



ST AGNES' PARISH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Family Offering: € 2,983
Share: € 2,556

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

"When we serve the poor, we serve Jesus Christ" St. Rose of Lima

Lent: Season of Hope.

The old man was reading his prayer book in a bus shelter while waiting for the rain to stop. Noticing a stranger looking at him he smiled and said. 'The Father is very fond of me.' and with this deep assurance of his faith he continued praying.

How good it would be if we could face into Lent with the same strong conviction that 'the father is very fond of me.' To know that He knows me inside out and loves me deeply, that he wants me to be happy. Lent is a call to this conversion, a call to put God at the centre of my life.

We are made for God and our vision is not limited to what is purely human. We are strengthened by prayer, fasting and by giving to the poor. These traditional practices, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, are ways of expressing our need of forgiveness, our hope of compassion. 'Turn our hearts back to you, we pray in the liturgy,' that we may profit by our Lenten observance.

Self denial can be such a new venture for us, or so difficult, that we become so engrossed in what we are doing for the Lord, secretly and unconsciously patting ourselves on the back. We may not be as blatant as the Pharisees in the parable who boasted to God of his virtue Lk.18;122, but can you honestly say you never felt a subtle, secret smugness in your ability to fast, in your 'generosity' to the poor, in your effort to pray?

In an age when achievement and self determination are rated so highly it really is hard to be humble. So it is worthless and may be harmful to our soul, if we only deny ourselves and do not at the same time follow Jesus. This is what He asks us: 'if you want to be a follower of mine, renounce yourself and take up your cross and follow me Lk: 9:23

If your Lent is looking at Jesus you cannot but be changed. This conversion may not be sudden or dramatic, as it was with St. Paul. It may be quiet, a slow melting of the heart. Your judgements and condemnations of others begin to fall away. No longer do you insist on your 'rights', no longer do you grumble when you are overlooked and forgotten. And that pain or that cross that was unbearable before, you now carry with new courage and hope.

How good it would be if we could face into Lent with conviction and like the old man say with great assurance the father is very fond of me and continue to pray. Sr. Margaret.

Recently Deceased

Margaret O'Toole, Cashel Road
 We express our deepest sympathies to her family at this time.
 May She Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19th 2011

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, March 20th 2011

9:00am Rose Clarke {A}
 10:00am Isacc Kelly {4th A}
 11:00am James McGregor {A}
 12:00pm James Clancy {A}
 1:00pm Catherine Raynor {1st A}
 7:00pm Ellen & Patrick Swaine {A}

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

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday, March 26th 2011

7.00pm P Byrne & C Heavey

Sunday, March 27th 2011

9.00am V McDermott & J Chalmers
 10.00am Family Mass
 11.00am T O'Byrne
 12.00pm Richard Tobin
 1.00pm Catherine Nagle
 7.00pm John Green

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

Please note that the next readers meeting will be on Mon. 28th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Gospel Reflection Group

This Lent deepen your understanding of the Gospel with Fr. Michael Kelly.

The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:45pm to 8:30pm in the parish centre .

All are Welcome

Perrystown Manor Estate Variety Group. 'PRESENTS' 'LET'S ROCK' A Spectacular stage Show in the Community Centre, Limekiln Lane, D.12. on 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th April 2011 @ 8pm Sharp. Tickets available @ PME Centre. Sundays : 12 pm to 3pm, Wednesdays: 7pm to 9pm. ADMISSION ; €12, Groups of 20: €10 each.

Eucharistic Congress 2012 - An Invitation

Please join us on Sunday March 27th when, with our Sister Parishes of Mourne Rd., and Clogher Rd. we will gather in St. Bernadette's Church @ 3pm as we begin to prepare for the 50th Eucharistic Congress in June 2012. After prayer and reflection you are invited to the Pastoral Centre in Clogher Rd. for light refreshments. We hope many of our parishioners will make the journey to Clogher Rd. next weekend.

The Billings Ovulation Method.

SEMINAR :OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY April 9th. 2011. Deer Park Hotel, Howth

What every woman should know about her fertility. Further information from: NAOMI—Billings Ireland, 11 Marlborough St. Dublin 1.

Tel: 01-878 6156 [mornings] E-mail: inforquest@naomi.ie—web: www.naomi.ie

THE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Residential weekend led by Fr. Myles O'Reilly S.J. The weekend explores the loss of our loved ones and the meaning of death and a Christian perspective through prayer and meditation, discussion, videos and sharing. It will take place at the Augustinian Community, Orlagh, Old Court Rd. Firhouse, D. 16 on Friday March 25th. 2011 @ 7.30pm to Sunday March 27th @ 4.30pm.

COST : €180 per person [deposit €50] Sponsorship available. All meals included. Apply to Anne Butler 087-2050 514.

Recently Baptised

Ryan Shane O'leary
 Cody John Dunne
 Corey Keith Ryan
 Daniel Patrick Dwyer-Philidor
 Jasmine Lexi Kirwan
 Ava Mary Hunt-Byrne



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

Mary Help of Christians Mass will take place in Salesian Oratory on Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Diocesan Adviser Positions: There are positions available in the Education Secretariat for Diocesan Advisers. See www.dublindiocese.ie or the Education Secretariat Website www.education.dublindiocese.ie



Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found: Was blind but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear. And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear: The hour I first believed
3. Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come, 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

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



The Lord's My Shepherd

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie, In pastures green he leadeth me, The quite waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make. Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.
3. Goodness and mercy all my life, shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore, my dwelling place shall be.

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 through-out the universe displayed.

Ref: Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art, then sings my souls 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

Trocaire Boxes.

Trocaire is the Church's agency that works for a just world, and the Lenten Collection boxes are now available in the Church. Please do take one home with you.

Marriage Jubilee.

It is coming to that time of the year again when we invite couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, like Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond to come with their families to the 12noon Mass on Sunday May 8th. We will join with you in marking the occasion. The anniversary itself may be months away, but it is good to add a spiritual dimension to your celebrations this year. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME TO MARY IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY PHONING 4555368.

Questions people ask?

Q. Giving up something for Lent is good but what might I do to make Lent have a deeper impact on y Life?

A. Lent begins with Jesus identifying and rejecting the temptations that would lead Him away from His mission. We should try to identify how we are being misled from our true calling. Three questions come to mind. Am I too concerned about material things and trivialities which really do not matter? Am I too self-centred and unresponsive to others? Am I really serious about my relationship with God? 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.' Fr. Silvester O'Flynn Cap.

Minding Your Mental Health

The PINEL Project, HSE, Crumlin & District Mental Health Association & D12 Local & Community Development Team are running a series of three talks. The first in the series is on the topic of Building Resilience Together & will be held on 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Admission Free. For more information Phone: 4095082 or email mary@rpccp.ie

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Booking has now opened in the Parish Office. The Pilgrimage will take place from 7th to 12th September which coincides with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage with all the advantages that the occasion brings to our group.

The cost is €638 pps. We are organising the Pilgrimage to bring together the Parishes of our Pastoral Area, Crumlin, Mourne Rd, and Clogher Rd.

One of the Priests will travel with the group. The Hotel is The Grand Hotel de la Basilique which is very close to the Shrine.

For more information and to book, please call to the **Parish Office or ring Mary at 455 5368**

