

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

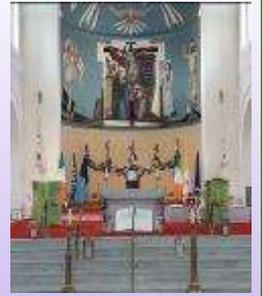
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6th December 2020, 2nd Sunday of Advent



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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

Masses can also be viewed online  
by visiting

[www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live](http://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live)  
into your search or  
[churchmedia.tv](http://churchmedia.tv) (under find your  
church key in Crumlin).

## 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](mailto:cps@dublindiocese.ie)

or contact St Agnes Parish Office  
at 01 455 5368

**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.

## Thought for the Week

*"God's grace changes lives: He takes us as we are, but He never leaves us as we are" - Pope Francis, General Audience 2nd Dec (Twitter)*

## REFLECTION – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2020

Pope Francis has frequently encouraged Christians to think more about **"Welcoming the Light"**. His challenge is as clear and prophetic as that of St. John the Baptist in the desert – crying out **"Prepare a Way for the Lord"**: a call to awaken our hearts to the presence of God among us, a time to recall the great event of the birth of Christ, to celebrate the **"Feast of the Great Presence"**, as the poet John O' Donohue describes Christmas. Now that restrictions are lifted and we are out of level 5, we can look forward with hope to Christmas. We all know that our celebrations will be different: we know too that this Christmas will be very painful, lonely, sad and difficult for many. Apart from the anxieties and challenges which the pandemic has brought to all of us, Christmas is often a time when many people feel the **"pain of life"**. We are mindful of those for whom this time of the year is painful. May they be strengthened to get through and may each of us do whatever we can to ease their burdens.

John the Baptist calls us to **"prepare a way for the Lord"** in our hearts. Because of what we've been through since March, I believe that we are all a little more reflective about our lives, about the fragility of life and how the unexpected can turn life upside down. We can arrive in places of darkness, struggle, uncertainty and hopelessness. I am reminded of the words of Mahatma Gandhi, **"In the midst of darkness, light persists"**, resonating with the words in St. John's gospel, **"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it"**.

In the midst of winter darkness a light will shine, a light which is eternal, a light we await with hope, a light which will illumine the story of **"the loving kindness of the heart of our God, visiting us like the dawn from on high"**. (St. Luke).

As we make our preparations for Christmas, may we find time for prayer, time to continue kindness of heart to others, the sick, lonely and housebound, those in need. May we find time to visit our Church (with care) to spend time quietly in prayer and bring to God the cries of our hearts. We can easily succumb to a feeling of **"overwhelm"** about many of life's experiences. We can lose our vision. We can fall into an abyss of hopelessness. The message of these Advent days is that we must not lose our hope for better times. God is with us. In the birth of Jesus we celebrate the fulfilment of God's promise to dwell among us. Jesus is Emmanuel, a name which means **"God is with us"**. **O God, fill our days with hope, light and healing. Bless our preparations for this Christmas and may we never forget that you are ever present, filled with boundless love for us, your people. Amen.**

*Fr. Tony*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Tommy Roche 1<sup>st</sup>  
Patrick & Hilda Cullen & deceased of  
Cullen Family;  
Patrick & Mary Glennon

7.00pm **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Gerard Dunne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Fr. Eamonn Whelan 4<sup>th</sup>  
Molly Blayney 7<sup>th</sup>; Andrew Brady 10<sup>th</sup>  
Deceased of Whelan & Curtis families  
Deceased of Sweeney family  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Josephine Whelan

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Noel & Sylvester Long

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**  
David Byrne 1<sup>st</sup>; Liam Banim 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ciaran Doyle 10<sup>th</sup>;  
Philip Hughes also remembering wife  
Dolores  
Deceased members of the Doyle Family

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**  
Maureen Brennan  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Daniel Dempsey 17th  
Leo Casey;  
Christopher O'Callaghan  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Chrissie O'Callaghan

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Holy Souls & Special Intention  
7.00pm Bernard Kenny 2<sup>nd</sup>; Helen Mahon

## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Tom Kennedy 1<sup>st</sup>; Martin Vahey 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Helen Maho

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Sheila Grennan 6<sup>th</sup>

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Gerard Dunne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mary Kelly 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Leonie Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Sean & Nancy Dunning

*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



Clare Comerford, St. Mary's Crescent  
Thomas Greene, Whitehall Road West

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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### The Week Ahead...

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	2nd Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday</b>	St Ambrose
<b>Tuesday</b>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
<b>Wednesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Thursday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Friday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Saturday</b>	St Finian [Meath]

### Last Weekend's Collections

**1st Collection: €1,424**

**Share €453**

**Family Offering: €1420**

**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)**

### ST AGNES ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

**Candles and photographs can be  
collected from the sacristy after  
weekend Masses or from the parish  
office during the week.**



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

"In these daily Advent reflections, we have resolved to be bearers of light and bringers of joy to a world so in need of both, for we have come to know them ourselves in Christ. It is our prayer that these little embers, the lectio of our lives, will provide light for your path as we walk one another home." The Sisterhood of St John the Divine, a monastic community within the Anglican Church of Canada, provides beautiful daily reflections for Advent. You can sign up for these, and access a host of other superb Advent resources, at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We celebrate this Feast on Tuesday next, 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
Our vigil Mass will be on Monday evening at 7.00pm.  
On Tuesday, our masses will be at 9.00am, 10.00am and 7.00pm.

This Feast honours Mary's conception in her mother's womb without original sin. By her Immaculate Conception she was conceived in the fullness of grace, in the state of closest possible union with God in view of her future role as Mother of God. This feast seems to have begun in the Eastern Church in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and may have spread to Ireland in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, although the earliest well attested record in the Western Church is from England in the early 11<sup>th</sup> century. Let us gather to honour Mary on this Feast Day.

## TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Because of the restrictions on the number of people we can have in our Church for any mass is **130**, we will be issuing tickets to parishioners for our Christmas masses. These tickets can be obtained through the Parish Office from this **WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** between 10.00am – 12.30pm and 2.30 - 4.00pm. Please call to the Parish Office or phone to book a ticket (455368). If you book a ticket over the phone, you must arrange to collect it to present it for the mass you have chosen.

**Our mass times for Christmas are as follows:**

**TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> & WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER:**  
**5.30 and 7.00pm.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: 5.30; 7.00 and 8.30pm.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 8.00am; 9.30am;**  
**11.00am and 12.30pm.**

*Regrettably we will not be able to accommodate everyone and we hope you understand the challenge we are in at this time.*



THE NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD  
ON THE PARISH 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.

## CROSSCARE

CROSSCARE is the Caring Agency in the Dublin Diocese and carries out wonderful work among the struggling communities of our Diocese. It provides a wide range of support services to hundreds of individuals, families and communities right across the Diocese. It depends on its annual collection in September to fund its services. Because of the pandemic their collection was considerably down this year. **This Christmas, CROSSCARE invites parishes to collect specific items to deliver to needy families. The items they most need are – soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, baby hygiene products, hand soaps in containers. We invite parishioners to make donations of these products only and bring them to the Parish Centre for Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December only after all the Masses.** The services of CROSSCARE are called upon more frequently at this time of year, so they appreciate the generosity of Parishioners in donating to their appeal this year. Look at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) for more information.

## POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Last year the response to parishioners donating poinsettias for our Christmas flower decorations was wonderful. We invite parishioners to do likewise again this year. We ask you to bring a poinsettia – red and white and any height – to our Church for the weekends of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> December. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.

## ADVENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

For the four Tuesdays of Advent: 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00 – 4.00pm. It will take place in the main Church. Over the past number of weeks since the lockdown, many parishioners called to the Church each day to spend time in quiet prayer. It is inspiring to witness. During this time of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, it will be necessary to adhere to all guidelines, wearing of masks, social distancing hand sanitising and carefulness around lighting of candles. There is no need to sign up - just come along and spend this time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please support the SVP Collection, Saturday & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
SVP will be conducting our Giving Sunday collection on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Our Conferences visit many families and people in need across communities in Ireland. The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. We rely almost entirely on the support of you and your generous parishioners. People can also donate directly to our Conferences at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or calling 0818 176 176. Drop your donation into the Parish Office anytime, marked St Vincent de Paul. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support throughout the years. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

# Welcome back to St Agnes' Church

The Church re-opened last Tuesday 1st December

- With our social distancing policy in place the maximum persons allowed into the church is **130** at any one stage. When awaiting entry to the church for Mass please leave a distance of **2 metres**.
- Please use the hand sanitisers provided when entering and leaving the church.
- Face masks are mandatory at all times.
- Please only sit on seat in pew where seating is allocated, follow the instructions from stewards. Persons from the same household may sit together.
- **On lighting a candle at the shrines, please be aware that there is a percentage of alcohol in the sanitizer you used – please take care.**

After lighting your candle please move away from the shrine to a pew to pray to encourage social distancing around the shrines.

- Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew by a priest or a Eucharistic Minister.
- If you are Coeliac and you wish to receive Holy Communion please contact the sacristy in advance on 455 5383.
- Please do not linger in the church talking after mass. On leaving the church please continue to practice social distancing.

**Thank you for helping us to protect one another.**

## MASS TIMES

**Weekday** 9.00am and 7.00pm (with additional Masses as required for funerals).

**Saturday** 9.00am, Vigil **5.30pm** and 7.00pm.

**Sunday** 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm

**Confessions** Saturdays after 9.00am Mass and 6.20pm-6.45pm or anytime on request.

**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.



**Advent Reflection Series**  
**Journeying through Advent in Song, hymns, psalms, chant, and Dánta Dé (Hymns of Ireland)**  
**Prepare – Rejoice**

Kerrie O'Connor – Vocalist; Sarah Lane – Violinist;  
Mary Louise O'Donnell – Harpist;  
Naomi Dunleavey – O'Shea Violinist

**Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 4.00pm – Prepare**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 4.00pm – Rejoice**  
Join us online at [www.churchservices.tv/balally](http://www.churchservices.tv/balally)

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**

## Walk With Me for Advent

**WALK WITH ME** – a journey of prayer for Advent 2020, thoughts and reflections for the season leading up to Christmas and the new year, now available in the shop at the back of the Church and Office - price €1.30 each .