

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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29th December, Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph



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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

1st Collection: € 2,283

Share: € 1,902

Family Offering: € 1,330

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Thought for the Week

Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time. - Betty Smith, Author

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION.

Christmas has arrived so quickly, as if time is flying by faster and faster! Or maybe it's because we are racing around "doing" and "getting" that we are caught unawares. We find ourselves drawn into a drama, a story, a moment in our lives that is different. Or perhaps, we earnestly hope that our lives can be different and changed because of what we've been through in the past year. There's a poignancy about Christmas which may cast a shadow of sorrow over our lives. Memories surface that can be upsetting – loss, grief, failure, struggles, hurt, regrets, unresolved issues, vulnerabilities. We are more aware of the fragility of the human heart and that is why we wish for these dark days of winter to roll by quickly as we welcome the brightness and newness of springtime with its' emerging pageant of beauty, colour, light and blossoming of new life.

In these days let us not forget the truth at the heart of the Christmas story. I like the poetry of Zephaniah when he speaks of **"the tender compassion of the heart of our God, visiting us like the dawn from on high, giving light to those in darkness and guiding us in the way of peace."** The tender compassion of the heart of our God has a name: **Jesus.**

The beautiful prayers of Christmas shimmer with the light which God brings into our world, as St. John says, **"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overpower it"**. Yet, if we focus too much on the light we miss seeing one of the greatest gifts of the Christmas season: that the deepest darkness is the place where God comes to meet us: in the silence of pain, in the night, in the searching, in the hoping, when we are lost and alone, when our dreams are shattered, when we cannot see the next step on the path. Whatever life's unbearable burdens we may carry, God comes to meet us through Jesus, the light of his presence with us. The poet and philosopher, John O' Donoghue, speaks of Christmas as the **"feast of the great presence....where the healing of heaven falls unto a wounded earth"**.

Whatever words we use – light, grace, peace, hope, meaning, reconciliation, new vision – all express the **"healing of heaven"** and the **"light of love"** falling upon our wounded lives – all through the Incarnation, the Feast of Emmanuel, God-with-Us. **Always. In Jesus.**

Let us allow the **"little ones"** invite us into the imaginative landscape of awe, wonder, mystery and magic. Their openness to God can draw us once again into the truth of God's faithful love for us in Jesus.

My prayer for all of you this Christmas is beautifully expressed by Sr. Joyce Rupp: **"May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul: may it be a foundation of courage when distress occupies your inner land: may the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children awaken in you appreciation for what is often taken for granted: may the bonds of love be strengthened as you gather around festivity and nourishment: may you keep your eyes fixed on the Star within you and go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and find the One who offers peace"**.

Fr. Tony.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th December

7:00pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Palmer 1st
Liam Doyle 4th
Lily Ward 5th
Dora Colley 18th
Bridie McDonnell 43rd Patrick and
Kathleen Cox
Patrick and Mary Bridget Wynne
Jimmy and Noeleen McGovern
Anna Hamilton
William Hamilton
Gabriel, Michael, Elizabeth and Marie
Hamilton
Annie and William O'Brien
remembrance

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Helen Salter

Sunday 29th December

9:30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Doyle 7th
Ellen and Michael Lee
Members of Dooley family

11:00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Eilish Roche 4th
Joe Blacker
John Gannon
Josephine and Sean Gannon
Carmel and John Murray
Willie Murray

12:30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Freda Ryan 1st
Maureen Shannon 1st
George Dunne 2nd
Brendan Halford 8th
Geraldine O'Dwyer
Joan Doyle

7.00pm Pro Populo

*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



Marie Kearns, Clonard Rd

*We express our deepest sympathies to her
family at this sad time.*

May She Rest in Peace. Amen.

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

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

Saturday, 4th January 2020

7:00pm Sylvia Guilfoyle

Sunday, 5th January 2020

9:30am R & B McDermott

11:00am Mary Finnegan

12:30pm Catherine Nagle

7:00pm E Sinnott & A Fanthom

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 29th Dec - Saturday 4th Jan 2020

Sunday	Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph
Monday	Of the Day
Tuesday	St Sylvester I
Wednesday	Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Thursday	Ss Basil the great & Gregory Nazianzen
Friday	St Munchin
Saturday	St Elizabeth Ann Seton

World Day of Peace 2020

Will be celebrated in the Diocese at a special
Mass in the Church of St. Therése, Mount
Merrion, on 1st January 2020 at 11:00am.
The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year
is "Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation
and Ecological Conversion"

All welcome

Altar Flowers

We would like to thank all parishioners who most generously donated Poinsettias to add to our altar flower display. We acknowledge with gratitude the very generous donation from Brian McElroy Undertakers which sponsored our Christmas Altar flower display. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time.

THANK YOU

Since I came to the Parish of St. Agnes in early September I have been very touched by the warmth of welcome and hospitality from everyone I've met. There is a great sense of volunteerism within the Parish – a fruit of the wonderful spirit of co-operation between people and priests over the years. Beginning in a new parish is always a little overwhelming: you literally have to start all over again. But my new beginning in Crumlin has been made easier by the goodwill, co-operation and community spirit which is evident to all. So many people are involved in Parish Ministry and Activity Groups which gives a sense of people owning their parish. The many Community Groups who use the Parish Centre add to the sense of belonging to a caring, welcoming Parish. Underpinning all this is the long established **“faith filled and prayerful”** spirit among Parishioners, a faith and prayer nourished by the Eucharist. I have witnessed an immense commitment to caring for the more senior members of our Parish and an outreach to the children and young people. These are an essential component of a caring Christ-like Community. The celebration of Mass is beautifully enhanced by our Choir and musicians and Family Mass Group. On behalf of Fr. Tom (Salesian), Fr. John, Deacon Jimmy (the Parish Team), Fr. Michael (Salesian) who helps in our Parish along with the Pastoral Council, sincere thanks to all who are involved in our Church and Parish in a myriad of different ways. Your dedication ensures that our Parish remains a place where we feel we belong and where we strive to make it a more Christian, welcoming and caring place for all. It is a blessing for our Parish to have the presence of three Religious Communities – the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, the Franciscan Missionary of St. Joseph and the Salesians. Thanks to them for their contribution to the up-building of our Parish.

Wishing you all God's many blessings for Christmas.

Fr. Tony.

CHRISTMAS MASSES Our Christmas Masses have been offered for the intentions of all our Parishioners. We remember especially the sick and housebound, those in nursing homes and hospitals, those who are seriously ill. We remember too those who cannot be with their families because of work commitments and those who are abroad. May God's blessing of peace be upon all of us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.



Parish Office Christmas arrangements

The parish office will re-open as normal on Monday 30th December. It will be closed for New Years Day Bank Holiday Wednesday 1st January and will re-open on Thursday 2nd January

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from Mary, Colette and Teresa in the parish office.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will resume on Wednesday 8th January

ST AGNES PARISH, CRUMLIN CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2019

Masses for Christmas & New Year

Sunday 29th December 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

Monday 30th December to 10.00am Mass only. Church will remain open until 3.00pm.

Friday 3rd January 2020.

Saturday 4th January 10.00am & **7.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass**

Sunday 5th January 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January 9.00am, 10.00am and 7.00pm



From Monday 6th normal Mass times fully resume

The Priests of the Parish, the Parish Pastoral Council and Area Pastoral Team wish all our parishioners and friends a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

St Agnes Parish Calendars 2020 are available at all exits. Please take one home.

ST. AGNES CREDIT UNION will be holding a Member Information meeting on Monday 6th January at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Please come along if you have any queries regarding Death Benefit Insurance and or Life Savings.



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.

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 Heard on

1. Angels we



Have High

have heard

on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo still their
joyous strains

**Refrain: 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. **Refrain**

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

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

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.

**Refrain: 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. **Refrain.**

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.

**Refrain: 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.

**Refrain: 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.

Refrain.



Christmas Triduum Prayer

O Divine Jesus, the Heavenly
message at your birth was "Peace on
Earth and goodwill to all".

Bring your peace, your joy, your
happiness into our home this
Christmas.

Bless all the members of our family,
those at home and those who will be
absent this Christmas.

Inflame our hearts with your love.

Keep us close to you
and each other, now
and throughout the year
ahead. **Amen.**



World Day of the Sick 2020

The World Day of the Sick conference will take place in Newtownpark Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock on **Saturday 8th February 2020**. The Theme of the conference is "Hope in the Face of Suicide" and it will run from 9:45am – 1.00pm. Mass and anointing of the sick on takes place on Sunday 9th February at 3.00pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtowntownpark Avenue with Principal Celebrant, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

There are some copies of Diocesan Directory
2020 available in the Sacristy, price €10 each

**St Agnes Church 2020 Calendars
which includes Parish Information
and Contact details are available at
the Church exits. Please take one
home.**

Christmas Dues

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits.
Christmas dues help to support the Priests of the
parish, of the Diocese including sick and retired
priests. They are an important source of income for
the Clergy. We thank you most sincerely for your
generosity in previous years.