

Researchers at Trinity College Dublin are currently recruiting participants for a study looking at how sharing meals can be good for our mental and physical health. We are looking for 100 adults aged over 60 who are living alone, and who would like to receive a visitor once weekly for 8 weeks during 2014. Your visitor will be fully trained, and Garda-vetted, and aged over 55. Your visitor will bring ingredients for a meal that you will both prepare and enjoy together. We will cover the costs of the meal, so there is no cost associated with participating! If you are interested in finding out more, please email [mchughje@tcd.ie](mailto:mchughje@tcd.ie) or call 01 896 8414.

**Calling anyone interested in gardening and growing their own. This month we're making our own Christmas wreaths. So bring along some holly or any hardy greenery, some sparkly Christmas decorations and join in the fun. This will be followed by a cup of tea and slice of cake with our usual group chat on growing. The meetings are free and open to people interested in food growing from beginners to old hands. The meeting is on Monday 16 December at 6.30pm in Walkinstown library on Percy French road. All welcome.**

**Festive Christmas Carols:** in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross will take place on Monday, 16th December at 8.00pm in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group directed by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue

**Irish Missionary Union:** IMU Choir will have the first of three Carol services on Monday 16th of December in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 8.00pm. Our Advent talks are held every Tuesday at 29 Westland Square, Pearse Street. For more information on any of these please contact Anna or Deirdre on 4923326 or [www.imu.ie](http://www.imu.ie)

**NOW AVAILABLE CHRISTMAS CARDS IN AID OF LORCAN O'TOOLE DAY CENTRE.**

Huge variety, excellent quality and superb value at only €4 per pack of 12 (still no change on price!). On sale in the Repository (at the back of the Church) and in the Parish Centre. May also be obtained from CARMEL at her Home Address.



*"Please continue your support for this important Local Charity."*

**Carol Service with Nine Lessons and Benediction:** in St Kevin's Church, Harrington St, Dublin 8. On Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm with Lassus Scholars and Piccolo Lasso. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown, will preside on the day. All are very welcome.

PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**

IN PERRYSTOWN/MANOR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LIMEKILN LANE

**TUESDAY, 31ST DECEMBER**  
Music By **THE GOOD TIMES**

DANCING FROM 9.00 P.M. TILL 1.00 A.M.

TICKETS / ENQS. - PH. 4562373 / 087 9939248

TICKETS - €10 - ALSO PAYABLE @ DOOR  
Please Bring Own Refreshments



# St Agnes Parish Newsletter

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Child Protection Number: 087 3155305

You can now also visit us on Facebook,  
Sunday 15th December 2013 search for  
St Agnes Parish Crumlin



## Thought for the Week

*"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."*  
Pope Francis

## Last Weekends Collections

Family Offering: €1750 SVP: To follow  
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

**St. Agnes Church Mass Cards. The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day. Now Available from Parish Office and Church Repository (located at the rear of the Church, price €5 for ten.**



Also available in the Repository are Church Art Calendars priced @ €1.50 each and the Booklet "Walk With Me" - A Journey of Prayer and Reflection for Advent and Christmastide priced @ €1.00.

## Crosscare Food Appeal.

This is the last weekend for dropping food items into the parish centre. Crosscare are very grateful to all who contributed to this very worthy cause

Family Mass Group meets on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 6 – 7pm to prepare for the 11am Sunday Family Mass. All children preparing for First Holy Communion are more than welcome to join.

**The Oratory is now open after having the heating issues there resolved. The Church bells are under repair, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.**

## Priests of the Parish

Fr Paul Tyrrell: 4555368  
Fr David Fleming: 4555368  
Fr John Deasy: 4550955  
Fr John Foster: 4650714

## Deacon

Rev Jimmy Fennell 4555368

## St Agnes' Church Mass Times

**Weekday Masses are at**  
9.00am; 10.00 am;  
7.00pm

**Saturday Vigil Mass is at** 7.00pm

**Sunday Masses are at**  
9.30am; 11 am (Family);  
12.30pm (Choir); 7 pm

**Holy day Masses are at**  
7.00pm Vigil; 9.00am;  
10.00am; 7.00pm

## Confession Times

Saturdays from 10.30am to 11.30am & 6.45pm  
Eve of First Fridays after 10am Mass & 6.45pm



The Parish Coffee Dock is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon. All welcome

## Pope Francis Speaks

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has issued a well crafted document covering a wide range of topics. He is also noted for short 'one liners' and over the coming weeks I intend to print in the Newsletter a number of these 'one liners'. You will see one such quoted above.

The document issued largely at the end of November is called in English 'The Joy of the Gospel'. I propose to publish extracts from it in the coming weeks. Today I begin with what he says about the Parish. We are all born into one and in Crumlin we are rightly proud of it and its long tradition of service to its people. What Pope Francis says gives us all cause for reflection. Fr John

'The Parish is not an outdated institution-precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. This presumes that it is really in contact with the homes and lives of its people and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed cluster made up of a chosen few.

The Parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not quite sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission oriented.'

Pope Francis.

## Christmas Arrangements 2013

### Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 18th *No Evening Mass*

Carol Service in St. Agnes Church will begin at 7.00pm

### Confessions for Christmas

Saturday 14th during 7.00pm Mass

Penitential Service with Confessions in Clogher Road

Monday 16th at 7.30pm

Penitential Service with Confessions in St. Agnes'

Saturday 21st after 10.00am Mass

Penitential Service with Confessions in Mourne Road

Christmas Eve Confessions in St. Agnes'

10.30am - 12.30pm and 3.00pm - 5.00pm

### Masses for Christmas

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Vigil Masses at 7.00pm and 9.00pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm

*No 7.00pm Evening Mass*

**St. Stephen's Day:** 10.00am only

**Friday 27th and Saturday 28th:** 10.00am only

**Sunday 29th** Vigil Mass Sat. at 7.00pm

Sun. 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

**Monday 30th Dec. - Saturday 4th Jan. 2014**

9.00am and 10.00am only. *No Evening Mass*

**Sunday 5th Jan. 2014** Vigil Mass Sat. at 7.00pm

Sun. 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

### Feast of the Epiphany

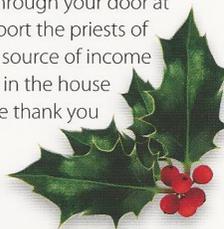
**Monday 6th January 2014**

Vigil Mass Sunday 5th at 7.00pm

Monday Mass at 9.00am, 10.00am and 7.00pm

### Christmas Dues

The Dues Envelope you receive through your door at Christmas and Easter help to support the priests of the Parish. They are an important source of income for the clergy. All working people in the house should be asked to contribute. We thank you for your generosity in the past.



## Our Recently Deceased

Patrick Fitzsimons, Beechfield road

Elizabeth {Betty} Tamman, Raphoe Road

Mark Stynes, Kilminchy, Portlaoise



We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this sad time.

**May They Rest in Peace.**

*Amen*

## Recently Baptised

Oisín Thomas Hayes  
Harlow Olivia Stewart-Cleary  
Dannii Lily Russell  
Patrick Francis Butler



We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them well in their lives ahead.

## Caring For Children in the Parish.

As it is Child Protection Awareness Sunday I thought it might be nice to reflect on the younger members in our parish. Every week in our Newsletter we see the names of our newly baptised members and can perhaps offer up a prayer of welcome for them. Then at first Communion and Confirmation we see our young members taking a more active part in Church life. During this season of Advent, a time of preparing for Christmas, we can all treasure and share in the delight and expectations of our young as they anxiously await the Birth of Baby Jesus whose friend Santa brings gifts to help us all share in the joy of His birth. As a community we care for and cherish our young people and do all in our power to help keep them safe and well. Gemma.

**Our Parish Child Protection representative may be contacted at 087 3155 305, if you have any concerns about the protection of children or vulnerable adults in the Parish: Our Parish Policy with regard to child protection is on display on the notice boards in the Church Porch and in the Parish Centre.**

## Nelson Mandela.

This Sunday this remarkable man will be laid to rest in his birthplace. The media have covered the story and influence of his life over the past ten days since his death.

Nelson Mandela's ability to forgive after twenty seven years of harsh imprisonment has been frequently mentioned. The Christian upbringing he received must have shaped this spirit of forgiveness. May his life be an inspiration to us all.

## St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th Dec.** Rosary 6.45pm; Mass at 7.00pm. Followed by Blessing & Benediction.



**Christmas Mass of Mary Help of Christians with carol singing by Marie Byrne at 7.30 p.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> December in Salesian House. All are welcome.**

**Christmas Arrangements 2013: Start Monday 16th with a Penitential Service and Confessions in St Agnes, and Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 18th at 7.00pm. There will be no Evening Mass.**