



**ST AGNES' PARISH  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
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**Priests of the Parish**  
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**Family Offering: € 3.110**  
**Students for Priesthood:  
€4,069**  
Many thanks for your continued  
support and generosity

**Recently Deceased**

James Craven, Derry Park,  
Jack Byrne, Cromwellsfort Road

We express our deepest sympathies to  
their families at this time.  
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 28th 2011

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, May 29th 2011

9:00am Nancy McGrory {7th A}

10:00am Harper Family {A}

11:00am Denis Bradshaw {1st A}

12:00pm Thomas Cathal Tighe {A}

1:00pm May Skelton {A}

7:00pm Thomas Grennan {36th A}

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

**St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster**

Saturday, June 4th 2011

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday, June 5th 2011

9.00am Vera Brennan

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am M Finnegan & k Kennedy

12.00pm John Green

1.00pm Liam Buckley

7.00pm Pat Corrigan

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

The Next Readers Meeting will take  
place on Mon 30th May @ 7.30pm

**Final Call**

Easter Dues are an important  
source of income for the priests of  
the Parish. Please return  
envelope to the Sacristy, Parish  
Office or the White Box at the  
back of the Church. Many thanks.  
Spare envelopes are available at  
the Church Doors.

**Family Mass Group.**

Our Mass Group is closing down for the Summer this weekend. Susan  
has been their leader and a couple of the other leaders who have  
worked with the Family Mass Group over many years are stepping  
down. They have given great service and we wish to acknowledge this  
dedication. On behalf of families we wish to say 'Many Thanks.'

We will be taking a fresh look at the Group and searching for new  
talent. Anyone know anybody who would like to take on the leadership  
role? Give Fr. Michael or Fr. John a call.

**Light Laughter** - Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new  
members and to the deterioration of some older ones !!!

**Thought for the Week**

"For two people in a marriage to live together day after day is unquestionably the  
one miracle the Vatican has overlooked" - Bill Cosby, American comedian

**Barack Obama.**

This past week we had a visit from the American  
President, the most powerful man in the world. He  
overcame in his life many disadvantages to make it to the  
top. He is like many of his predecessors, a gifted speaker  
and communicator.



150 years ago Abraham Lincoln was President. His mother died  
when he was nine. Born in the backwoods of Kentucky, he only had  
a few months of schooling. He was largely self taught. He had the  
painful experience of losing two sons aged four and twelve. He  
overcame all these disadvantages.

During the darkest days of the American Civil War he said "I do the  
very best I know how...and I mean to keep on doing it till the end."  
Gettysburg Address. He was assassinated in 1865.

St. Paul [Acts Chapter 20;verse 24] said 'I do not account my life of  
any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my  
course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus to  
testify to the Gospel of the grace of God.

We may not feel we have great gifts. However we all have a  
potential in us to do great things. We can overcome our  
disadvantages and endeavour to fulfil the potential that God has  
planted in us. No matter how old or young we are now, we all have  
much to give if like Abraham Lincoln we do the very best we know  
how and mean to keep on doing it to the end.

May we place our gifts at the service of God and the community  
where we live.

Fr. John.

**Bus to Knock**

On the occasion of the National  
Eucharistic Congress in Knock on Sunday  
June 25th in preparation for the  
International Congress to be held in a  
years time, a number of parishes in the  
neighbourhood are sending a coach to  
Knock.

If you would like to be part of the St.  
Agnes Parish group, please contact  
Mary in the Parish Office to book your  
place. It is hoped that every parish in  
Ireland will be represented on that day.

**Thanks for Your Generosity**

Already more than €4,000 has been  
received for TROCAIRE from the  
boxes which have been returned. If  
you still have a Lenten Box at home,  
would you please return it to the  
Church or Parish Office as soon as  
possible. Many Thanks

**North Strand Bombings**

A memorial service for those who died in the North Strand bombing in 1941  
will take place on Tuesday 31st May @ 2pm at the Monument in  
the grounds of Marino College, Connolly House, North Strand.  
Those in attendance will include the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the  
German ambassador and relatives of those who died. It will  
conclude with a short prayer service in St. Agatha's Church,  
North William Street, Dublin 1.



All are welcome. For more information contact Maureen @ 01 855 4078.



**Praise My Soul The King of Heaven**

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To  
his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed,  
healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his  
praise to sing?

R. Praise him. Praise him, Praise him.  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour To  
our fathers in distress: Praise him still  
the same forever, Slow to chide and  
swift to bless. Praise him. Praise him.  
Praise him. Praise him. Glorious in his  
faithfulness. R.

3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us: well  
our feeble frame He knows: in His  
hands He gently bears us, rescuing us  
from all our foes. Praise Him, Praise  
Him, Praise Him, Praise Him widely as  
His mercy flows. R.

**Praise to the Lord**

1. Praise to the Lord the almighty, the king  
of creation. O my soul praise him for he  
is your health and salvation. All you who  
hear, now to his altar draw near, joining  
in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord let us offer our gifts  
at his altar; Let not our sins and  
transgressions now cause us to falter,  
Christ the high priest bids us all join in  
his feast victims with him on the altar

**GOLDEN JUBILEE**



Last weekend I celebrated in St. Agnes the 50th Anniversary of  
my Ordination to the priesthood. It was a wonderful occasion  
for me and my family who travelled from various parts of Ireland and  
the U.K. I wish to thank all who joined and organised the celebrations  
and the 'afters' in the Parish Centre. To one and all a big 'Thank You.'

As I said last week, I am retiring as Parish Priest and after a break, I  
hope to return to assist in the Pastoral area of Crumlin, Mourne Road  
and Clogher Road parishes. May God continue to bless me with energy  
and health so that I may minister into the future. Fr. John.

**Lough Derg Pilgrimages**

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE, You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the  
week from Wednesday 1st June until Saturday 13th August 2011.

Cost: €55 includes boat fare and accommodation.

For bookings or further information. Visit: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) Tel: 071 9861518 (from N.I. 028 686 32391).

Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

**Catholic Youth Care**

Invites young people aged 16-18 to join in  
the fun of the Summer Youth Festival in  
Knock on Saturday June 25th for one day.  
The cost of the return bus trip is €15. There  
are a limited number of places on the bus  
so book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information and to book your  
place contact [vjackson@cyc.ie](mailto:vjackson@cyc.ie) or  
[akeegan@cyc.ie](mailto:akeegan@cyc.ie) or call 01 872 5055

**PARISH WALK & TALK GROUP**  
Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm at the  
Parish Centre. All Welcome

**Recently Baptised**

Aaliyah Yufei Smith  
Jake Derek Lawlor  
Jessica Lynda Dunne



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

**Advance Notice**

As you know we will have less  
priests to serve the Parish in the  
years ahead. In order to help  
our neighbouring Parishes over  
the Summer months it has been  
decided at area level that there  
will be no Sunday 10.00am Mass  
in July and August in St. Agnes.

Also during July and August  
there will be no Sunday evening  
Mass @ 7.00pm

**Catholic Papers** are available  
after all weekend Masses at the  
back of the church.

