



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

Fr. J. Deasy P.P. Ph. 4550955
Fr. J. Foster Ph. 4650714
Fr. P. Coffey Ph. 4650707
Fr. P. Brewster Ph. 4650716

Family Offering: €2,400
Share: €2,770

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Margaret Byrne, Somerville Ave. [UK]
Patricia O'Brien, Muckross Ave.
We express our deepest sympathies to
Their Families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

Thought for the Week

"The old law about 'An eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind" -
Martin Luther King Junior.

World Youth Day Pilgrim

Well folks, fellow parishioners the big day is now almost upon us and my great adventure is so close now I can almost reach out and touch it.

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to represent this marvellous parish of St. Agnes' in Crumlin, under the guidance of Fr. Jim Caffrey, at the World Youth Day and to meet on your behalf His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney, Australia.

I will travel along with many other pilgrims on a similar excursion from all over Ireland and in fact all over Europe to Melbourne where accommodation will be in the Melbourne Parish where we will stay from the 10th to the 14th of July. One feature which I am really looking forward to is an outdoors under the stars vigil on the Saturday 20th.

What a wonderful fulfilling experience it will be to be part of thousands of young people from all the nations of the world watching and praying in vigil together underneath the stars on Bondi Beach.

Let me finish for now by telling you that if the people of Melbourne, Sydney, and all parishes from all over the world have not heard of St. Agnes' Parish in Crumlin, Dublin before now, they will certainly remember us and know about us from now on, and for all the right reasons.

Thank you all so much for affording me this golden opportunity. I will be forever grateful to your generosity and will pray for you throughout this pilgrimage.

Pauline Byrne.

Window Problems

As you know there are problems with our windows in the Church. If you are there on a windy and cold day you know the feeling. This is compounded by rattles because of loose glazing. Recently I had to turn down a request by RTE to broadcast the Radio Mass from St. Agnes on two Sundays, in case there was a windy day.

I have now received a report from a Conservation Architect which is with the Diocesan Authorities, I am awaiting directions. A fuller report is required before we proceed. Externally believe it, there are 158 windows excluding the large Rose window and the one stained glass window we have, which is in the former Baptistry. Not all the windows are in trouble but each one will need to be surveyed individually and some will have to be removed in order to repair the lead and the glazing. The bad news is that it could turn out to be an expensive operation. We await developments and will keep you informed.

Questions People Ask

Q. Making the Sign of the Cross we touch the forehead, chest and shoulders, Why these parts? Are there any variations when other parts are touched?
A. This lovely prayer -in-action recalls the Cross of Christ while invoking the Blessing of the Blessed Trinity. The forehead represents our thinking. The chest or heart is the centre of love. Touching the shoulder is a prayer for strength in our activities or in carrying our crosses with Christ. Before proclaiming the Gospel we sign the forehead, lips and heart, praying that the Lord be in our minds, lips and hearts. In anointing the sick, forehead and hands are signed. It is a simple but profound form of prayer when performed with reverence.

Father Silvester O'Flynn OFM CAP

Golden Jubilee Celebration

Fr John Foster will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his ordination on Sunday 13th July 2008. The 7.00pm Mass on that Sunday will mark this milestone in Fr Foster's priesthood and this will be followed by tea and light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Those Parishioners wishing to contribute towards a presentation to Fr Foster should leave their donation with Mary in the Parish Office.

August Mass Times

During August there will be no Sunday Evening Mass at 7pm. The evening Mass will resume in September. During the Bank Holiday Week beginning Monday August 4th there will be no 8am Mass. Normal weekday Masses will resume on Monday August 11th.

Volunteers

Due to some of our volunteers going on Summer holidays, extra volunteers are needed to help out in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre. If you have 2 hours to spare a week, it will be greatly appreciated if you could help out. The 2 hours are from 10am to 12noon, Monday to Friday. If you can help out please leave your contact details in the Parish Office

Church Gate Collection
This weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of the Christina Noble Foundation. Please be as generous as possible

S. F. O. Area Meeting

Takes place Monday 23rd June in Oratory of Columban Convent [back of Fr. Kitt Court] 3-4pm. Lecto Divina .Divine Office. Prayers of Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament. [Third Order Franciscans.]

Knock 2008



Our Annual pilgrimage to Knock from St. Agnes' will take place on the last Thursday in August, which this year falls on the 28 August.

The Pilgrimage will depart at 8.30 am stopping for tea/coffee and a scone in the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown on the way to Knock.

On the return we will stop for a four course meal at the same hotel. The all-in cost including coach and meals is €42. Booking is now open at the Parish Office.

Baby Day



This Sunday we welcome all the babies who were Baptised in the past year to the 12.00 noon Mass. Fortunately they will not all be there as our Parish Choir would be drowned out - not to mention the Celebrant of the Mass. This Annual gathering is a reminder to all parents that Baptism is just the beginning of a journey in Faith. As a parish community and as families we must endeavour to bring our children to God by our own commitment and example. In the home a child should begin its first steps in prayer so that they might come to know and love God. Each time we bless ourselves with holy water we remind ourselves of our Baptism.



How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
R. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great thou art, how great thou art. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
2. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart. Then shall I bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, My God how great Thou art. **(R)**

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 they earthly home, lo! round they lowly 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.

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices, Who wonderous things has done, In whom the world rejoices, Who from our mother's arms, Has blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God, Through all our lives be near us, With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.

Canon Kitt's Grave

Everyone, including his family seem to be delighted with the work. There are some items yet to be completed. We intend to pave the area between the grave and the Shrine, as people will wish to visit the shrine. As you will have noticed we have dedicated the statue to Our Lady Help of Christians, which is the title Mary is known among the Salesian Order. We wish to acknowledge also the contribution made by the Salesian Community to serving the Parish over many years and we hope they will continue to provide clergy to the Parish in the years ahead.

The Shrine helps to create a Piazza bounded on the other two sides by the Church and the Parish Centre, with the Bell Tower forming the apex of the triangle. I am afraid the grassed areas are very disappointing and we will have to attend to this difficulty in the year ahead.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st June 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 22nd June 2008

9:00am Bill Brennan {A}

10:00am Mrs Annie Banim {A}

11:00am Patrick Sterio {2nd A}

12:00pm Mary O'Toole {A}

1:00pm Brendan Gleeson {A}

7:00pm James Joseph Ryan {Birthday Remembrance}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 28 / 06 / 08

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 29 / 06 / 08

9.00am V McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am F & M Healy

12.00pm Sean Byrne

1.00pm June Winders

7.00pm Pat Condon

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

The Old Parish Hall.

On May 21st last I wrote to the present owners of the old hall and site expressing concern about youngsters entering the building and my concern about safety.

Last Tuesday afternoon the Fire Brigade were called to extinguish a fire in the building and I know the dangerous buildings section of D.C.C. have now become involved.

The Summer season has arrived when children are off school and roaming around. It is a dangerous site and parents should instruct their children to keep out. It is not a safe place.