

*We remember all
those who died
recently.*

Marie Slevin



*We give our loved ones back
to you, O Lord; and just as
you did not lose them in the
giving, so we do not lose
them in returning them to
you.*

St. Agnes Parish, Crumlin
Novena of Grace
& Parish Retreat for Lent
4th – 12th March
Theme
“Make your hearts firm”
See Noticeboards for details

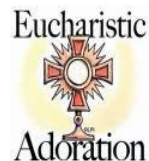
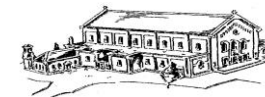
Do you have a neighbour who is
housebound?
Or do you know someone who
might like to hear what is going
on in the Parish

We would like you to pass this
Newsletter on to them
Also, if you know someone who
would like to have Holy
Communion brought to them in
their home, please contact the
Parish Office.



A copy of the Newsletter can
also be downloaded from the
Parish website.
www.mourneroad.ie

Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh
Pastoral Area Crumlin / Mourne Rd. / Clogher Rd. 3rd Sunday of Lent 8th March 2015



*Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
Monday to Friday
10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
in the Oratory.*

*Would you like to spend a little time
alone with the Lord in quiet
prayer? If you have an hour to
spare please leave your name into
the Parish Office.*

Thought for the Week:
*To be grateful is to
recognize the Love of God in
everything God has given us
- and God has given us
everything. Every breath we
draw is a gift of God's love,
every moment of existence
is a grace, for it brings with
it immense graces from God.
Gratitude therefore takes
nothing for granted, is never
unresponsive, is constantly
awakening to new wonder
and to praise of the
goodness of God. For the
grateful person knows that
God is good, not by hearsay
but by experience.
And that is what makes all
the difference.” –
Thomas Merton*



**MASS TIMES: SUNDAYS 6.30pm Vigil, 9am,
10.30 Family Mass & 12 noon Choir
7 p.m. Pastoral Area Mass St. Agnes
10 am MONDAY – SATURDAY – Weekdays 7.30am during Lent
Morning Prayer: 9.40 each morning.**

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary group meet every Tuesday 2.30 p.m. in the church Meeting Room.

Gospel Reflection Every Wednesday at 9.15 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room.

Eucharistic Prayer – Every Friday 2.30 – 3.30 p.m. in the Oratory. All welcome.

TROCAIRE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.

2nd Saturday – 14th March

Devotions to St. Pio take place after
10 a.m. Mass

If there is a funeral devotions will
take place at 9 a.m. in the Oratory.

Baptism Preparation

Meeting takes place on Monday
9th at 7.30 p.m in the Oratory



PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.
Numbers 5, 12, 13, 30.



**Congratulation to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes
Next week's Jackpot will be €8,300.**

**The next Draw takes place on Tuesday morning
after 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Tearoom.**

**Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe
in the church by 11 a.m. on Mondays.**

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Parish Office Opening Hours

9.15am to 1pm. & 2pm to 5.15pm. Monday - Wednesday

9.15am to 1pm Thursday & Friday (Closed both afternoons)

Contact: Phone 4556105 Email: mourneroadparish@eircom.net

Website: www.mourneroad.ie.

w/e 1st March 2015

Church Collections

1st Priests: € 972.00

2nd Share: € 791.00

Envelope Collection

€2,401.00

During Lent candles
for “**Healing & Renewal**”
are available at all Masses
and from the Parish Office.

Offering €1.50

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the PPC takes
place on Tuesday 10th at 7.30 p.m.
in the Church Meeting Room.

Finance Committee

The next meeting of the
Finance Committee takes place on
Thursday 12th at 4 p.m. in the
Church Meeting Room.

Mass Times for St. Agnes

Weekdays 9, 10am & 7pm

Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30 a.m, 11am, 12.30p.m.
& 7 p.m. Pastoral Area Evening
Mass

**Mass Times for
Clogher Road**

Weekdays 10.00am

Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm

Sunday 10.00am & 12.00 noon

DIY RETREAT AT HOME THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 8TH MARCH 2015

“...for he knew what was in each person.” **Renew.** Welcome to week 3 of our Lenten Retreat. How did last week go for you? Did you manage to make time to **refresh** your relationship with God? Have you made a little bit of time for yourself to pray? Keep it up. Remember to keep your stone/pebble in your pocket each day and whenever you are aware of it, take a deep breath, exhale slowly, and look for something to be thankful for. Don't think of something abstract, or far away in time or space, instead think of something to be thankful for right at that moment. It could be thankful for feeling the earth under your feet, for the warmth of the sun on your skin or the air that gives you your next breath... just take a moment to notice it and say thanks. And at the end of the day place it in your prayer space entrusting all your burdens of the day to God. Lent is often described as a time for **Renewal**: of faith, of commitment, of spirit, of desire, of relationships or even of baptism promises. Quite often we link **Renewal** to a negative, either sinfulness, a failure or a lack of something - Maybe we didn't lack something, maybe we just didn't know it was there or realise the faith we already had?! This week the focus is on you to **Renew** your vision of yourself, your community, your world, and indeed your God! Take the opportunity to explore not only the things that God has for you, but also, and more importantly, to begin to see more clearly the person God wants you to become, how God wants you to live and to reflect God's love and character in a your world. **You are loved and you do make a difference!** The reflections and suggestions on these pages are meant as a guide. You can do some of them or all of them. Take your time, be gentle with yourself – you have a full week.



PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: Breathing exercise: As you have been doing for the past two weeks when you come to prayer, Be still. Take three deep breaths... inhale for a count of four, then exhale for a count of four, then focus on your normal breathing. Do this for as long as you can. Build up the time each day to reach 5 mins (or more). This is the breath of life. Thank God for this gift. Repeat the following slowly: **“Be. Be Still. Be still and know. Be still and know that I am God”** (Psalm 46:10)



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Read Jn 2:13-25 (take home the Missalette or read it in your Bible), come back to it again a few times during the week. Is there a word, phrase, idea that strikes you? Maybe something about the story you haven't noticed before? In the stillness repeat that word or phrase in your mind. Stay with this for a few moments. **Consider the following:** We are not used to thinking of Jesus as angry. Jesus is 'overcome' with fierce love and passion because of the injustice he sees before him. Surely anger is not a good thing? But neither is indifference. What temples have we turned into market places today? What should we be angry about? - How does the Gospel message bear fruit in our lives? What injustices do we see around us? In our communities? In our country? In our world? -Jesus knew what was in each person. Do we see God in ourselves, in others and in the world around us?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: When we look in the mirror who do we see? What I discovered to be true about who I am was so simple that I had been stumbling over it all my life. Who I really am—my true self—is a person created in God's image. God's essence is love. Our true essence is also love. We long to love, and we long to be loved. That is who we are under all the fears and distortions about ourselves, under all our ego and pride and defences. We are spiritual creatures created in the image of the God of love, created to love and to be loved! When we begin to realise this Good News, we see ourselves, our world in a new way. Each day becomes a blessing, each moment an opportunity. When we open our eyes to see all that we are being given we become like an artist who takes the time to focus with care on life's details. The slice of toast and cup of tea at breakfast become what they are—a gift. The hug from a friend is seen for what it is—a gift. As we open our eyes and look again we begin to see that God, the Maker of all things, is a passionate Lover who is forever showering us with gifts, calling out, "I love you, I love you, I love you! Can you see it? Can you see it in the beauty of the clouds? Can you hear it in that music? Can you feel it in your friend's phone call? Can you see how much I love you?" God holds up the mirror of his delight in us for us to look into, to see ourselves as God sees us. God wraps us in love and tells us we are infinitely valuable. God invites us to know who we are—dearly loved children, created to live lives of love. *Adapted from Seeing Ourselves More Clearly by Juanita Ryan*



SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: +Welcome Mahlet and the people of Sebeya Ethiopia into your home this week. Mahlet is the girl on the Trocaire box and is thirteen years old and lives in Sebeya. Her name means 'Life' in her native language. There is a sad irony, however, that despite her namesake, she comes from a place where it is difficult for life to flourish, where crops cannot grow and where water is scarce. Mahlet is a very happy and sociable child and loves learning. She hopes to become a doctor when she grows up. +Get some water and place it in a bowl in your prayer space. This week recall all the different things you use water for on a daily basis. Give thanks to God for this wonderful gift of water. +Drink at least one glass of water each day in a mindful way: Take the water slowly to your lips Notice the coolness of the water Feel the heating effect of your mouth on the water Sense the water on your tongue and its flow at the back of your throat Become aware of your body absorbing water Be aware of your thirst abating. +Sign up to Trocaire's Climate Justice campaign - <http://www.trocaire.org/takeaction/climate-justice-petition> +Buy a reusable water bottle, Fill it with water from the tap as you need it, Drink! And finally, if you do have empty plastic bottles lying around, please be sure to recycle them!