



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

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Family Offering: €2,448
Share: €2,658

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Recently Deceased

*Kathleen O'Rourke [Murphy], Cashel Rd.
Mary Filgate, Dangan Pk.
We express our deepest sympathies to
Their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

Thought for the Week

*"Come holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful with the fire of your love."
Gospel Acclamation for the feast of Pentecost.*

The Spirit is Moving.

Earlier this week the now former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and the Northern Ireland First Minister Ian Paisley met to open the new centre at the site of the Battle of the Boyne. The meeting marked another symbolic step on the road to reconciliation between the different traditions on this island. Indeed so far have we come on that road in recent years that it is hard to explain to younger people today just how bitter these divisions were and how insurmountable at one stage they seemed.

However as we put our history behind us we only have to pick up a newspaper or hear the news to be reminded once again that religion can be used as source of division and cause for fearfulness.

And so it is appropriate as we celebrate Pentecost to be reminded in the readings that the formative experiences of the early church community were an experience of God in Jesus that moved people from a state of fear and anxiety to one of peace and joy; of an ongoing experience of the Spirit of God that moved them out of concern for themselves and into the world on a mission of reconciliation; and of a realisation that we need to be aware of the way that this Spirit is 'working in all sorts of different ways in different people'. As we move into a new phase of our history in which old divisions based on religion may soon be forgotten but where the emergence of new ones are a real possibility, it is good to be reminded of where we began as a community. Peacefulness, and not fear, a mission of reconciliation and a recognition of the diversity of ways and peoples through which the Spirit works were central to the founding of the Christian community. These same qualities will stand us in facing new challenges ahead. **M. O'S.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th May 2008

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday 11th May 2008

9:00am Veronica & Bernard Smith {A}

10:00am Bridget Green {A}

11:00am Liam Nolan {A}

12:00pm Charlie & Anne Croghan & their son Charlie & their son-in-law Liam Martin {A}

1:00pm Josie Allen {A}

7:00pm Patricia O'Keeffe {A}

May their Souls and the Souls of all the

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday 17 / 05 / 08

7.00pm Marie Donohue

Sunday 18 / 05 / 08

9.00am R McDermott

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am A Maher & B Prior

12.00pm Edel Altman

1.00pm Jean Cleary

7.00pm William Elliott

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

We would be grateful if you could please either Turn Off your Mobile Phone or set it to 'Silent' when entering the Church.

Celebrating Marriages

This year our annual celebration for those celebrating their Marriage Jubilees will be held at a new time of year. We have moved from the usual post Easter occasion to Sunday the 8th June at the 12:00noon Mass. We especially welcome those Celebrating Diamond, Golden, Ruby, Pearl and Silver Wedding Anniversaries in 2008.

You and your families will be very welcome to the celebration. You will be welcomed along even if your partner has died. In order to let us know how many are attending, please notify the Parish Office at 4555 368 as soon as possible.

Lourdes 2008

This special year being the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions St. Agnes's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes (6th July - 11th July 2008)



There are just 8 places remaining (triple or twin rooms only) on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This is a special year there, as it is the 150th Anniversary of the apparitions.

Price €675 pps staying at Jeanne D'Arc Hotel and Includes Insurance, Taxes, Coach transfers to and from the Airport For more information, contact the Parish Office

SOUND SYSTEM.

HOPE YOU FIND THE SOUND SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED. PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE HAD TO REORGANISE OUR SYSTEM FOLLOWING A DIRECTION FROM COM REG. THIS HAD THE EFFECT OF DISTORTING THE SOUND. WE HAD OUR ENGINEER WORKING ON OUR SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE PAST TWO SUNDAYS AND HE HAS BEING FINE TUNING OUR SOUND. WE HOPE IT WILL SATISFY THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS.

Knock.

Hopefully we will run our usual August Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday the 28th of August—the last Thursday of the month when there is a special gathering of the sick and elderly.



The main pilgrimage season in Knock has already begun, and during the summer holiday season many people call to Knock when touring in the West. Details of the daily programme are given in the Church Porch.

Church Gate: Pax Christi. A movement for peace in the world and working to highlight the evil of cluster bombs and the danger of unexploded bombs, especially to children.

First Communion.

Congratulations this weekend to the children of St. Damians School who have made their First Holy Communion.



May they always know and love Jesus their friend and may their parents be a witness to them by their own devotion to their Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart Novena.

This year the Novena begins on the 22nd of May and concludes on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday the 30th of May. As usual in this Parish the prayers for the Novena will be said publicly at the 9.00am Mass each morning over the nine days. Copies of the leaflet for this year are on order and will be available in the Church.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.

Meeting on Tuesday May 13th at 7.45pm in the Liffey room of the Parish Centre. Please join us. You are important in the work of vocations. **All Welcome.**

A Date for Your Diary.

Sunday May 11th. 10.30am. Latin Mass [Pentecost] St. Kevin's, Harrington St., SCR. Palestrina: Missa Papae Marcelli. The Lassus Scholars.

Shared Mass.

Last Autumn we introduced the Shared Mass for the Saturday Vigil Mass. It allows parishioners to book names up to lunchtime on the Friday beforehand. We have had difficulty in accommodating the demand for Anniversary Masses. So far this new system seems to be a welcome compromise.

Churches throughout the country are joining in prayer for the gift of vocations from God. Many are making very beautiful prayers available to their congregations. St. Joseph's Church in Terenure issued the prayer here below which takes in all our vocations.

It's a prayerful recipe for a happier world. That's why I'd like to share the prayer with everyone. [Mrs.] Marie Lawlor.

Year of Vocation Prayer.

Loving God May this year of vocation Be; A time of grace for all, A time of growth for the young, A time of refreshment for the old, A time of cherishing for families, A time of renewal for the single, A time of deepening love for the married, A time of new life for religious, A time of re- commitment for priests, A time of discovery for searchers, A time of home-coming for those who have been away, May this year of vocation bring your richest blessings on all that we are, and all that we do, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart www.msccvocations.com



1. Come O Creator

1. Come O Creator Spirit Blest And in our hearts take up Thy rest Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid. To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
2. Great Paraclete to Thee we cry O highest gift of God most high O fount of life, O fire of love And sweet anointing from above.
3. All glory while the ages run, Be to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death; the same to thee, O Holy Ghost, eternally.

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. Stay with us Lord

(R) Stay with us Lord we pray you Alleluia
1. You are the bread come down from heaven. You are the food of life eternal. (R)
2. You are the light which illumines the world. Brightening our way, dispelling our darkness. (R)
3. You are the Christ the divine Son of God. You are the pledge of life eternal. (R)

4. Queen of The May.

1. Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest, from gardens and woodlands and hillsides and dale. Our full hearts are swelling our glad voices telling The praise of the loveliest flower of the Vale.
O Mary we crown Thee with blossoms today Queen of the angels and Queen of the May. O Mary we crown Thee with blossoms today Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.
2. Their lady they name thee, Their mistress proclaim Thee, Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true, As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers, As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.