St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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1st November 2020, Feast of All Saints

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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

Dublin Diocesan Office
Tel 01 836 0314 or
Email cps@dublindiocese.ie
or contact St Agnes Parish Office at 01 455 5368

Mass On Webcam

To ensure 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

"Those moments when you just can't put your prayer into words, God hears your heart" - Anonymous

NOVEMBER REFLECTION

In the Church's Liturgical Calendar the month of November is a time of remembrance of loved ones who have died. It is appropriate and right that we remember those who touched our lives and who matter most to us. *Remembering* is a gift: it can be painful but precious. It ensures that we don't forget those with whom we forged a unique, special bond. These early winter evenings with the covid-19 lockdown impact on all of us and there is a sense of loss and grief that our lives are on hold indefinitely. We pray and hope that our adherence to the guidelines will allow us to look forward to Christmas and to be able once again to return to some *"normality".* For many people this time of year is very difficult emotionally and mentally. Some feel a little more fragile and many are prone to feelings of sadness and depression. There are those, who, as the poet Thoreau, says, *"..live lives of quiet desperation..".* I think we all know people like this. We hope and pray that they will get through their time of inner struggle and pain.

Grief has many faces and comes into our lives more than we desire – breakdown of relationships, illness, loss of a job, homelessness, poverty, failure. It can be a huge challenge to accept the changes which grief of any kind brings to us. The death of a loved one brings a particular grief. Our lives can be turned upside down. We each grieve differently. Our grief is a gesture of love. The loss of a loved one casts a long shadow over us and we find our way forward one moment, one day at a time. There is no road map for grief. We journey through it differently. When necessary we should give expression to our grief: talk about it: share our feelings with trusted friends: receive the gift of bereavement counselling when grief is unbearable. The poet Wordsworth said - *"..There is no grief like the grief that does not speak..".* We should not ever feel we are alone in the journey of grief.

In this month of November we will be offering the *9.00am* mass on the four Fridays and on all first Fridays throughout the year for all whose names you place on the Parish Altar List of Remembrance. We will be praying too for all who grieve that they will be comforted. The Church's Liturgy is a great consolation for us at this time of year. We are reminded that God is a merciful, compassionate and loving God. Our destiny as God's people is to be in his presence fully one day. For us as believing people, death is the gateway through which we pass to see God face to face. The preface of a funeral mass tells us – *"...for God's faithful people, in death, life is changed, not ended..".* We believe that the God who gathered Jesus from the cross will extend this same graciousness to us and bring us into new life with him, to be where Jesus is. As Jesus tells us in St. John's Gospel – *"..There are many rooms in my Father's house…I am going now to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you also may be..".* What comforting thoughts for us! ***Fr. Tony***.

"The darker the night, the brighter the stars. The deeper the grief, the closer is God". (Dostoevsky).

"Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord". (St. Paul to the Romans).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 31tst & Sunday 25th October

MONTHS MIND
Patricia Matthews

ANNIVERSARIES
Richard Lynch 1st
Patricia Quigley 1st
Evelyn Herbert 1st
Margaret Phillips 2nd
Con O'Rourke 2nd
Bridie Roy 4th
Tom Fahey 8th
Molly Phillips 19th
Mary Beagan 26th
Mary Finnegan
John & Annie Murphy & their son Shay
Jim & Kitty McBride
Marie McBride
Joe McBride
Tom O'Shaughnessy
Kathleen Jamison
Helen Mahon
John & Bridie McManus
Liam Madden, Brother Sean & parents Margaret & John Madden
Tomo Zambra & the deceased family members of the Zambra & McNally Families

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Luke Brennan
Elizabeth O'Brien

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

Our Recently Deceased

Michael O'Dwyer, Hillsbrook Avenue
Kieran O'Connor, ex Perrystown
Malachy Grehan, Belgard Heights
Clare Healy, St Agnes Park

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

The Week Ahead…
Sunday 1st Nov - Saturday 7th Nov 2020

Sunday	Feast of All Saints
Monday	Feast of All Souls
Tuesday	St Martin De Porres, St Malachy
Wednesday	St Charles Borromeo
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	All Saints of Ireland
Saturday	Of the Day

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection:	**€ 710.00**
Share	**€ 250.00**
Family Offering:	**€ 1190.00**
Missions	**€ 215.00**

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

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUNDS

Sincere thanks to parishioners who contribute to the Family Envelope Fund for the running day to day costs for the Parish and Church. I am very grateful to all who make contributions. There is also a Church Maintenance Donation Box in the front porch of the Church and if you wish you can make your donation through this facility towards the costs of maintaining our Parish and Church, which are very costly at the moment in the provision of all necessary disinfectants, hand gels and cleansers, cleaning materials and signage. Your financial support is very much appreciated.

ALONE
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CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.
To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

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

The concert scheduled to take place in St Agnes Church on 27/28th November has be postponed. The concert will be arranged again for a new date in the new year.

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week.

"We fed ourselves on dreams of splendour and grandeur, and ended up consuming distraction, insularity and solitude. We gorged ourselves on networking and lost the taste of fraternity. We looked for quick and safe results, only to find ourselves overwhelmed by impatience and anxiety. Prisoners of a virtual reality, we lost the taste and flavour of the truly real." These words are from Pope Francis' latest encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, which has been hailed as an extraordinary example of thought leadership at a time where there is a real sense of despair on many sides, and an absence of social imagination about what might come next. It is a long document, but you can watch a superb video synopsis of its key points at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.45am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to 4.45pm. Please call in to book Masses and buy Mass cards.

Church Art Calendars 2021 are available in the Parish Office and the Repository, priced at €1.50 each.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now for sale in the Parish Office and Repository.

November Altar List of Remembrance

The November Altar List of Remembrance Envelopes are available in the Church porches or by calling to the Parish Office or Sacristy. The daily Mass(es) on the four Fridays of November and on all First Fridays of the months will be offered for all whose names you place on the Parish Altar List. November is the year which is dedicated to praying for all who have died and to pray too for all who are grieving that they will be blessed and comforted .

NEW CHURCH CLOSING TIME

From Monday the 2nd November the Church will close at 4.00pm each evening.

ST. PIO PICTURE

Padre Pio devotees will be greatly pleased to see the picture of this humble and holy saint which has been placed in the hall porch on the right side of the Church, with entry from the main entrance.

The picture is the original that was used when the Padre Pio Prayer Group was formed in St. Agnes Church (Nov 2003) and it was used until it was misplaced with the refurbishment. It was found again recently and thanks to Fr. Tony and Karen it will give comfort and focus to the many devotees of St. Pio in the parish.

On reflection, the position of the picture of St. Pio opposite the picture of St. John Paul II, leads to some dates of meetings and correspondence between the two saints that may be of interest.

St John Paul II was born 18th May 1920, he was called Karol Wojtyla after his father. He would become a priest, bishop, cardinal and pope. He is the only pope to have met Padre Pio in person. He received miracles through Padre Pio's intercessory prayers and he was the pontiff to proclaim him first Blessed (2 May 1999) and then Saint (16 June 2002)

Karol Wojtyla met Padre Pio in April 1948. When attending lectures in Rome he travelled to San Giovanni. Fr. Wojtyla and Padre Pio met at least twice on this occasion, the first in the evening and the second on the following morning. Later Fr. Karol, then 28 years of age went to confession to the friar, he was struck by the "confessor's great simplicity, clarity and conciseness"

Oct 2/3 1965 – Monsignor Karol Wojtyla now Archbishop of Krakow while on a visit to Italy travelled to San Giovanni, where he was invited to share a meal with the friars and also have a meeting with Padre Pio for the second time.

They shared correspondence. On one occasion Monsignor Wojtyla asked Padre Pio to pray for a friend from his student days, a doctor who was also a mother with young children and was suffering from cancer.

The Monsignor sent another letter to thank Padre Pio for his prayers and told him of his friend's recovery. In this letter he also asked for his prayers for the son of another doctor who was extremely ill since birth.

The first miracle through the intercession of Padre Pio was in 1962 and the second was in 1963.

These two great saints help teach us to live a simple faith, and it's only when we stop and take time to reflect that we fully realise that we are blessed to have our faith, as it gets us through these difficult times.

Please God through the intersession of these two great Saints we will get back to a sense of normality soon.

Geoff Coughlan

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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CROWDS HILL HAPPY
POOR SPIRIT GENTLE
HERITAGE HUNGER MERCY
PURE HEART REWARD

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This year the ***Mass of Remembrance*** will be celebrated on ***Wednesday, 25th November*** at ***7.00pm*** but behind closed doors. This is always well attended and a mass which gives great comfort to all who are bereaved. Sadly, this year we are not allowed to have a large gathering in our Churches for the moment and because we have so many families who would be in attendance we cannot invite anyone to be present except members of the Liturgy Group who will help with the organising of the mass. Our mass will be streamed live on our Parish Webcam and we invite you to join with us for this annual mass. Letters are being sent to all families who had a bereavement since last November, 2019, to assure them that their loved one will be remembered by name. A candle will be lit in their memory which will be placed on the cross in front of the sanctuary. All families or relatives can collect that special candle and a prayer card in the Church on Sunday 29th November between 12.00 – 2.00pm or by calling to the Parish Office any morning of the week beginning Monday, 30th November, 10.30 – 12.30pm.

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 **4.00pm**, and on Sunday from **12.00noon until 2.00pm.**

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults

We need a new generation of Young Adult Leaders to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.

- Are you - prepared to get "off your couch" and make a difference with your life?
- Be a leader – make a difference in your world.

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context. The programme is a mix of input from highly experienced experts, reflective practices, mentoring, journaling, spiritual accompaniment, workshops and social immersion. Participants are required to produce a learning log as part of an overall portfolio to serve as a framework for integrative practice. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities. FLP The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin. It will be based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday per month starting in October 2020 (and will comply with Covid-19 measures) For more information, online registration and payment – use this link https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/

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