



## ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Family Offering: €2,531  
Share: €2,946

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

### Thought for the Week

"Those who deserve love the least, need it the most"  
Anonymus

## A WELCOMING PARISH

I am sure many of our readers have moved house. Some have moved more than others because of work or college life. It is difficult to establish new contacts and friends. It is very likely that the local Parish made no contact with you as you moved from one address to the next. Very few let us know that they have arrived in the Parish. Our first contact is at the time of a First Communion, a wedding in the family or even at the time of a funeral.

In my life as a priest, I have moved house on 10 occasions in 47 years. Changing is not easy as you uproot yourself from one place to the next. However it is part of your work to change and you live with it. I must admit that 2 of the moves were from one house to another within the same Parish.

I know that at St Agnes Church there is a sense of welcome as people gather after Mass to talk to each other, and as priests we try to greet and make people welcome at Sunday Mass. This fact is often favourably commented on by visitors to our Parish.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has discussed how we might reach out to the newcomer and the stranger. At our last meeting it was suggested that we set up a sub-committee to see how we might move forward. I am inviting five people who would volunteer to explore the idea. The small committee would meet and deliver their ideas over a short period of a few months.

I am now looking for volunteers. If you would be interested in this project, would you please leave your name and phone number with Mary in the Parish Office or phone her on 455 5368 or contact myself directly by phone at 455 0955. If you are willing to help please volunteer by Monday 4th February. Thanking you in anticipation.

Fr. John P.P.

## Family Mass Returns



We welcome back the Family Mass Group this weekend at 10:00am Sunday Mass.

They are searching for boys and girls to join the group. Please contact Susan any Sunday Morning or bring your child to their practice session in the Parish Centre on Wednesday Evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Parish coffee Dock and Reception Area in the Parish Centre are run on a voluntary basis.

We need new volunteers to keep this service going. If you can give 2 hours one morning a week, please leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office and we will be in contact with you.

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

## SCAM

Last weekend a number of Newspapers highlighted the sale of Mass cards for as little as €3 each in shops and grocery stores and even at petrol stations. No name is taken for the deceased or sick person and much of the money is retained by the shop, with another large slice going to the commercial distributors of the cards. This is an abuse which is strongly condemned by the Bishops of Ireland and people who purchase such cards are promoting a scam.

Deputy Bobby Aylward describes such sales as a "bit of a racket" He hopes the problem will be addressed in the forthcoming Charities Bill. In the meantime may we ask you not to support such sales.

## FAMILY OFFERING

Our new envelopes will be distributed at the end of February. Less than 1,000 families receive boxes each year, so that 80% of families contribute little or nothing to the Family Offering. If you were on the list last year, you will receive a box again this year as usual. However if you are not in receipt of a box or if you wish to give by Standing Order, we will make available forms in the Church from the beginning of February so that you can contribute in future. We will highlight this again in next weeks newsletter.

## SFO Area Meeting

Takes place in the Oratory of Columban Srs. [back of Fr. Kitt Court] Monday 28th January from 3pm-4pm.

Divine Office and Prayers of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament.

Third Order Franciscans.

## Accord Annual Collection

The Annual Collection of ACCORD will take place at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection. Please be as generous as possible.

## Lent is Coming

The Popular booklet "Walk With Me" with thoughts and prayers for the Season of Lent and Easter is now available at the back of the Church @ €1.50.

Make this a prayerful Lent.



### 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.

## Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick 2008

The 16th world day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese on Saturday, 9th & Sunday, 10th Feb.

On Saturday, 9th Feb a reflective morning organised by the diocesan World day of the Sick Committee on the theme:

'Hand In Hand, Conversations on Caring for People with Dementia'

This will be held from 9am to 1pm in Kimmage Manor, Parish Meeting Room, Whitehall Road, Dublin 12

On Sunday, 10th February at 3.00pm, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will celebrate mass with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Kimmage Manor, Dublin 6

All are invited to attend For further details contact Trisha Conway at : 087 6220349

## Volunteers

We would be very grateful for two more volunteers to help with Mass Cards, Rosary Beads and other religious objects in the Parish Shop, just before and after 9am and 10am Mass, once per week. For more information, please see Mrs Pat Heavey or Sr Teresita.

## Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore.

The Lourdes Novena in Inchicore this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes. The Grotto in the grounds of the Oblate Church in Inchicore is an exact replica of the Lourdes Grotto.

The Novena runs from Saturday 2nd February until Monday 11th February at 10:00am and 8:00pm daily.

On Saturday 9th February, Anointing of the Sick will take place at 12:00 noon

On Monday 11th February, a torchlight procession will take place at 8:00pm

## Recently Deceased

Deirdre Kennedy, Dowland Rd  
Carole Dowling, Cromwellsfort Rd  
Eileen Durcan, Bigger Rd

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th January 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 27th January 2008

9:00am Ann McClelland

10:00am John Fitzell {A}

11:00am James Keogh

12:00pm Members of the Dowling & Conway Families

1:00pm Maureen & Peter Brady {A}

7:00pm Peter & Josie Casey {A}

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

## St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday 02/02/08

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 03/02/08

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.

## Christmas Dues-Final Reminder

Many thanks to all who have sent in their Christmas Dues. If you have not done so to date, please send them in as soon as possible. Spare envelopes are available at the exit doors in St Agnes' Church. Please return your dues to the Parish Office, the Sacristy or the Family Offering Box at the rear of the Church.