



ST AGNES' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Family Offering: € 812

Share: € 1,561

Many thanks for your continued
support and generosity

Recently Deceased

John Halpin, Bunting Road.
We express our deepest sympathies to
His family at this time.
May He Rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11th 2010

7:00pm Shared Mass

Sunday, December 12th 2010

9:00am Vincent & Aileen Gough {A}
10:00am Bridgid Redmond {A}
11:00am Robert Glennon
12:00pm Margaret & William Byrne {A}
1:00pm Daniel Dempsey {A}
7:00pm Liam Nolan

May Their Souls and the Souls of All The
Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

St Agnes Parish - Readers Roster

Saturday, December 18th 2010

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday, December 19th 2010

9.00am V Brennan
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am M Finnegan & K Kennedy
12.00pm John Green
1.00pm Liam Buckley
7.00pm Pat Corrigan

If you cannot make your reading,
please contact John Green.

The Next Readers Meeting will be at
7.45pm on 1st December next in the
Parish Centre.

ADVENT ON-LINE

Now Available on our
Parish Web-Site: Thoughts,
Prayers, Reflections and
Images for each day of the
Pre-Christmas Season. Just
log on to crumlinparish.ie
and click on the
appropriate LINK.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE
PHONE OR TURN IT TO 'SILENT' WHEN INSIDE THE
CHURCH



Thought for the Week

"One kind word can warm three winter months." - Japanese Proverb

Why do we say that we are waiting for someone who has Already Come?

Advent uncovers our neediness and stirs in us that great hunger for God which lies deep in the heart of each one. It is a hidden hunger. Under all our other hungers-hunger for power, for fame, for all the comforting things we cannot live without - the television, computers, games, fashion and so on, is this deep hunger for God. The raw pangs of God-hunger can unsettle all these other hungers and expose their transient nature. What a grace this is! How blessed are we when we come to understand that it is God we truly long for and that without this relationship we will never be fully happy. Advent can be a problem. If Jesus is already with us, in us, all around us, what does it mean to say we are waiting for Him to come? How can I wait for someone who is already here?

Of course Jesus is here but the question to ask yourself is, how alive is He - for you?

If Christ is within you, how much room does He take up in your life? If He is simply someone you nod to now and then, someone you try to meet on Sundays, someone who for the most part does not figure in your day to day living, then His birth in you is long overdue.

In some way, we are surely called to be gifts to others during this season leading up to Christmas. When I go out of myself, offer myself in love and service to others, especially to those who are unloved and unwanted, poor and lost, then Christ comes alive in me. Amazingly, I get a life only when I give it away. This is at the heart of Christ's message to all of us. Time is short; if you have not already begun, start to-day to energise your waiting, to really stir up that longing for God which is deep in you even though it may be hidden by the dust of years. Reach out and respond to those in particular need this Christmas. Then the song will rise from your heart, the song of Isaiah, the song of Mary, the song of those who longed for the coming of Jesus in their lives—"O come, O come, Emmanuel!"

Sr. Margaret.

Confessions For Christmas.

Saturday 18th during 7pm Mass, Penitential Service with confessions in Clogher Rd
Monday 20th @ 7.30pm Penitential Service with Confessions in Mourne Road
Tuesday 21st @ 7.30pm Penitential Service with Confessions in St. Agnes Church

Bread of Life Prayer Group

Blessed Sacrament Church
Bachelors Walk
Guest speaker Joe Dalton
At 8.00pm on Mon 13th Dec
All Welcome

Crosscare Launch "Thanks to
Teachers": Parents and kids are being
asked to buy a very special present for
their teacher this Christmas - a helping
hand to those most in need. Instead of
buying gifts this year - we are asking
you to make a donation to Crosscare
(www.crosscare.ie) and download our
specially designed Thanks for
Teachers cards.

Housebound.
Please let Gráinne in
the Parish Centre know
if any of your
neighbours are
housebound and you are
unable to help them.

Do This in Memory Programme
We welcome parents and their
children from our three Primary
Schools to the 10am Family Mass
as part of their preparation for
First Communion in 2011.
It is important that Parish,
Home, and School work together
to help children in their
preparation for receiving this
Sacrament for the first time.

Gospel Reflection.

After the wintry break the Advent
Reflection Group will resume again on
this Monday, December 13th after the
10am Mass, in the Liffey Room in the
Parish Centre.
All Are Welcome.

January Change.

Beginning on Saturday January 8th,
Confessions on Saturday morning will be
from 10.30 - 11.30am in future. We hope
to arrange a special box. Which
Confession box we have yet to decide?
Evening Confessions will be from
6.45pm until Mass commences @ 7pm.



Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

1. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who am I his praise to sing? Praise him. Praise him, Praise him. Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress: Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise him. Praise him. Praise him. Praise him. Glorious in his faithfulness.

Receive O Father in Thy Love

1. Receive O Father in thy love, These humble gifts of bread and wine; That with ourselves we offer thee, Returning gifts already thine.
2. Behold this host and chalice, Lord, to thee on high the gifts we raise: through them may we our honour pay, our adoration and our praise



Parish Carol Service.

We invite our Parishioners to join us for a
Parish Carol Service which will be held in
St. Agnes Church @ 7.00 pm on this
Tuesday December 14th.
There will be no Evening Mass on
that day.

The Service will bring together our three
choirs—Parish Choir, our Folk Choir, and
the Family Mass Group. The Service will
be followed by refreshments in the Parish
Centre. Admission is free and so make
the occasion a date for your Pre
Christmas Diary.

Budget Afterthought

'the world has witnessed the vast
resources that governments can draw
upon to rescue financial institutions
deemed 'too big to fail'. Surely the
integral human development of the
world's peoples is no less important.
Here is an enterprise,...that is 'too big to
fail'.

Address of Pope Benedict XVI,
Westminster Hall, London, 17 Sept 2010.

We Need Helpers.

This is the week we distribute the notices etc.
for the Christmas Arrangements to all the
houses in the Parish. Carmel needs helpers to
distribute the bundles to all areas in the
Parish. We would be grateful if you would
volunteer to assist with the distribution.
This Christmas we are distributing a Family
Prayer Card to every home.
It is important that this card reaches every
family.

This is a promotion of the three Parishes of
the Pastoral Area of Crumlin, Mourne Rd., &
Clogher Rd. So again please lend a hand.

Sweet Sacrament Divine

1. Sweet Sacrament Divine, hid in thy earthly home, lo! Round thy lonely shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise, Sweet Sacrament Divine.
2. Sweet Sacrament of Peace, dear home of every heart, where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart, there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery, Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

O Come Emmanuel

1. O Come, O come, Emmanuel, to free your captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
2. O Royal branch of Jesse' tree Redeem us from tyranny; from pain of hell your people free, and over death win victory.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Annual Special Collection.

This year the Annual Collection will
take place at all weekend Masses on
Saturday/Sunday, 11th/12th
December.

There is much hardship around with
the recession affecting many families.
However, I know the people of
Crumlin will respond with their usual
generosity. This collection will
replace SHARE this weekend.
Fr. John

Are YOU!!! looking for something
extra this Christmas

Christmas Youth Retreat.

17th-19th December 2010

Catholic Youth Retreat [16-35yrs]
Newbridge College, Co.Kildare.

No Cost-Donation Only

Bring a sleeping bag. Free Buses.
Contact 01 675 3690 Mob 085 828
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Drop in Income

The recent inclement weather has
badly affected Parish Income as you
can see from the figures at the top
of the page. It has been difficult for
parishioners to attend St. Agnes
Church and Collectors to get around
houses. Perhaps you might keep this
in mind when you are giving this
weekend.

Church of the Assumption, Walkinstown.

Musical Evening on
Monday 13th December.

From 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Featuring the
Garda Siochána Band.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

in aid of Lorcan O'Toole
Day Centre from Carmel at the
back of the Church.
A Wonderful selection this year
and still fantastic value at
only €4 per pack of twelve!