



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

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Family Offering: €2,613
Share: €2,815
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

Patrica Fennell, Old County Rd.
Bernard Doyle, Whitehall Rd West
We express our deepest sympathies to
Their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Thought for the Week

"You will never put your foot down on any part of the road of suffering, but you will find the footprints of Jesus there before you" - Bishop Edward Galvin

Return of the Rainman

A severe drought fell on the land and nothing grew. Day after day the sun scorched the earth, plants withered, rivers dried up and people died. Only a few healthy people remained and they were desperate. Then they heard about the Rainman who could make rain fall; so they prayed and sent off two of the strongest youth to find the miracle worker. After a long journey they found him and he came back with them. When he saw the desolation of the land and it's people he wept. Then he took himself off to the hills. Forty days later the rains came. The fields turned green again, crops grew, animals grew fat and babies gurgled with health. The people celebrated their new life.

One evening an old woman remembered the Rainman. Where had he gone? How could they thank him? What was his secret? A group of them set off and eventually found him. With a big smile he greeted them and rejoiced in their good news. His secret? No he had no special formula, no magic words, nothing. He had simply gone off to the hills and waited alone in silence until he experienced a sense of balance in his own inner self. When he was one with his body, mind and spirit, when the rhythm of his soul rang true, the rains came.

In our busy, often hectic lives, we may not, like the Rainman, be able to go away to a desert place for forty days to get in touch with our true self. Nor is it necessary. But we do need to create a space each day, a little corner of silence where we look at the shape and pattern of our life, at what pulls us down or lifts us up, at attitudes that cripple or empower us, at the choices that bind us or free us. In all this let us, as St Paul urges, 'Be directed by the Spirit' and we will gradually experience the true inner freedom that is Christ's gift to us. Then, by his grace, we too may become channels of life-giving rain in the arid deserts of life

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th March 2008

- 7:00pm Shared Mass
- Sunday 9th March 2008
- 9:00am Linda Brennan
- 10:00am Rose & William Bonner {A}
- 11:00am Rita O'Higgins {A}
- 12:00pm Marie & Anastasia Begley {Anniv.}
- 1:00pm Nora Doyle {3rd A}
- 7:00pm Robert Glennon RIP

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

**St Agnes Parish
Readers Roster**

Saturday 15 / 03 / 08

- 7.00pm Ann Maher
- Sunday 16 / 03 / 08
- 9.00am Vera Brennan
- 10.00am Family Mass
- 11.00am M Finnegan
- 12.00pm Pat Corrigan
- 1.00pm Liam Buckley
- 7.00pm John Green

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.

Novena of Grace



Our Novena of Grace continues over the weekend and concludes on Wednesday next. There are two sessions each day at 10:00am and 7:00pm. It is never too late to join us for the remainder of the Novena. Make it an effort for Lent. We look forward to seeing you in St Agnes over the coming days.

Celebrating St Patrick



The 7:00pm Mass here on Friday 14th March will be a special Festive Mass to celebrate St Patrick. Young people from the Parish will be helping enhance our liturgy through music, song and dance.

At 6:30pm the Crumlin Youth Band will lead a parade from the schools on Armagh Rd to our Church. Why not join in

St Joseph



Not only is the Feast of St Patrick shifted with the overlap with Holy Week, but St Joseph has also been displaced. His feast this year will be on Friday 14th March instead of Spy Wednesday 19th March

St Joseph - Pray for Us

Lourdes 2008

This special year being the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions



St. Agnes's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

6th July - 11th July 2008

Price €675 pps staying at Jeanne D'Arc Hotel and Includes Insurance, Taxes, Coach transfers to and from the Airport

Early Booking is Advisable

FAMILY OFFERING

Many thanks to those who have signed up to contribute to the Family Offering. All those who requested boxes have now received them. However it is never too late to subscribe and if you have not returned the green form, please do so in the white box at the back of the Church. Spare green forms are available at the same place.

If you are a regular contributor in the past and have not received a box of envelopes, please ring the Parish Office as soon as possible on 455 5368.

To all who contribute a big thank you
Fr John PP

RECOMMENDED WEBSITE

<http://www.catholicroom.com/>



Catholic news, inspirational stories, articles and links presented by topics



WORLD YOUTH DAY

AUSTRALIA BOUND—WITH YOUR HELP

The World Youth Day experience is a fantastic opportunity to be offered and one which I know will deepen the faith that I already possess. It will indeed be a great pleasure to meet up with so many of my fellow

Christian counterparts to discuss and possibly exchange some ideas on how to get the youth of our Parishes involved in our Church. After all it is up to each of us to hold fast to and to pass on the faith to the coming generations.

I feel really proud and privileged at having been selected by the Parish Council to represent the Parish of St Agnes, I feel that you know me pretty well by now with my involvement as a Minister of the Word and being a Minister of the Eucharist.

We plan to spend seven days in Sydney in their parishes where we will learn first hand what they are doing to involve their youth. This is followed by a week in Melbourne where we will do the same and hopefully return with some fantastic ideas of how to involve our youth here. Of course we will meet with His holiness Pope Benedict XVI at the World Youth Day celebrations and hear first hand what His Holiness has to say to us.

Let me thank you in advance for your time and please give as generously as possible to our Church Gate Collection this weekend to enable myself and my two co-travellers to participate fully in this great adventure and to fully represent this great Parish of St Agnes, Crumlin. Let me assure you that if they do not know of us before now, they certainly will know and remember us far into the future.

Thank you and God Bless, Pauline Byrne

ST PATRICKS DANCE



SATURDAY 15th MARCH
IN

PERRYSTOWN / MANOR
ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
MUSIC BY "GOOD TIMES"

9.00PM—12.30AM

COST €8

BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

THE HANLY CENTRE

THE HANLY CENTRE is a counselling facility for families with Alcohol Related Problems. They run various programmes with the next one commencing on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm.

For more information or to make a booking, please phone 01 280 9795 or 01 280 7269



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

