



**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: €3,019
Share: €2,757
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

*Brendan Casey, Kildare Rd.
Frank Butler, St. Teresa's Rd.*

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st March 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 2nd March 2008

9:00am Deceased members
McLoughlin & Mulligan
Families

10:00am Anthony & Ena Hegarty (A)

11:00am Frank Brown (A)

12:00pm Pierre Beldt {3rdA}

1:00pm Peter Downey

7:00pm

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

**St Agnes Parish
Readers Roster**

Saturday 08 / 03 / 08

7.00pm Sarah Byrne

Sunday 09 / 03 / 08

9.00am John Green

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.*

HOPE.

You are invited to attend a talk /
discussion on the above

On Tuesday 4th march 2008 @
8:00pm in 60, Sundrive Road.

Organised by The Legion of Mary.
Refreshments Served.

Thought for the Week

"The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty" - Winston Churchill

The Novena of Grace to Honour St. Francis Xavier

The origin of the Novena of Grace goes back to January 3rd, 1634 in Naples. A Jesuit priest called Fr. Marcello Mastrilli was unconscious and dying as a result of an accidental blow to the head. Suddenly he opened his eyes, recovered consciousness and was miraculously healed. St. Francis Xavier had appeared to the dying priest. According to Fr. Mastrilli, he assured him that all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days would be granted many graces [hence the name]. The result was the setting up of the Novena of Grace. In gratitude to God, Fr. Mastrilli himself went to work on the Japanese mission and died a martyr's death there.

The Novena spread rapidly all over Europe and overseas to North America. Favours of all kinds, spiritual and temporal, were attributed to this form of prayer. It started in /Dublin in Penal Time [1712] in Mary's Lane Chapel in St. Michan's Parish. By 1980 the Novena was being celebrated in some forty churches in the Diocese of Dublin. It was estimated that 120,000 people made the Novena every year, either in public churches or privately at home. St. Francis was canonised on March 12, 1622. That is why the date of the nine days of prayer is fixed from March 4 to 12.

In more recent times, with fewer priests available to conduct the Novena for nine consecutive days, St. Agnes' found an alternative way to keep the Novena alive, engaging a different priest each day. This year two Redemptorists will do the needful. You know them from previous years - Frs. George Wadding and Gerry Moloney. Large crowds still attend the Novena in St. Agnes. Try to be one of them. It is a wonderful way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Fr. John Foster.

**CITIZEN INFORMATION
CENTRE**

A branch of this service to the community is established in the Slade Room of the Parish Centre.

There will be somebody in the Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:45am to 12:30pm. This service is free and confidential.

Mother's Day.

We hope all the gentlemen of the Parish will do their duty this weekend and be of service to the ladies, as we celebrate

Mother's Day this Sunday.

Our good wishes to all the mothers of the Parish. Hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable day. May Mary, Our Blessed Mother be your inspiration.

VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for the post of
Parish Secretary.

Computer Skills Required

Applications, with Curriculum Vitae and the names of two referees should be sent to

Very Reverend John Deasy
55 St Agnes Road,
Crumlin, Dublin 12

Applications for Full or Part-time post are most welcome.

The closing date for completed applications is 7th March 2008

For more information, please call
Fr John Deasy on
01 - 455 0955

Recently Baptised

Kaitlyn Grace McGuinness
Allannah Sinead McGuinness
Peter Austen Candon
Robyn Alice Gleeson
Lily Ella Biggs
Mia Jade Ryan
Craig Conor Brady-McGrath
Libby Molly Murray
Eva Victoria Conlan-McDermott
Rhys Garry Sherloch



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

Mass Reduction

As people are aware many of our neighbouring Parishes have had to reduce the number of Masses they provide because of the shortage of priests.

The average age of priests in Ireland is now 61 years. Leaving aside Fr. Darryl who is on loan to us, the average age of the priests in St. Agnes' has now reached 75 years.

Our Parish Pastoral Council and Liturgy Group have both been asked to consider the future in St. Agnes. Fr. Darryl, as part of his research work, will be returning to India from Mid June to Mid September. The Council have recommended that we discontinue our Sunday Evening Mass at 7.00pm in August, and its future after that is uncertain.

The next Sunday Mass under threat would be the 1.00pm, but that is not in danger for the moment. We may also have to reduce the daily Masses from four to three each day with the 8.00am most endangered.

We must protect the health of our remaining priests as we must also look after extra Masses for weddings and funerals. What we are trying to do is to consult widely and avoid springing reductions on our parishioners, and those who use our church at short notice. Comments from our parishioners would be appreciated.

Fr. John P.P.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

Next weekend at all Masses we will be supporting through a Church Gate Collection our three young people travelling to Australia for this special occasion. We call on the generosity of our parishioners to make it possible for them to travel.

St. Patrick's Weekend.

As you know the Feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated on Saturday 15th March. It is not a Holyday of Obligation. The State will celebrate the Feast of our National Apostle on the Monday 17th which will be a Bank Holiday.

Here in St. Agnes' we are having a special Festive Mass involving our schools on Friday 14th at 7pm, which is the vigil Mass for the Feast. On the 15th of March [Saturday] Masses will be at the usual time of 8am, 9am, and 10am. The 7pm Vigil Mass will be that of Palm Sunday.

On Monday 17th March [Bank Holiday] there will be no 8am Mass or Evening Mass, but there will be Masses at 9am 10am and additional Mass at 11am. We will be shortly distributing full details of Holy week and Easter to the homes of our parish. The pre-Easter Penitential service will be held as part of the Novena of Grace on Friday 7th March.

Book Sale.

This will take place in the upstairs lounge in the Village Inn, Crumlin Village, D. 12, on Sunday 2nd March 2008 between 12.pm & 5pm. All proceeds will go to the Irish Wheelchair Association. Your support would be greatly appreciated. New and second-hand books all under €5.



1. God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of Mercy and compassion, look with Pity upon me;
Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee
Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for Mercy, let me not implore in vain, All my sins I now detest 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

