Christmas Carols

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Ref: *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. ***Ref.***

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ our Lord the new born king. ***Ref.***

4. See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. ***Ref.***

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.

Ref: *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. ***Ref.***

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.

Ref: *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. ***Ref.***

3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning,
Jesus to you be glory given,
word of the Father now in flesh appearing. ***Ref.***

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.

Ref: *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. ***Ref.***

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Sunday 29th December 2013

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St Agnes' Church Mass Times

Weekday Masses:- 9.00am; 10.00 am; 7.00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass:- 7.00pm
Sunday Masses:- 9.30am; 11.00 am *(Family)*; 12.30pm *(Choir)*; 7.00 pm

Holy day Masses:- 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

Christmas Dues.

The Dues envelope you receive through your door at Christmas And Easter helps 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.

Spare envelopes are available at the Church exits.

We thank you for your generosity in the past.

Thought for the Week

"Christmas celebrations are often full of sound. It would be good for us to make room for silence, to hear the voice of Love" Pope Francis

Last Weekends Collections

Family Offering: €2,050 Share: €1,850

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Priests of the Parish join in wishing you and your family every blessing in the New Year of 2014.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our Parish Church and especially welcome those home from abroad to join their families and to all who have come to live in Ireland and cannot be in their homeland and among their families this Christmas

St Agnes Parish Mass Times for Christmas Week and Beyond

Sunday 29th: Vigil Mass Sat @ 7.00pm.
Sunday Masses at 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

Monday 30th Dec to Saturday 4th Jan; 9.00am & 10.00am only. **There are no evening Masses**

Sunday 5th Jan: Vigil Mass Sat @ 7.00pm.
Sunday Masses at 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th Jan: Vigil Mass Sunday 5th @ 7.00pm. Monday Masses @ 9.00am, 10.00am & 7.00pm.

Copies of these arrangements are available on St Agnes Christmas Cards at the Church exits. Also available at the Church exits are St Agnes Parish Calendars for you to take home with you.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH

Coming home for Christmas

During the week I heard a woman on radio talking about how much she was looking forward to her daughter coming home to be with the family for Christmas. She says she can see and speak to her daughter on SKYPE, but there is something special when you hold her in your arms.

These days our airports are full of returning emigrants. For those living abroad over the last few weeks there has been a growing sense of excitement and anticipation. Now they are with us bringing great joy to many families. If they are with us in our Parish Church we are delighted to say to them "Welcome home to our Parish Family". May you enjoy your stay.

Bishop John Kirby, Chairperson of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants writes "As we prepare to celebrate Christmas it is important that we come together to remember and pray for our emigrant population, especially those who are unable to be with their loved one this Christmas. Sadly as the economic crisis continues, increasing numbers of Irish people are leaving our shores in the hope of making a new life for themselves and their families. Their departure creates a void in Irish families and in parish communities"

Hopefully with the signs of an upturn in the Irish economy many will be home for good in the years ahead bringing joy to families and friends. May their gifts and talents help to build a better Ireland.

Fr John.

A Prayer for Emigrants.

Bless all those who have left our country and now live in other lands.
Give them a strong faith so that they will always put their trust in you
And make you known by the example of their lives.
Console those who are lonely because they are separated from those they love.
Help all missionaries who are working far from home to make your love known.
Bless our people overseas who are sick or in prison.
We pray for foreigners who are living in our country that they may experience our hospitality.
Grant your eternal welcome to our emigrants who have died and to all the dead. Amen.

Leckpatrick Parish, Derry Diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th December 2013

7:00pm SHARED MASS

Sunday 29th December 2013

9:30am SHARED MASS
11:00am SHARED MASS
12:30pm SHARED MASS
7:00pm SHARED MASS

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

Our Recently Deceased

Mary Kavanagh, Westbourne Road, Templeogue.
Kathleen Graham, Limekiln Close

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen

Candle Care

Just a little reminder to take care when lighting candles. They carry with them a warning of danger. Particularly, would you please supervise children. Our shrines are ablaze with candles on Christmas Day. We would not like you to be ablaze as well !!

The St Agnes' Parish Newsletter & Web-Site Team would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. We hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter or visiting the WebSite, and we welcome any comments you have. Don't forget, if there was anything you would like to see as a regular item, please let us know through the Parish Office or email us at newsletter@crumlinparish.ie.

Retrouvaille: is a programme designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. It is also for couples whose marriages are in crisis, who are separated, or divorced, but want to try again. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming programme beginning with a weekend on February 14th – 16th 2014, visit www.retrouvaille.ie or email: info@retrouvaille.ie or phone Anne & Tony 014953536, Anne & Mike 4500922 or 086 4135440

The Parish Newsletter has now moved to A3 size publication in the hope that the information is easier to read and is clearer for everyone. Articles for the Newsletter should be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Midday on the Wednesday before publication.

Also if there is anyone who has one to two hours free with some computer skills to assist with producing the Newsletter, please leave your name and contact number in the Parish Office.

Senior Help Line is open over Christmas

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only confidential listening service for older people provided by older volunteers is open 365 days of the year. The help line is open every day of the Christmas holiday and New Year season from 10am till 10pm. So don't be alone. We are there. Phone Senior Help Line LoCall 1850 440 444, (no call costing more than 30 cent)..

MUSINGS

Legends surrounding the childhood of Jesus abounded in the early Christian centuries. One of these, contained in an apocryphal gospel called Pseudo-Matthew, tells of Mary taking rest from the Egyptian heat under the shade of a palm tree. She asks Joseph to pick some fruit for her. When he is slow about doing so, the Christ Child makes the tree bend down to his mother. This incident later influences a medieval English Christmas Carol, 'The Cherry Tree Carol', in which Joseph rather churlishly answers Mary's request for cherries with 'Let him pluck thee a cherry that brought thee now with child!'

Salvador Ryan, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Courtesy of Intercom Magazine

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Our next meeting will be On Thursday January 9th in the Camac Room in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

All Are Welcome

Adoration will recommence in the Oratory after the New Year when Normal Evening Mass resumes

PARISH SHOP

Come and see - We have Christmas Cribs & booklets for children, as well as Rosaries, Pictures and Statues for all. Chruch Art Calendars are also available.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR EASIER FLOW THROUGH THE SEATS DURING COMMUNION THE KNEELERS MAY BE LIFTED UP

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to the Staff and Clients of St Michael's House and Cheeverstown House and our volunteers for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter.

We would like to wish them a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

First Aid Training

D12DMAP in collaboration with Dublin City Council, will be hosting First Aid Training in 2014. Commencing on 16th January, this training will run every Thursday for five weeks, Time 2-4. Venue Fr Kitt Court, Crumlin. Numbers are limited, if interested please contact D12DMAP on 0851016633

The Parish Office will be open again on Monday 29th December for two hours from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The office will re-open with usual office hours on Thursday January 2nd 2014.