. We just want to say that we missed many of our regulars. With the better weather it is good to see you back. It is reflected in the Family Offering which dropped for a few weeks but is substantially up this week as you can see from the figures opposite. I highlight the Christmas Dues which are down 25%, but hopefully they will pick up over the coming weeks. Spare envelopes are available in the Church in case you mislaid the one sent to your home before Christmas

Fr John

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

We have all watched the harrowing pictures on TV and hope that the efforts of Governments and Relief Agencies from all over the world will ease the pain for the people of one of the poorest countries in the world. I have sent € 1,000 on behalf of the Parish to Trocaire who work with local Church groups on distributing aid. If anyone wishes to donate, they may do so directly or through the Parish, who will pass on any monies received.

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 25th January at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. Agenda and minutes of the last meeting are available for collection in the Sacristy after Mass



**Inchicore-Bluebell Pastoral Area:**

Novena: 2nd February - 11th February (10am & 8pm) in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore.  
This includes: Anointing of the Sick on 6th February at 12 noon, and Torchlight Procession on the 11th February at 8pm.

**A SPECIAL VALENTINE GIFT**

Give your husband or wife a special Valentine gift of a weekend away with you (12-14 February 2010) . A weekend with a difference that will help deepen your commitment to one another and enrich the joys you share together whether you are recently or many years married. Organised by Marriage Encounter, a worldwide Catholic Voluntary Organisation  
For details and booking visit: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone (01) 832 4429



**S. F. O.**

Meeting takes place on Monday 25th January from 3.00 - 4.00pm in the Columban Sisters Oratory [Back of Fr. Kitt Court] Lectio Divina-Divine Office- Prayer of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament.  
[Third Order Franciscans]

**Volunteering Overseas**

Perhaps in a time of recession and unemployment people might like to volunteer their skills to serve overseas with a Faith based agency. The Irish Missionary Union has produced a directory of Faith based Overseas Volunteering Programmes. This directory of Church Groups is available from the Irish Missionary Union. Their address is 1st Floor, 563 Canal House, South Circular Road, Dublin 8, or you may contact them by phone at 01 492 3326 or email [missionalive@imu.ie](mailto:missionalive@imu.ie) or visit their website [www.imu.ie](http://www.imu.ie)



**1. 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

**2. 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.

**3. 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. [R.]
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. [R.]

**4. 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.