

St Agnes' Parish, Crumlin

Christmas Arrangements 2020

Carols Service (streamed live on-line at <https://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live/>)

Wednesday 16th at 7.00pm - **No Evening Mass**

Confessions for Christmas

Penitential Service with General Absolution

Monday 21st at 7.00pm - **No Evening Mass**

Confessions Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Masses for Christmas

Tuesday 22nd December 5.30pm and 7.00pm

Wednesday 23rd December 5.30pm (family mass) and 7.00pm

Christmas Eve 24th December: 5.30pm (family mass), 7.00pm and 8.30pm

Christmas Day 25th December: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am(family mass) and 12.30pm **No Evening Mass**

St. Stephen's Day 26th December: 9.00am (**No Vigil Sunday Masses**) Church will close at 2.00pm

Sunday 27th December: 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm

Weekday Masses 9.00am **only** until Saturday 2nd January when normal Mass times resume with the

Sunday Vigil Masses at 5.30pm and 7.00pm

Feast of the Epiphany Wednesday 6th January 2021

Tuesday 5th January: Vigil 7.00pm

Wednesday 6th January: 9.00am, 10.00am and 7.00pm

Christmas Dues

The Dues Envelope you receive through your door at Christmas and Easter 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 for your generosity in the past.

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



St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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13th December 2020, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)



Priest's Contact numbers

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Fr Tom Clowe SDB 01 455 5605

Fr John Deasy: 01 455 0955

Deacon

Rev Jimmy Fennell 01 455 5368

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 into your search or 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

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

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." Pope Benedict XVI

REFLECTION – 13th DECEMBER, 2020

We are making our way towards Christmas, a Christmas which will be very different because of the pandemic which has marked our lives since March, 2020. There is no one who has not been affected in some way by the events since March. All of us have been touched and our lives have been changed. It will be a different Christmas in many ways. Yet, in the midst of all the changes, there is one constant truth that doesn't change: this truth is about the presence of **God-with-Us** in the **Christ-Child**. This is a story that moves us in awe, wonder and mystery.

Once again we witness the great figure of John the Baptist – calling across the wastelands – **"Make a straight way for the Lord.."** John the Baptist is clear in his mind about his role: his role is to prepare a way for the Light of God in Jesus. John will point to Jesus as the fulfilment of all God's promises. He prepares people to create a space for this new light.

John the Baptist was very aware of his calling and like him we too are called to **"prepare a way for the Lord"** in our hearts, to welcome this light of God in Christ but to also radiate this light of God.

All of us can tell our own stories about the effects of the pandemic. We pray that we will celebrate this Christmas with good will, carefulness and safety and that we can be together as families, loved ones and friends. In these past months we have needed people to be a **"light"** for us, people who helped us to get through the dark days, the grief, the awful moments, the struggles, the fears and the anxieties in so many ways.

We see **"The Light"** of God in Jesus but we also see it in the **words** we speak, filled with truth, encouragement, affirmation. We see this light when we offer over-burdened hearts a little strength and refuge. We see this light when we allow compassion move us to respond to those in need. We see this light when our presence in time and listening is a sanctuary for others from trials that can crush. Let us be God's light this Christmas and make a difference to one another. **Fr. Tony.**

"See the light in others, and treat them as if that is all you see". (Wayne Dwyer).

"There are two ways of spreading the light: be the candle or the mirror that reflects the light". (Edith Wharton).

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tickets are available for the following Christmas Masses:

Tuesday 22nd December 5.30pm and 7.00pm

Wednesday 23rd December 5.30pm and 7.00pm

Christmas Day 8.00am and 12.30pm

Tickets are available from the Sacristy at the weekend or from the parish office during the week.

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 12th/13th and 19th/20th December. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.



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.



The Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Centre by buying Christmas Cards this year. It is very much appreciated.

Special thanks also to everyone in the Repository and Parish Office for their support each year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th December

5.30pm MONTHS MIND
Gemma Hodgins; Anthony Flanagan
ANNIVERSARIES
Marcella Brock 1st; Michael Lyons 12th
Patrick Malone; Brian Malone
Deceased of Malone family

7.00pm ANNIVERSARIES
Christopher Dowling 2nd
Olive Murphy 3rd

Sunday 13th December

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES
Henry & Eileen (Helen) Ryan
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Kathleen Kelly 96th

11.00am MONTHS MIND
Denise Sheridan; Maura McGloughlin
ANNIVERSARIES
Maree Rooney 1st; Vera Dolan 2nd
Josephine Kavanagh 2nd
Seamus Kavanagh 5th; Noel Reilly 20th
Andrew Keeley 64th
Edward & Josephine Deegan
Ron Forte; Carmel Forte; Paddy Keogh
Michael & Margaret McArdle
Vincent & Aileen Gough;
Vincent Gough; Brigid Williams
Noel & Nuala Quinn; David Byrne
Deceased of Doyle & Holbrook Families
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Dorothy Rafter; Rita Cunningham

12.30pm MONTHS MIND
Esther Duffy also Birthday Remembrance
ANNIVERSARIES
Teresa Cox 9th
Myles & Julia O'Dowd
Stephen & Patricia Cowzer
Anne O'Neill
Catherine & William O'Connor
Michael & Stephen Cahill
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Elizabeth Ward 96th

Monday 14th December

9.00am Nuala Bruce Birthday Rem

Thursday 17th December

7.00pm Patricia Brady, Months Mind

Friday 18th December

9.00am Imelda Cullen 3rd Anniv.
John Brady Anniv

7.00pm Marie Byrne, Months Mind

*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



Mary (Dinah) Mahon, Athy
Patricia Doyle, O'Brien Road

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

The Week Ahead... Sunday 13th Dec - Saturday 19th Dec 2020

Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
Monday	St John of the Cross
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	St Flannan [Killaloe]
Saturday	Of the Day

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection:	€1,361
Share	€ 805
Family Offering:	€1,325

*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*

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.**



St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

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

Saturday, 19th December 2020

5.30pm Marie McGowan

7:00pm John Green

Sunday, 20th December 2020

9:30am Ben McDermott

11:00am John Green

12:30pm Delecta Fernandes

INDOOR COLLECTION FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We all know that huge demands are made of the Society at this time of the year. The Society depends very much on the donations we make every week and especially at their annual indoor Christmas collection. We can be sure that the money we give will be wisely and carefully used to help many individuals and families this Christmas. When we give to the St. Vincent de Paul, we are helping those in our community who need support and assistance. Many families experienced and continue to experience financial challenges since March and are not sure of their future. Let us give as generously as we can to the St. Vincent de Paul collection this weekend. The Society appreciates our contributions at all times. We ask God to bless the members of the Society in their good work

CONFESSION TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Beginning this week, the priests of the parish will be available for confessions after the 9.00am mass from **Tuesday – Saturday (9.30 -10.00am)** and in the evening time from 6.15 – 6.45pm. For the week beginning **Monday, 21st December**, times for confessions will be printed in the Newsletter next weekend. **Masks must be worn at all times while at confessions.**

Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus) who visited St Agnes Church last year with their Christmas Market are launching the very first Online Christmas Market this year, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer.

Please, visit <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market> to participate

Through purchasing beautiful Christmas gifts each one of us will be able to serve the poor, sick, homeless and lonely people. Because every item purchased at the Online Market is a donation towards one of the Convent's ministries. Sisters are sending their prayers and blessings from Minsk

Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)
The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th December. Rosary 6.45pm Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction & Blessing. **All Welcome.**



Christmas Dues

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits. Christmas dues help to support the Priests of the parish, and 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.

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CHRISTMAS SHOP AND OUTDOOR CRIB OPEN

Yes we are open some mornings but no, unfortunately our Retreat House is not open fully for retreats as yet. But we have a couple of things that may interest you:

Our BOOKSHOP is open.

You can inspect our range of goods in the other post on Facebook: books, photocards, pottery (made on site), Tallaght crosses, candles, incense, Christmas gifts, etc.

You may drop in to browse the items that interest you (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, between 11am and 2pm); or alternatively you can see them on Facebook, order and pay by card over the phone (404 8123 or 404 8189); then collect them at a time that suits you. Drop us an email dominicanretreats@gmail.com or call 083-8535424 if you have any queries.

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

Please support the SVP Collection Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th December 2020

SVP will be conducting our Giving Sunday collection on Sunday 13th 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 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.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

The Christmas Timetable Cards are available in the porch ways of the Church if you wish to take one. St. Agnes Parish Calendars 2021 are available at all exits. Please take one home