



Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, regem angelorum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.
2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, the star in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around
2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread, Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind"
3. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease.

4. Once in Royal David's City.

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

6. Angels we have heard on high

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong? Say what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ our Lord the new born king. **Refrain**
4. See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!
2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

8. O come all ye faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of Angels.
Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain.**
3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning, Jesus to you be glory given, word of the Father now in flesh appearing. **Refrain.**

9. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born king, peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, with angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Refrain: Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. **Refrain.**



Eucharistic Adoration

We thank sincerely all those who were so faithful to their Holy Hour in 2006. Please keep it up in 2007. We still need more volunteers. As you know Adoration will bring many blessings on you and on your family. The next Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 8th January at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre



Recently Deceased

Frank Emerson, Thurles (late of Hillsbrook Ave)
Nora O'Malley, Balfe Ave
Alfred Byford, Dowland Rd
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST AGNES CHURCH

Saturday 6th January 2007

7:00pm Sean Flaherty {A}

Sunday 7th January 2007

- 9:00am Mary McNally {A}
- 10:00am Peter & Mary McGuinness
- 11:00am Eileen Murphy {10th A}
- 12:00pm John McGoldrick & Family {Anniv}
- 1:00pm Aileen Gough {A}
- 7:00pm Paddy & Seamus Fox {A}

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

CHRISTMAS DUES

May we remind you about your Christmas Dues. Envelopes were distributed to all homes in the Parish before Christmas and spares are available at the exit doors in St Agnes Church. Please return your dues to the Parish Office, the Sacristy or the Family Offering box at the rear of the Church



Would you like to write for the Parish Newsletter?

Writing the main article or sourcing same is a weekly chore for your editor. There are deadlines to meet each week. If you would like to contribute an article of about 300 words which might interest our parishioners, please forward same to the Editor at the Parish Office. Thanking you in anticipation

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

Family Offering: €2,386
Share: €2,549
Many thanks for your support

Thought for the Week

"A groundless rumour often covers a lot of ground"
Anonymous

A SPANISH EPIPHANY

I am not one of those people who has a lucky streak, I rarely win a prize in a raffle. However, about 35 years ago, I won a prize of a week's holiday for two in Majorca. When I opened the voucher, won in a pre-Christmas draw, I discovered the holiday had to be availed of before the end of January.

Another priest and myself claimed the prize and took the holiday in the first week of January, which coincided with the Feast of the Epiphany, the 6th of January. The celebration of the Feast was interesting.

In Ireland, Santa had come and gone back to the North Pole. However the season of gift giving in the Spanish tradition was linked to the Feast of the Epiphany when the Wise Men bring the gifts to the Crib.

We were alerted to the local festivities in Palma and like thousands of others gathered near the sea shore and the harbour. The Wise Men did not arrive by plane or by reindeers. Earlier in the evening all the boats had gone out to sea. Then a signal was given and hundreds of small craft suddenly were ablaze with lights and approached the harbour. The Wise Men then came ashore and were received by the Mayor and set out atop of camels distributing sweets to the many excited children gathered along the route with their parents and friends. It was a most colourful occasion and so different to Ireland. The giving of gifts had a spiritual dimension and was closely linked to the visit of the Magi.

This weekend (Saturday) we have celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany and I remember this celebration of 35 years ago in a special and vivid way even after all these years.

Fr John

RETURN TO SCHOOL

This week the scholars return to the classroom after the Christmas break. For the teenagers, exam fever grows as they knuckle down to study in preparation for examinations that will shape their future lives.

The younger children, at least for some of them will look forward to First Holy Communion and Confirmation. May I make an appeal to parents and grandparents. Do not leave all the preparation to our teachers. Take an involved interest in your children's preparation for the reception of these Sacraments. At Baptism, you as parents made a commitment to pass on the Faith to your children. Now is the opportunity to exercise this promise. It is also a time to show that the Faith and prayer are important to your life and home. Lead by example.

OLD MONEY

We hear that €300,000 in the old coinage and notes are still hidden away. So if you can find old money when cleaning out the attic or throwing out a mattress, the Parish will still accept it by way of a charitable donation

Crumlin College

Enrolments for evening courses will take place in Crumlin College of Further Education, Crumlin Road, for two weeks from January 8th between 6.45pm and 8.45pm (Monday to Thursday only)