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St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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 22nd November 2020, Feast of Christ the King



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Thought for the Week

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream" - C S Lewis

REFLECTION - 22nd NOVEMBER, 2020

One of the hallmarks of being a follower of Christ is to be a person of compassion. The Latin root for the word compassion is **pati**, which means to suffer, and the prefix **com** which means with. **Therefore compassion means to suffer with.** Compassion is a further step than empathy and sympathy. In St. Matthew's gospel for today we have a list of human needs which require an appropriate response. None of the needs is specifically religious: they are human needs which require a heart response. To these human, heart needs there is the response of the kingdom and therefore is a profoundly religious one. Those who respond are given the title **"blessed of my Father"**.

The blessed are praised for the simplest of gestures. The response is not one of heroism or of great public gestures or do they need to be shouted from the rooftops. The gospel speaks about the hungry, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned, the outcast, the homeless - all who are in need of any kind. What is the gospel response? The kind deeds asked of us are not beyond any human being. When we notice those who are in pain, who are hurting, seriously ill, struggling, suffering and lonely, we are called to imagine that person in our heart and place ourselves in their situation. What would we expect? Remember Jesus says in the gospel that - **"Whatever we do to the least of these his sisters and brothers, we do unto him"**. We meet Christ in the broken and hurt among us. It is a noble thought that Christ asks us to see him in each other.

I like this though from Dieter Uchtdorf: **"..Let our hearts be stretched out in compassion towards others, for everyone is walking his or her own difficult path.."**. It is so true. Often people carry their struggles quietly and in hidden ways. Thus the need to have the capacity to be attuned to the suffering of others - their losses, griefs, anxieties, weariness in these days of lockdown, the lonely among us, those without work, young people who long for affirmation and encouragement, children who need a warm embrace. The brokenness of the human spirit is manifest in many ways awaiting the response of a compassionate heart.

Saint Mother Teresa said: **"..Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness, kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. Never be so busy not to think of others.."**

If we profess to belong to Christ, then we cannot exempt ourselves from being a community of mercy, compassion and charity. We cannot avoid the human suffering in our midst, in our family, neighbourhood, community and society. In these days of lockdown with all of us being hugely challenged and feeling tired and wearied, we must still be CHRIST to one another in the way we treat one another. Let us be fearless in giving witness to the gospel calling today to be compassionate at all times. Let us live in such a way that in God's presence one day we will be honoured with the words **"Blessed of my Father"** because we noticed those in need and gave them our compassion. I wish all our parishioners God's blessings for the coming week. *Fr. Tony*

St Agnes Mass Times

Unfortunately, due to Government Guidelines Our Church is closed for all public masses. Mass will be live streamed as follows

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday: 9.00am

Sunday Masses

Sunday: 11.00am

Masses can be viewed by visiting www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live into your search or churchmedia.tv (under find your church key in Crumlin).

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.**

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

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.

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

Senior Line If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning **SeniorLine**. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. **Freefone 1800 80 45 91**

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

THE NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON THE PARISH WEBSITE WWW.CRUMLINPARISH.IE



now on sale ...

Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre (D12)



CHRISTMAS CARDS

"still only 4 Euro per pack of 12"

Cards are on sale in the Parish Office and Repository

Knock Shrine Remembrance Mass

Knock Shrine invite you to join live online for a special Mass on Sunday November 22 at 12 Noon, as we remember all who have died from COVID-19 on the island of Ireland. This Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam and streamed live from Knock Basilica. As we come closer to the end of this difficult year, we come together as a community of faith to take time to pause and reflect in support of one another and to pray for strength and hope for each other and ourselves. Live stream on www.knockshrine.ie and Facebook.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Scanlan; Alison Sharkey
Paul Byrne; Michael Connaughto

MONTHS MIND

Malachy Grehan also Birthday Remembrance

ANNIVERSARIES

Noel Clarke 1st; Betty & Noel Dunne 1st
Joyce Dukes 1st; Gustas Vladas 1st
John Kenny 2nd; Antoinette McKenna 3rd
Robert Fox 9th; Bernard McDermott 10th
Marie McGarry 11th; Kaye Hynes 12th
Margaret & Paddy Gorman 12th
Constantine Plechavicius 15th; Tom King 34th
Ellen King 41st; Catherine Carthy 59th
Patrick Cooney 64th; Mary Cooney 66th
Phyllis O'Driscoll; Mary & Thomas McEnroe
Mary & Charles Hammond; Billy Keogh
Special Intention; Ann & Anthony Fahy
Mabel Gaynor; Michael Hughes
John Fitzgerald; Ann Kennedy
Deceased members of O'Brien & Clancy Family
John & Edmund Coonan;
Christina & Joseph O'Dwyer
Stephen Dempsey; Frank Mullally.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Lily Tivenan; Christine Tivenan
Matthew McGrane
William Grehan 100th Birthday also 13th Anniversary
Sheila Coona

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

Bereaved Children's Awareness Week 23rd – 27th November

Every November, the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network organises a series of events across Ireland to highlight bereaved children's needs and provide a voice for them to be heard. The main reason we need to have a week like this is to help raise awareness of the fact that children express grief differently, they feel the impact but may not have words to express it so it often shows in their behaviour. For more information, visit:
www.childhoodbereavement.ie

HOLY WATER - There is a Holy Water container in the Repository Porch of the Church. If you wish to collect Holy Water, please bring a container with you.

Our Recently Deceased

Anthony Anto Flanagan, Clondalkin
Patrick Moylan, Cherryfield Road
Esther Duffy, Rathfarnham



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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

The Week Ahead... Sunday 22nd Nov - Saturday 28th Nov 2020

Sunday	Feast of Christ the King
Monday	St Columbanus
Tuesday	St Colman [Cloyne]
Wednesday	Ven Mamma Margaret Bosco
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	St Fergal
Saturday	Of the Day

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection:	€ 900.00
Share	€ 460.00
Family Offering:	€ 950.00

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

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.



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.

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

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week.



"We have spent so much of 2020 physically apart from each other, or at least more distanced than ever before; the Incarnation shows how it was vital to God's plan for him to draw near to us in the flesh as God-with-us". These words introduce this year's online Advent retreat from the great Jesuit websites, Sacred Space and Pray as you Go. It is one of many online Advent retreats provided by sources ranging from American Benedictine nuns to the Church of England, and addressing topics ranging from 'Spirituality of the Hymns of Advent' to 'The Dawn of Hope'. Get all the links at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Lough Derg November Memorial Service

Lough Derg November Memorial Service for deceased pilgrims and benefactors will take place live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, on **Sunday 22nd November at 7.00pm** at:
www.churchservices.tv/pettigo

To enrol a departed loved one, please contact us by email: info@loughderg.org, Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518 or write to Fr. Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60.

PRIORY INSTITUTE

We are taking registrations now for our Advent Retreat. It's a series of filmed reflections on the Sunday gospel readings of Advent. We are subsidising the production costs to encourage participation, the cost of the retreat is €40 and registration closes on Friday week, November 27. Maybe it's a sign of the times but it seems people are interested in looking at the 'big' questions especially coming up to this very unusual Christmas. For information please go to <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2020-advent-retreat>

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.



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.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH



The Deep End - A different sort of king

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairy tales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.' – St John of the Cross

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