

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Cricklewood

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Last week's collection. £1830. Many Thanks. The new Planned Giving boxes will be available from the Family Room on Sunday 20th March and on the two subsequent Sundays for collection. It is important that parishioners pick up their boxes as Planned Giving is the bread and butter of parish income. Also if you are not in the scheme or have lapsed from the scheme due to Covid or whatever you are most welcome to request a box by handing in your name and address. You will be guaranteed a box of envelopes and you can contribute in that way to the financial needs of the Parish and Church. There is no doubt that Covid had a devastating impact on every aspect of life and not least Parish life. Naturally enough we want to return to a state of affairs that operated pre-Covid.

The outbreak of war in Eastern Europe remains a huge concern. War is simply awful and the fallout from it can be horrendous as we all have witnessed in recent days. Many people were duped into thinking that major wars were a thing of the past or just couldn't happen anymore. This outbreak has underlined the naivety of that kind of thinking. History is often said to repeat itself. Hence the need for nations to be on their guard. Whilst the present location of the war remains one of immediate concern one is also concerned as to how things might evolve on to a more broader front involving many nations. From our perspective one can only hope and pray that the leaders of the nations will make the right decisions to bring about de-escalation and peace. We are certainly praying for a restoration of that peace which is the true gift that serves the common good of all peoples.

Does anybody know anything about the whereabouts of a man named John Hennessey who came from Tipperary and who lived in Cricklewood in the early nineteen eighties? Any information to Fr John.

First Communion Program in the Hall every Sunday at 9.30am followed by attendance at the 10.30 am Mass. Thanks to parents for their cooperation. What is pleasing is that we seem to be building up a very good team of helpers, teachers and catechists. Thanks to all for stepping up to the mark when required. The real people that benefit are the children and hopefully their parents. During the week Samantha Greene will take on the role of Catechetical Coordinator and will become the main point of contact. All are asked to maintain the enthusiasm and progress made so far and to build on it. The Confirmation Program continues every Saturday in the Hall at 11am.

Stations of the Cross every Friday in the Church during Lent at 7pm.

Lent Fast Day in on Friday 11th March. On Sunday 13th March when the offerings will be collected we will have speakers from Cafod addressing us at all the Masses.

Masses in the Parish. Monday to Friday at 9.15am. Saturday at 10am and 6.30 pm (for Sunday). Sunday Masses at 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 6.30pm.

The Rosary is recited after all morning weekday Masses. People are invited to join in.

Divine Mercy Retreat here at St Agnes Church on Saturday 12th March. 1pm to 4pm.

We continue to have issues with the heating systems in the plant. Areas most affected are the House and the Parish Centre. There have been a multiplicity of complaints from those who use the Parish Centre. It does take time to get people to assess things before restoration. It has transpired that the boiler in the Parish Centre needs a new and expensive fan before function can be restored. Proprietorial confidence is on the up on this one and it is hoped that the concerns of users can be erased.