

## GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

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CHRISTMAS TREE  
DECORATIONS  
HOLLY  
REINDEER  
TINSEL  
MANGER  
BABY  
JOSEPH  
JESUS  
SHEPHERD  
KINGS  
STAR  
STABLE  
SANTA CLAUS

ADVENT  
CAROLS  
ANGEL  
CRIB  
HOLY  
NOEL  
MARY  
BALTHAZAR  
MELCHIOR  
CASPAR  
GOLD  
FRANKINCENSE  
MYRRH



### Christmas Reflection: The Silences, Refusals and Flights continued.....

**The Refusals.** Yes there was no room at the inn we are told. They knocked, she was heavily pregnant but no one offered space. Let me read you a report that was read into the record of the *Council of Europe* by the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced People* in 2012;

*'Within a few hours of the first distress signal, a military helicopter hovered over the boat and provided water and biscuits and indicated to the passengers that it would return. It never did. The boat also encountered at least two fishing vessels, neither of which came to its assistance. The boat drifted for several days. With no water and food, people started to die. On about the tenth day of its voyage, when half the passengers were dead, a large aircraft carrier or helicopter-carrying vessel sailed near to the boat, close enough for the survivors to see the sailors on board looking at them with binoculars and taking photos. The boat eventually washed up on the Libya's shores after 15 days at sea. The ten survivors were imprisoned, where one of them died from lack of medical care. Eventually nine survivors were released after which they fled the country'*

And there was no room for them at the inn.

**The Flight.** We are told that our main characters had to flee to Egypt. I met one young man in Lampedusa who took flight from his home country. He saw his best friend shot by traffickers in the Sahara. He lived in an immigration centre in Libya. He was used as a human shield in a boat with a couple of hundred others when Libya was attacked. When they came alongside an Egyptian boat the passengers lunged to one side as they cried for assistance. This caused the boat to sit up in the water casting a large portion of the passengers into the sea and to certain death. I asked him where he wanted to live, he replied 'Where ever there is peace!'

If we seize the silences, the refusals and the flights and in turn silence them we damage our humanity and our world. Let the silences, the refusals and the flights of this story which we mark in word and song activate us on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need today.

*Fr Alan Hilliard is the Head of Chaplaincy Services in DIT.*

*Many thanks to him for providing this thought provoking article*

**Senior Help Line**, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely

## St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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The newsletter is available for download from our website:

[www.crumlinparish.ie](http://www.crumlinparish.ie) or Visit us on 

25th December 2016 - Christmas Day and New Years Day



### Thought for the Week

*Today a Saviour has been born to us, He is Christ the Lord*

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Priests of the Parish join in wishing you and your family a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and every blessing in the New Year of 2017.

The priests of the Parish will offer their Christmas Day Masses for you and your loved ones living and deceased.



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.

### Christmas Reflection: The Silences, Refusals and Flights by Fr Alan Hilliard, DIT Chaplain

The family we ponder today in our songs and stories, be they of deeply religious significance to us, or just characters in a story, they can most certainly be characterised as migrants, refugees and displaced people. I was reading a book recently entitled **Crisis and Migration**. The book was a collection of papers given at a conference in Malmo in Sweden on **the Implications of the Eurozone Crisis for Perceptions, Politics and Policies of Migration**. One line stood out in the book for me. This line suggested that researchers of forced migrations ought 'to seize the silences, the refusals and the flight as something active'. If this is to be the case then the stores of this Middle Eastern family of two thousand years ago is indeed a very active story. We often resign it to nostalgia and tinsel but it is a seed-bed of activity not just for the past but for the present. Let us examine this story in terms of silence, refusal and flight.

**The Silences;** this family were on their way to their home place to register in a census that was undertaken by the Roman Empire. This was not an unusual act by Rome as the authorities needed to enumerate the resources in their new found territories. Naming was part of the owning and controlling. The graveyard in Lampedusa contains many graves that bear only numbers. Those laid in them have a name but they are unknown. Their name is silence as is the name of many others who have lost their lives in the Mediterranean these last few years. This silence is active unless we choose it not to be. Not knowing a name, not seeing a face makes our lives more comfortable. Our policies of securitisation are silencing the reality of those who drown. The less faces we see, the less names we know the more we are likely to be awakened to this tragedy.

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### Priests of the Parish

Fr Paul Tyrrell: 455 5368

Fr David Fleming: 454 2308

Fr John Deasy: 455 0955

Fr Tom Clowe: 455 5605

### Deacon

Rev Jimmy Fennell: 455 5368

### Child Protection

Dublin Diocesan Office

836 0314 or 087 6853180

E-mail: [cps@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:cps@dublindiocese.ie)

### 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); 7.00pm

#### Holy day Masses:-

7.00pm Vigil; 9.00am,

10.00am, 7.00pm

### Confession Times

Saturdays from 10.30am

to 11.00am & 6.45pm

Eve of First Fridays after

10.00am Mass & 6.45pm



**SVP would like to thank you most sincerely for the amount of €13,008 which was donated at our recent annual church collection.**

### Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: €2,216

Share: €1,789

Family Offering: €1,421

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## St Stephens Day 26<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am Catherine Kelly Months Mind

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Ann Sheehan

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Karl Hartfiel 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December

9.00am Rita Buck 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

### 7.00pm ANNIVERSARIES

Vigil Mass Liam Doyle 1<sup>st</sup>; Kaye Hynes  
Gerry Hynes; Annie Hynes; Tommy Hynes  
Mary Halloran; William Halloran  
Peter Doyle; Mrs. Peter Doyle  
Deceased members of:  
Cleary Family, O'Neill Family  
Ward Family, Weafer Family  
Miley Family & Kemp Family

### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Mary Beagan

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

### 9.30am ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Doyle 4<sup>th</sup>  
Michael & Ellen Lee & Deceased Members  
of the Dooley Family  
Bridget and David Towell

### 11.00am ANNIVERSARIES

Ciaran Collins 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kathleen Nolan 20<sup>th</sup>  
Del Egan  
Deceased members of Fitzgerald family  
Deceased members of the Conway  
Dowling Families.

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

John Fitzgerald

### 12:30pm ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Kohrs 1<sup>st</sup>  
Geraldine O'Dwyer 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Brendan Halford 5<sup>th</sup>  
Kathleen Cox

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Carthy

7.00pm Pro Populo

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

9.00am Joseph Moore 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

7.00pm Ellen Boylan 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January

7.00pm John Collins Anniversary

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

## Our Recently Deceased



Evelyn Lynch, Dangan Ave  
Ronald (Ron) Forte, Bangor Rd  
Owen Redmond, Durrow Rd

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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

*If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please  
contact John Green*

### Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December (New Years Eve)

7:00pm Kevin Smyth

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January (New Years Day)

9:30am Valerie Collins

11:00am John Green

12:30pm June Windersh

7:00pm William Elliott

### The Week Ahead...

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

Sunday	Birth of Christ
Monday	St Stephen
Tuesday	St John the Evangelist
Wednesday	Holy Innocents
Thursday	St Thomas Becket
Friday	Holy Family
Saturday	St Sylvester 1

## Christmas Dues

Envelopes available at Church exits. Christmas dues help to support the Priests of the parish. They are an important source of income for the Clergy. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity in the past.

## PARISH OFFICE

**The Parish Office will be closed until it re-opens on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am to  
12.00noon and for normal office hours on Friday  
30<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The Office will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
(Bank Holiday) with normal office hours re-  
commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

## ADORATION IN THE ORATORY

The Oratory will re-open on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> until  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 9am - 5pm.  
It will close on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017.  
Normal opening hours will resume on  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
Wishing you all a Holy and Happy Christmas.

## St Agnes Parish Christmas Arrangements

### Masses for Christmas and beyond

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm & 9.00pm Vigil Mass  
Christmas Day: 9.30am; 11.00am & 12.30pm. No Evening Mass  
St Stephen's Day: 10.00am

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December

9.00am and 10.00am only. *No Evening Mass (except Saturday Vigil Mass)*

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Vigil Mass Saturday at 7.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm & 7.00pm

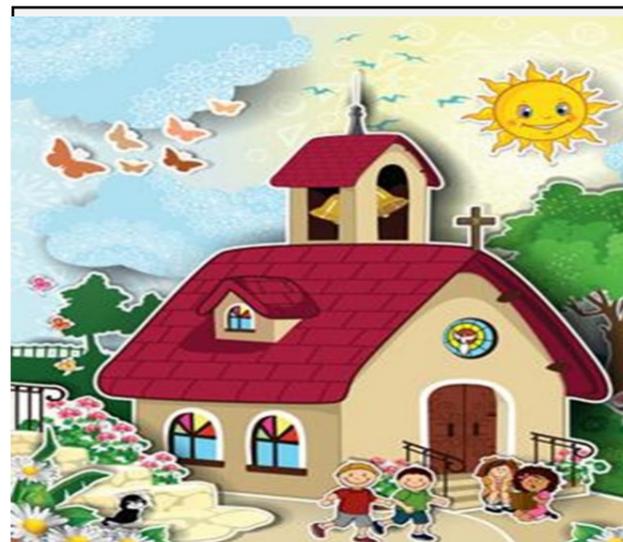
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - No Evening Mass**

### Feast of the Epiphany Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Vigil Mass

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am; 10.00am & 7.00pm

*Copies of these Arrangements are also available at all Church exits*



## St Agnes Parish Family Mass Group

We meet on Wednesday evenings in St Agnes Parish  
Centre Dodder Room from 6.00 – 7.00pm

We prepare for Sunday Mass, through art and music. This is a great way for children to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Children will be encouraged to read and take part in the Mass. Our Family Mass is at 11.00am. All children welcome from age 5 upwards.

## PARISH REPOSITORY

**Church Art Calendar 2017** and a selection of Religious objects and Catholic Newspapers are available in the Repository located at the back of the Church. Open weekdays from 9.30am to 11.00am and after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 4 pm and 7:30 pm & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 4 pm

SCOIL UNA NAOFA Hall (formerly St Agnes Primary School)

Tickets €10 front stalls, €5 rear stalls

Book online [www.stagnesmusiccrumlin.com](http://www.stagnesmusiccrumlin.com) Tel 087 2740186 / 087 3875749

You can reserve your tickets and pay-and-collect before the show!



**St Agnes Church Calendars  
are available at the Church  
exits. Please take one home.**

Items to be included in the Newsletter should be left in the Parish Office **no later than noon on the Wednesday** before each weekend in the week of publication.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE [WWW.CRUMLINPARISH.IE](http://WWW.CRUMLINPARISH.IE)

**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 Web Site to catch up on news or to watch our Mass broadcasts. 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](mailto:newsletter@crumlinparish.ie).