

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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4th October 2020, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## St Agnes Mass Times

### Weekday Masses

Mon - Sat: 9.00am & 7.00pm

### Sunday Masses

Vigil (Sat): 5.30pm & 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00am;  
12.30pm. **Currently**

**There Is No Evening Mass**

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil: 7.00pm

Feast Day: 9.00am; 10.00am &  
7.00pm

## St Agnes Confessions

### Saturdays

9.45am—10.15.

or anytime on request.



## Child Protection

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or contact St Agnes Parish

Office at 01 455 5368

## Mass On Webcam.

We ensure that the live streaming of our masses runs without interruptions .

We have changed our webcam services provider Masses can be viewed by pasting

<https://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live/>

into your search or churchmedia.tv (under find your church key in Crumlin).

## Thought for the Week

*"Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart"*

*Psalm 96*

## REFLECTION

Autumn as a season draws us into a reflective mood. The misty air, the cold nights, the golden leaves almost ready to fall to the ground, the fading colour of summer flowers. All of this is part of the natural rhythm of nature. As the spring flowers appear quietly to delight the eyes, so too autumn events happen quietly. I love autumn but I also resist it in some way, probably because it presents the reality of death. We will miss the long summer evenings soon and the thoughts of winter nights can unsettle us, particularly in light of what we've been through since March with the arrival of the covid-19 virus and the devastating effects it brought with it, effects which are still weaving their way into our everyday lives, work, family, health and our Church community. Families who experienced the death of a loved one in recent months are still deeply grieving their loss. Those in hospitals are feeling alone as visitors are restricted. The many older members of our Parish community who once came to daily mass and gathered in the Parish Centre for tea and coffee and a chat are missing this time. Many people have lost their jobs and many are unsure of their future. Our hearts and prayers are with all whose lives are profoundly changed.

A poet once said that **"life is a lesson in the art of letting go."** How true! Just reflect on our lives since March: we had to learn to give up so much, to let go of many familiar routines, to let go of our hopes and expectations. In a myriad of ways we had a lot of readjusting to do in almost all aspects of our lives.

Many people are expressing their fears and anxieties about the coming winter and what it may bring to us. We are indeed living in very impermanent and changing times. The falling leaves of autumn are a symbolism of our human fragility. As the leaves fall to the ground and give nourishment for the miracle of spring flowers, so too each of us is invited to go through the autumn of our lives and recognise those things we need to let go of so that we may be better human beings, kinder, more thoughtful, caring and compassionate. We are told frequently that **"we are all in this together"** – and we are so that we get through this time of trial and uncertainty. But let us also remember that we are, as Christians, a believing and hope-filled people and that God is with us in every struggle, pain and darkness. There is something about the autumn that evokes a response within us about the reality of our lives. We may not be able to change all the situations that impinge negatively on us but we can choose how to deal with them. God is with us in these efforts. We are not alone. This autumn calling of **"letting go"** may also be a calling to let the God of Jesus more into our lives through prayer, reading of scripture, following mass on our parish webcam, searching for good, nourishing prayer sites on the internet, of which there are many and calling to our Church for quiet prayer. Let us also be mindful of those who need our help, kindness and support. May we **"let go"** of our own lives, worries, cares and anxieties so that we can be available to one another in life-giving ways. Look at the falling leaves of autumn and allow them to give you their invitation to **let go....**

**Fr. Tony**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Catherine Redmond 2nd  
Mary Stapleton 4th  
Ollie Breheny 4th  
Teresa Nolan 5th  
Colm Swords 6th also John & Christina Swords  
Frank Mullally 7th  
Joseph Lyons 15th  
Margaret Connell 16th  
Bob O'Connell 30th  
Luke Duffy  
Annie Fox  
Irene Dunne  
Helen Mahon  
Pauline Stapleton Lalor RIP 58th Wedding  
Anniversary Remembrance

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

## Our Recently Deceased



Patricia Matthews, Brickfield Drive  
Billy O'Dwyer, Whitehall Road West  
Violet Rankin, Parnell Road  
John Flanagan, Bangor Drive

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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### The Week Ahead...

Sunday 4th Oct - Saturday 10th Oct 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>Monday</b>	St Faustina; Bl Albert Marvelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Our Lady of the Rosary
<b>Thursday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Friday</b>	St Denis; St J.H. Newman
<b>Saturday</b>	Of the Day

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*Sincere thanks to parishioners for your financial support at all times, especially during this pandemic. I am very grateful for your contributions to the Common Fund Collection and the Share Collections at weekend masses and for your contributions to the Family Envelope Fund. During these times when our Church is closed you might consider, if possible, making a contribution to these collections by accessing the **DONATE** button on our Parish Website or you may wish to leave them in the envelopes provided in the Church. You may also leave your donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity at all times.*

*Fr. Tony.*

### Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: €255  
Family Offering: €1035  
Share: €165

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. We wish to thank all those who have given donations on line and thank you for your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese. Donations can also be made through the "DONATE" button on our website [www.crumlinparish.ie](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)*

**RTE is continuing to broadcast DAILY MASS each day at 10.30am on the RTE News Now channel.**

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASSES

Unfortunately, due to Government Guidelines Our Church is closed for all public masses.

**Mass will be streamed online Monday to Saturday at 9.00am and Sunday at 11.00am.**

Funerals are strictly 25 people in attendance only.

The Church will be open for private prayer after Funerals Monday to Saturday and will close at 5.00pm, and on Sunday from 12.00noon until 2.00pm.

## *New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week.*

Have you ever thought you would like to read the Bible from start to finish? Well, you can listen to it in its entirety over the course of 80 hours. David Suchet, the actor best known for his role as screen detective, Hercule Poirot, was raised without religion. At the age of 40, following a religious conversion, he embarked on making an audio recording of the whole Bible. This marvellous resource can be accessed at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



## **CROSSCARE COLLECTION**

**Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Crosscare collection during the past weeks.**

**The amount collected to date was €1,120**

**Donations can still be made to Crosscare online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) or sent directly to Crosscare in the envelopes provided at the Church exits**

## **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

**Sunday 4th Oct, Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Patron Saint of Animals**

A Socially Distanced Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday 4th October at 2.00pm. Weather permitting. Please bring your pets to the ramp at the side Church Door. Dogs on leads, other animals in cages, especially lions and tigers!!! And no elephants or giraffes allowed.



## **Coronavirus COVID-19**

**Stay safe. Protect each other.**

**Continue to:**

- **WASH** your hands well and often to avoid contamination.
- **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely
- **DISTANCE** yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell
- **AVOID** crowds and crowded spaces
- **KNOW** the symptoms. If you have them self isolate and contact your GP immediately.

**COVID19 symptoms include**

- ◆ **High temperature**
- ◆ **Cough**
- ◆ **Breathing difficulty**
- ◆ **Sudden loss of sense of smell or taste**
- ◆ **Flu-like symptoms**

**If you have any symptoms, self-isolate to protect others and call your GP for a COVID-19 test**

## **Day For Life**

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 4th October and will focus on the theme: 'Choose Life'

## **Altar List of the Dead**

*The November Altar List Envelopes are available in the porch ways of the Church. All masses on the First Fridays of the months throughout the year are offered for all whose names you have placed on the Parish Altar List of Remembrance.*



**The Irish Cancer Society are looking for Volunteer Drivers in Dublin to bring patients in need to and from their chemotherapy appointments. We are struggling at the moment so could use your assistance.**

*Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments.*

*Drivers with free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at [gflinter@irishcancer.ie](mailto:gflinter@irishcancer.ie) or call 01 2310 566 for an application form.*

*Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years*

## ***LEGION OF MARY***

### ***WEEKLY 24 HOUR ROSARY IN OCTOBER***

The Legion of Mary invite you to participate from your own home in a Weekly 24 Hour Rosary in October.

**Starts: 2nd/3rd October.**

**Finishes: 30th/31st October 5 weekends.**

Choose any hour to pray 5 decades of the rosary.

Starts at 6pm on the Friday with Hourly Rosaries until 6pm on the Saturday. Praying for Our Lady's Intentions and an end to the covid pandemic.

Please text us the time chosen as we hope to fill up all 24 hours with a minimum of 2 people. Text/phone: 087 1347091.

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# GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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## Zoom Family Rosary

Come and join to pray the Family Rosary on Zoom every Saturday evening at 6:00pm. The Family Rosary lasts for 20 minutes. It starts with a short two-minute video followed by the Rosary, which is led by parents and prayed by children from participating families. It's a great opportunity to meet and pray the Rosary with families from different parts of the world. To join the Zoom Family Rosary please follow the link <http://bit.ly/ZoomFamilyRosary> More information email: [paulmartinderry@gmail.com](mailto:paulmartinderry@gmail.com)

## The Deep End - Creation

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speaks to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner and, consumed by greed, have lost their way.

Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home.

During the days of lockdown many of us became more aware of simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, the earth resting. Pope Francis says that this deeper awareness, 'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human' and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. 'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song.' (*Laudato Si'*, 11). The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. 'Truly much can be done!' (*Laudato Si'*, 180).

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## Lighting a Candle.

When you light a candle, it continues to burn after you leave the church. In this way the lighted candle continues in a prayer on your behalf. We wish to highlight the importance of safety. Children are not allowed to light a candle unless under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. **This is an important health and safety issue.** If you see a child lighting a candle without supervision, you should intervene and tell the child not to do so. Please do so in a kindly fashion.

Also as you have sanitised your hands upon entering the church, please be mindful that the Hand Sanitiser contains a small percentage of alcohol which is flammable, so please ensure your hands are dry. Do not touch statues, just bless yourself and bow before them. Please take care.