# TODAY'S GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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# ADVENT 2017 (17th to 24th)

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| **I am not fit to undo his sandal strap** *[Jn. 1:27]* | **Come... with outstretched arms** *(O Antiphon)* | **My lips are filled with your praise** *(Ps. 70]* | **Let what you have said be done to me** *(Lk. 1:38)* | **The child in my womb leapt for joy** *(Lk. 1:41)* | **The hungry he has filled with good things** *(Lk. 1:53)* | **His power of speech returned** *(Lk.1:64)* |
| Walk humbly with God today | Reach out generously to those in need | Speak about the qualities of others | Accept a challenge from God | Say a prayer for the unborn | Give a Trócaire Christmas Gift | Use your voice to build up other people |

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**Morning Star, come and enlighten those who live in darkness (O Antiphon)**

Put a candle of welcome in your window

## *St Agnes Parish - Christmas Arrangements 2017*

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| ***Carols by Candlelight*** | ***Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm*** |
| ***Confessions for Christmas*** | ***Monday 18th at 7.30pm in Clogher Road***<br>*Penitential Service with Confessions*<br>***Saturday 23rd (no Confessions Christmas Eve) in St Agnes***<br>*10.30am - 12.30pm & 3.00pm to 5.00pm* |
| ***Masses For Christmas*** | |
| ***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 only* |
| ***Wed 27th - Sat 30th*** | *10.00am only* ***(No Evening Mass except Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm)*** |
| ***Sunday 31st Dec*** | *7.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass*<br>*9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm & 7.00pm* |
| ***Mon 1st Jan - Thurs 4th*** | *9.00am & 10.00am only* ***(No Evening Mass)*** |
| ***Feast of the Epiphany*** | |
| ***Friday 5th Jan:*** | *7.00pm Vigil Mass* |

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter


***Team Ministry of Clogher Rd, Crumlin & Mourne Rd***
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***17th December 2017, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)***

### Priests of the Parish

Fr Paul Tyrrell: 455 5368
Fr John Deasy: 455 0955
Fr Tom Clowe: 455 5605

***Deacon***

Rev Jimmy Fennell: 455 5368

### Child Protection

Dublin Diocesan Office
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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)*; 7.00pm
***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

### COFFEE DOCK

The Coffee Dock in St Agnes Parish Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am-12.00 noon.
Call in any day to savour the friendly atmosphere, have a cuppa and some chat with neighbours and friends

### Last Weekend's Collections

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| **1st Collection:** | **€ 1,861** |
| **Share:** | **€12,160** |
| **Family Offering:** | **€ 1,510** |

***Many thanks for your continued support and generosity***

### *Thought for the Week*

*"Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase" - Martin Luther King*

## *THE DEEP END: Light and Darkness*

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today, and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John's voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light-bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'rejoice'; we light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. It might be a good opportunity to ask today: 'who have been the light-bearers on your own faith journey'? Who testified to the Light of God and passed the torch on to you? We thank God for them.

*Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church … We become cynical and settle for mediocrity. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light … teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend … they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome. - Michel de Verteuil*

Jane Mellett, Email: mellettj@gmail.com *(Intercom)*

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2018

Dear Parishioners

St Agnes parish Crumlin has been chosen to host the World Day of the Sick 11th February 2018.

As this is a Diocesan event, tickets for the car park will be given to people with a disabled badge first, we will have over flow parking in our local schools with lifts to and from the church.

As you can imagine with an event this size we will need a lot of volunteers. Stewards for car parks, welcoming, hospitality, distribution of information, stewards for church. If you would like to help out you can send your details to the coordinator Karen at karenstagnes@gmail.com or leave your contact details in the parish office and Karen will contact you.

Kind regards, God Bless.

Karen O'Farrell.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 16th December**

**7:00pm** **ANNIVERSARIES**
Ronald Forte 1st; Ann Kilpatrick 2nd
Carmel Fox 6th; Michael Lyons 9th
Carmel Forte 16th; Bill Heavey
Sean & Nancy Dunning
George Harcourt; Julie McCormack

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**
Elizabeth Healy
Joe Mooney

**Sunday 17th December**

**9:30am** **ANNIVERSARIES**
John Brady

**11:00am** **ANNIVERSARIES**
Helen Barry 1st; Eileen Byrne 3rd
Margaret Quinn; Joan Quinn Horgan
Andrew & Annie Keeley
Larry Flynn; Noel McGahern
Doyle & Holbrook Deceased Family Members
Nuala & Noel Quinn
John Halligan and deceased Halligan Family Members

**12:30pm** **ANNIVERSARIES**
Sr Catherine O'Callaghan 2nd
Michael O'Gorman 3rd
Edward McDonald 25th
John Devlin 30th also wife Anne & Son George Devlin
Maureen & James Stokes
Bridie & Dan McDonnell
Deceased Members of the Brady & Byrne Families
Deceased Members of the Hughes, Thomas & McGee Families

**7:00pm** Pro Populo

**Thursday 21st December**

**9.00am** Eilish Roche 1st Anniv

**7.00pm** Karl Hartfiel 6thAnniv

**Friday 22nd December**

**9.00am** Sheila Grennan & Thomas Grennan

**7.00pm** Paddy Heary 8thAnniv

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

***All Mass Intentions should be booked in the Parish Office no later than midday on the Wednesday before the Sunday Masses.***

## *Our Recently Deceased*

John Doran, Crotty Ave
Martin Vahey, Late Crumlin
Florrie Harford, Moeran Rd
Patrick Bell, Lismore Rd
Thomas Patrick Payne, Stanaway 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, 23rd December 2017**

**7:00pm** P Condon

**Sunday, 24th December 2017**

**9:30am** Frank Bergin
**11:00am** Childrens Mass
**12:30pm** Richard Tobin
**7:00pm** Sr Margaret & A Fanthom

**The Week Ahead…**
**Sunday 17th Dec - Saturday 23rd Dec 2017**

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| **Sunday** | 3rd Sunday of Advent; Gaudete |
| **Monday** | St Flannan [Killaloe] |
| **Tuesday** | |
| **Wednesday** | St Fachanan [Kilfenora] |
| **Thursday** | |
| **Friday** | |
| **Saturday** | St John of Canty |

## Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th December. Rosary 6.45pm Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction & Blessing. **All Welcome.**

**Photos which were handed in for the Mass for the Deceased on Thursday 16th November 2017 are available for collection in the Sacristy.**

## Christmas Dues

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

**St Agnes' Church Christmas Arrangement cards and Christmas Dues envelopes are available at all church exits.**

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, 17th December**

Among the richest treasures of Advent are the seven "O Antiphons." This series of seven ancient verses epitomises the spirit of Advent, with its deep longing for the coming of Jesus. Beautifully poetic and theologically deep, the Great O Antiphons build a mood of eager expectation as Christmas Day approaches. To hear the antiphons and access a commentary on each, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

## ST AGNES' PARISH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Our Parish Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm. Please join us for the Nativity play and carols as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ.**

**Save the Date**

Archdiocese of Dublin Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday April 21st 2018.
The Theme: "We are Pilgrims – Knock invites us to Healing and Peace".
Full programme to be announced soon.

St Agnes Church Mass Cards, the intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day.
Available in Parish Office & Church Repository for €5 per pack of 10 cards

**St. Agnes Parish & Toddler Group wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**We will re-open after the Christmas on Thursday 11th January 2018.**

*All children from the parish under 3yrs 2mths are welcome to come play and make new friends. Volunteers always appreciated.*

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**We badly need more people to commit to a specific hour as a number of our regulars have had to stop due to illness, incapacity or on leaving the area.**

**New Adorers always needed to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended.**

**Can you commit to a specific hour each week for the Lord - if so please give your name and number to the Parish Office or contact the Adoration Team on 087 955 1914.**

**The Spirit of Christmas Concert in the National Concert Hall with St. Mary's Pro Cathedral Girls' Choir on Thursday 21st December at 1.05pm. Conductors, Bláinaid Murphy & Amy Ryan, Accompanist, David Grealy. Favourite carols and seasonal music featuring all the traditional favourites. Tickets €15, concessions €12.**

## *An Evening of Carols and Reflections*

The Dublin Diocesan Music Group is hosting a wonderful evening of Christmas song and reflection on Monday 18th December at 8pm in the Monastery of Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra – all donations in aid of Child Vision (National Education Centre for Blind Children). www.rednuns.com

## *RECENTLY BAPTISED*

**Logan Arthur Fitzgerald**
**Lena Najdzinowicz**
**Jane Ellen Farrelly**
**Fatima Rose Masood Gibbons**

***We welcome them into our Christian Community and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.***

## St Agnes' Musical Society in PANTO

*directed by Eimear O'Grady*
*present*

**SINBAD THE SAILOR**

**in SCOIL ÚNA NAOFA HALL**
*(Formally St Agnes' Primary School)*
**Armagh Rd, Crumlin, Dublin 12**

**Sat Jan 6th 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Sun Jan 7th 4 pm**

**All seats €10 (Seats allocated by ROW & NO)**
Buses 17, 18 & 83, off road Parking
Theatre Café open 1 hr hour before shows

**For online reservations go to**
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