



**ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**
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Family Offering: € 2,689
Share: € 2,705
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Our Family Offering

May I thank all those who helped to distribute boxes in different areas of the Parish. If you have not received a box by the 1st March, please call to the office and we will arrange a box for you. If you wish to give by Bankers Order, forms are available also from the Parish Office.

We have a few remaining door to door collectors and we are most grateful to those who collect for their work, but parishioners can always place their weekly envelope in the white box at the back of the Church

Fr John

Saint Patrick's Day.

This year the Feast falls on a Tuesday. Like last year we will be celebrating the 7pm Vigil Mass on Monday with music dancing and singing. There will be no Evening Mass on St. Patrick's Day.
First Mass on the Feast will be at 9.00am and the last Mass on the day will be at 1.00pm.

Diocesan Guidebook.

A Few copies of the Dublin Diocesan Guidebook 2009 are on sale in the Sacristy for €12 each. It contains full details of the Diocese and its 200 Parishes and all organisations in the Diocese.

Dublin Commission of Investigation.

This Commission was set up by the Government more than two years ago. Its purpose was to investigate how a selected number of complaints against priests of child sex abuse in the Archdiocese of Dublin were handled by the authorities of Church and State. The Report of the Commission is due to be issued shortly.

The publicity surrounding the publication will open wounds of victims of abuse, who have suffered greatly. The report will affect the morale of good priests who will feel betrayed by the failures of fellow clergy, and it will also be painful for bishops and those in authority under them who will in some cases be criticised for the way they dealt with child sex abuse cases in the Diocese.

We know too that you our parishioners and the people of the Diocese will be hurt by what unfolds. Let us support one another, care for each other, and pray for each other and especially for victims at this time.

Issued by the Parish Pastoral Council.

Recently Deceased

Patrick Lloyd, Dowland Rd.
Eileen O'Connor, Windmill Pk,
Dolores Norton, Harelawn Green.
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time
May They Rest in Peace. Amen..

Thought for Lent

'It is not what you are, nor what you have been, that God beholds with the eyes of His mercy, but what you long to be.' -The Cloud of Unknowing.

Baptism—A Time to Begin.

Last weekend I Baptised my latest grandnephew. Oisín is his name. He comes into a good family where he will have the love and care of good parents and his first steps in prayer and the love of God will be taught in his family home. He has already attended Mass although he is just two months old.

Oisín comes into a musical home and no doubt if he has the gift and talent, it will be encouraged. His older brothers are already learning the violin.

Recently an anonymous parent rang to arrange the Baptism of her eight year old child. When I asked her why have the child Baptised at this time the woman said she wished that her child should make her own decision, and now the child has requested Baptism. This little girl is in the First Communion Class of a school out side the Parish and no doubt the other girls are talking about the big day and the white dresses and now she wants to make her First Holy Communion. Sadly her home and her family have not been an influence in handing on the Faith and teaching her to know and love God.

We would not say let a child learn courtesy and good manners and make her own decisions in this area. We teach our children safety on the road. We would not expect a child to learn for themselves. It is important that parents in presenting their child for Baptism realise that it is a day when they make promises. It is unfair to expect a child to make such a decision for his or herself. It is in the family home that a child's faith is nurtured and cultivated. Baptism should not be delayed because at Baptism Day the good work begins.

Fr. John.

COMING UP

The Annual Novena of Grace is coming up shortly. **It begins on Wednesday 4th March and concludes on Thursday 12th March, with two sessions each day at 10:00am in the morning and 7:00pm in the evening.**

The Novena will be conducted by two Augustinian priests. We will be promoting the Novena over the coming weeks and pray that God will grant many blessings to the Parish and to all who attend the Novena.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th February 2009

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 1st March 2009

9:00am Anne Ring & Family {A}
10:00am Kathleen Rogers {A}
11:00am Patrick & Kathleen Mooney {A}
12:00pm Máire & Annastatia Begley {A}
1:00pm Dominic Keaveney {A}
7:00pm Daniel & Catherine Brohoun {A}

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 07/03/09

7.00pm Pauline Byrne

Sunday 08/03/09

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

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

Thank You—We would like to thank the volunteers from St Michael's House who regularly help with folding the Newsletter.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We have decided to send a group from the Parish to coincide with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7th -12th September. It will be led by Fr. Michael. We should know the cost and other details shortly. Booking has now opened at the Parish Office. This year following the Jubilee celebrations of last year the atmosphere should be more peaceful and prayerful in Lourdes.



Scouts Jubilee.

Last weekend our local scout's group—formally the 44th and 93rd units CBSI were celebrating their Diamond Jubilee. It was marked by a Reunion Dinner in the Green Isle Hotel, attended by the Chief Scout.

There was a number of presentations to leaders with a special certificate and badge to mark John Hanrahan's fifty years involvement with scouting in Crumlin. John is at present Group Leader of the Unit.

Congratulations to all and may scouting continue to serve the young people of Crumlin in the years ahead. A special word of thanks to all leaders for giving of their time and energy.

Recently Baptised

Mark Patrick O'Dowd
Jayden Porter-Salter
Ella Linda Collins
Dylan Patrick Haslam
Larissa Elizabeth Jobling
Eanna Kieran Lynch



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

WEB -SITE NEWS.

A Special link for the Lenten Season ['CILENT'] is now running on our Parish Website [crumlinparish.ie] with reflections and Readings for each day. Just click on the special logo, bottom left hand side of Home Page.

1. God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, For I now return to thee. **Refrain:** Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now reject them, Never will I sin again

2. See our Saviour, bleeding dying on the cross of Calvary; to that cross my sins have nailed Him, yet He bleeds and dies for me. **Refrain**

2. Receive o Father in Thy Love

1. Receive O Father in thy love, These humble gifts of bread and wine: That with ourselves we offer thee, Returning gifts already thine.
2. Behold this host and chalice, Lord, To thee on high the gifts we raise: Through them may we our honour pay, Our adoration and our praise.

3. Soul of My Saviour.

1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me ye waters streaming from his side. 2. Strength and protection may his passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee. 3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign, in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

4. 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.



The Carers Association Clondalkin Presents a **Snooker Exhibition in the Green Isle hotel**

On Thursday March 19th **Between Steve Davis and Mark Selby**
Tickets cost €25.00 for a standard and €50.00 for a VIP

The VIP reception is at 7.15pm and the exhibition starts at 8.00pm

Tickets can be got by contacting The Carers Association on 01 4670795 / 10 4670797
Or by

Contacting Suzanne Early, The Green Isle Hotel on 01 4123708

Funds raised on the night help provide services and supports for family carers.

Eucharistic Ministers Course



All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend a one day course on Saturday March 7th from 10.00am — 2.00pm in the Parish Centre.