

Mater Dei Institute of Education  
Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3  
A free public lecture

by Prof. Peadar Kirby



*Is the democratic project  
compatible with the values of  
neoliberal globalisation?*

in Mater Dei Institute of Education  
on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Further information: (01) 837 6027 ext. 203. Reception afterwards.  
Free Parking available.

Access: <http://www.materdei.ie/theinstitute/location.htm>



## The Macushla Dance Club Dance Class for the over 50's

**Where:** Dancehouse, Foley Street. Dublin 1

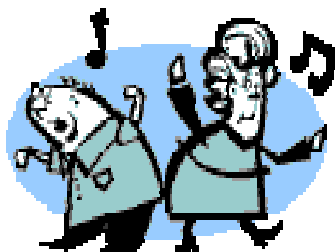
**When:** On Thursdays from 10.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

**Starting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007

*This is a free weekly dance and exercise  
class for the over 50's.*

*It is for an hour and a half with breaks  
and refreshments.*

To register and for more information  
please contact Ríonach at 01-8558802  
or drop in to Dancehouse on 25<sup>th</sup> January.



If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested  
in this **NEWSLETTER** please give them a copy. Next issue Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

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# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> January 2007

## Good News!!! Painting of church to start

### *Who is painting the church?*

The contract for the painting of the church  
has been given to **Noel Cunningham & Sons**.  
Four contractors had tendered for the work.  
Noel is originally from Clonliffe Avenue.  
His business is a family run business.  
They have painted a number of churches  
over the last number of years:

- ◆ Church of the Assumption, Howth
- ◆ Church of St. Anthony, Clontarf
- ◆ Church of St. Canice, Finglas
- ◆ Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore
- ◆ Church of Aaron Quay.



### *Who is the Architect?*

Mr James Cummins is the architect for our church. He has already overseen  
the renovation and rewiring of the church that has been completed. At the  
request of St. Agatha's Parish Finance Committee he was appointed by  
Archbishop's House.

### *When is the work starting and how long will it last?*

Work for the preparation for the painting of the church has already begun -  
the pipe organ was covered during the past week. The scaffolding will be  
erected in the coming week. The work is expected to continue for eight  
weeks - so hopefully the painting of the church will be completed before  
Easter!!

### *The church will not be closed during the painting of the Church*

The 9.00 a.m. weekday morning Mass will be prayed in the Prayer Room  
while the work is continuing. All other Masses and ceremonies will  
continue as usual in the church.

## Who is paying for this?

Thanks to the parishioners who have contributed to the Church Restoration Fund and other fundraising activities and especially to *Share*, the Dublin Diocesan Development Fund this work is possible.



## Is there fundraising for this?

Yes, there is. The Church Painting Fund will open next weekend 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the back of the church and will continue until Easter. If you would like to give a donation there will be members of the Fundraising Committee at the back of the church at all the Sunday Masses.

The Parish Fundraising Committee plan to hold a Fun Race Night in March.

## What other work has to be done?

- **New flooring** for the aisles of the church, Mortuary Chapel, sacristy and other areas.
- **New lighting** for the main body of the church
- **Restoration of St. Agatha's Mortuary Chapel** - The Dublin Docklands Development Authority are giving a grant of €40,000 towards the restoration of St. Agatha's Mortuary Chapel.

## Thanks for your understanding and support

Restoration work on the exterior and interior of the church has been ongoing since November 2000. Your understanding and support is very much appreciated. Thankfully this work is nearly completed and in plenty of time to celebrate the centenary of the church in 2008. Special thanks to the church cleaners who are doing such a good job under such difficult circumstances. They are all volunteer workers and we are indebted to them.

**Please be careful while the church is being painted.**

**Safety is our primary concern -  
please take care while work is in progress!**

## Clergy News

### How is Fr. Brady?

A number of parishioners have been asking how Fr. Brady is. He has not been well for some time. Having spent a number of weeks in the Mater Hospital last October he has now gone into full time care in Hampstead Nursing home. Please keep him in your prayers.

### Fr. Devitt is on Sabbatical Leave

Our parish chaplain Fr. Paddy Devitt has taken a nine month sabbatical leave from his main work which is lecturing in Mater Dei Institute of Education. At present he is on retreat for two months in Australia. He hopes to be back in the parish to celebrate Easter with us before going to the Holy Land. We wish him well and pray that he has a safe journey.

## Musicians needed for Children's Mass

We thank Eadaoin Kelly, Anne Keely and Leo Kilroy for leading the music and training the Children's Choir over the last number of years. Unfortunately due to study and other commitments they are unable to continue.



A **keyboard player** is needed and also a **conductor** who can lead and train the children for a practice every Sunday morning at 11.00a.m. for the 12 noon Children's Mass.

If you or someone you know can help please contact -

Fr. Liam Rigney at 087 2607377 or  
Sr. Eileen Browne at 087 6452267.

## Protect you and your home - Be on your guard against intruders!

A number of homes in this area have been recently targeted - particularly the homes of elderly people living on their own. Please be on your guard and take care. You are advised not to open your door to anyone you do not know. Review your security arrangements with other members of your family.