

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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26th September, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time; Year B



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St Agnes Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Mon - Sat: 9.00am

Sunday Masses

Vigil (Sat): 5.30pm & 7.00pm

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

There Is No Evening Mass

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 (under find your
church key in Crumlin).

The Church will be open after 9am
Mass for private prayer or after
Funerals Monday to Saturday. It
will close at
5.00pm Monday to Friday.

St Agnes Confessions

Confessions on Saturdays after
9.00am Mass and 6.15-6.45pm
or anytime upon 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

PARISH OFFICE

The office is open Monday to Friday
9.30am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to
4.45pm. Please call in to book
Masses and to buy Mass cards.
Please follow the notices displayed
concerning social distancing.

Thought for the Week

Light shines forth from the just and joy for the upright of heart

Psalm 96

REFLECTION – 26th SEPTEMBER, 2021

For quite some time we've been enjoying lovely weather and we are entering the season of autumn much more with the flowers, shrubs and trees fading in colour but still beautiful. The shortening of the evenings makes the onset more real for us but hasn't each season its own beauty. *"And the sun took a step back, the leaves dulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened."* (Raquel Franco): *"Wild is the music of autumnal winds through faded woods."* (William Wordsworth): *"Fall has always been my favourite season, the time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for its grand finale."*

(Leonara de Stefano) These poetic delights and imaginations capture the essence and beauty of autumn. Have you noticed the loveliness of Wordsworth's *"..season of mist and mellow fruitfulness.."*? There is a hidden beauty in autumn which we often fail to see but just observe the changes taking place all around us. They are mysterious and wonderful and I believe that the seasons have much to teach us about our own lives. Since springtime we have enjoyed the magnificence of nature all around us. In the last few weeks I have gone over the Dublin mountains simply to see the flourishing of panoramic beauty. Sometime we have to stand back from - or look down from a distance to see the *miracles*. Autumn draws us into a reflective embrace. The misty air, the golden colours, the falling leaves, the emptying of shrubs and flowers of their vibrancy. Yes, it's all happening quietly and unnoticed. But this miracle speaks to us of the changes that are necessary for our lives. The falling leaves speak of a vulnerability that is part of life. As they fall, each dancing to the ground, I am inspired by the fallen leaves on the ground. As they let go of what allowed them to live from the nourishing rays of summer sun, they eventually become the rich ingredient which will nourish the greening of spring's growth and colours. What another beautiful moment that awaits us!

Autumn landscapes ask us to let go of all that holds us back, all that is unnecessarily burdensome. Let go of bad patterns of behaviour, jealousy, anger, resentment, entrenched attitudes which are dehumanising of others and which can also be self-harming. Let go of our own concerns and notice the needs of others. Let go of our own ego and make room for God. Spiritually, autumn invites us to let go and let God in, to let the presence of Jesus change and renew our lives, to trust in God, to recognise his presence with us and to know that he truly cares. Remember the words of Jesus in St. Mathew's Gospel:

"Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they are? See how the flowers of the fields grow. They do not labour nor spin, yet they are dressed more splendidly than Solomon....but you are worth much more..."

(Matt: 6: 25-34). *I am certain that Jesus was inspired by nature's beauty!! May autumn spur us to gratitude to God for what we have and what we can become through his graces and blessings. Fr. Tony*

MASS INTENTIONS

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| <u>Sat 25 Sept</u> | |
| 5.30pm | ANNIVERSARY Leo Eustace, 12th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE MAUREEN NICHOLSON |
| 7.00pm | MONTHS MIND Richard McSherry |
| | ANNIVERSARIES Colm Murphy 8 th Tommy Moore 11 th Danny Carthy 22 nd John Norton 53 rd |
| | BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Carmel Fox RECENTLY DECEASED Ann McDonnell in Australia |
| <u>Sun 26 Sept</u> | |
| <u>9:30am</u> | Priests Intentions |
| 11:00am | MONTHS MIND Bernadette Hyland nee Walsh late of Derry Rd |
| | ANNIVERSARIES Violet Rankin 1 st Patricia Matthews nee Cullen 1 st David Byrne 2 nd George Higgins 4 th Christina Talbot 8 th Phyllis Irwin 28 th James Furlong 35 th Mairead & John Canning Annie & Tom Collins Paddy & Dette Nolan Bridget & Patrick Furlong Tommy Keogh |
| 12:30pm | ANNIVERSARIES Owen Fitzpatrick 7 th Tom Glynn Mary & Bernard Doyle |
| <u>Mon 27 Sept</u> 9.00am | Eileen Kelly Birthday Rem Lily O'Neil 73 rd Anniversary |
| <u>Tues 28 Sept</u> 9.00am | Daire McDonnell Edenderry 6 month Anniversary |
| <u>Fri 1 Oct</u> 9.00am | First Friday |
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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

Maureen Fox, Kimage Road West
Maureen McEvoy, Dangan Park
We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this sad time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: € 1,273
Crosscare Special Collection € 2,780
Family Offering: € 940

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Crosscare collection last Sunday

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.

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 2ND OCTOBER 2021

5.30pm Willie Elliott

7:00pm Ann Maher

Sunday, 3rd October 2021

9:30am Valerie Collins

11:00am Mary Finnegan

12:30pm Richard Tobin

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 19th Sept - Saturday 26th Sept 2021

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Monday St Vincent de Paul

Tuesday SS Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

Wednesday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels

Thursday St Jerome

Friday

Saturday

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to our volunteers for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter throughout the year

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



SUPPORT FOR MASS COLLECTIONS

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your generous support for all our collections at masses every weekend. Archbishop Farrell expresses his gratitude again to all parishes who are supportive of the Common Fund and Share Collections every week. The Common Fund is for the salaries of the priests of the Diocese, including sick and retired priests and those in special ministry. The Share Collection is primarily for the poorer parishes and for the support of pastoral initiatives in our Diocese, including management of various caring agencies. Since the pandemic of March 2020, funds have decreased for these collections but parishioners are responding very generously in giving extra every week. We have now installed a facility for **DIGITAL GIVING**. Machines have been installed at the inside entrance of the Church for any person to make a donation of your choice. The instructions on how to use this facility are over the machine. Sometimes people come to Church without cash and often ask if we have a **Tap and Go** facility. This facility will enable anyone to make a contribution to the Diocese for the support of the Common Fund and Share Collections. Thank you again for all your financial support. *Fr. Tony*

VACANCIES

The Managers of Our Lady of Hope School, Armagh Road, Crumlin invite applications for the part-time positions of Secretary, Caretaker and Cleaner. Our Lady of Hope school is a new school under the patronage of the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. The school will cater for pupils, ages 4-18, who have a diagnosis of Autism and Complex Needs. It is located in the refurbished building of Scoil Colm.

If interested, please phone 01 – 8087500 and leave your name and contact details or email: enquiriesoloh21@gmail.com

THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

You may have noticed that the **BOOK OF THE GOSPELS** is on a stand before the Altar. The Mass has essentially two parts – The Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist. You may have been present at a special Mass and have seen that the Book of the Gospels is incensed. This is to show reverence and honour for the Word of God. You are welcome during a visit to the Church to read the Word of God and to spend a short time in reflection and prayer. We kindly ask you not to turn the pages.

REMINDER REVISED CONFESSION TIMES

When our Parish Church reopens confession times will be from **10.30 – 11.00am** and **6.30 – 6.50pm**.

On eve of First Fridays, confessions will be after 10.00am mass and at 6.45pm.



Please Read This...

Many of our parishioners have been generous in their support for the parish over many years. Perhaps you are considering making or updating your will. A gift in your will is a wonderful way of continuing your support for the parish after your death. In recent years we have benefited from such generosity. Your legacy could greatly help the parish in the years to come. Thank you in anticipation for your kindness.

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.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING DAY

This weekend is designated as Child Safeguarding Awareness throughout our Diocese. In a letter for all parishes, Archbishop Farrell expresses his gratitude to all volunteers in parishes who act as Child Safeguarding Representatives. These representatives work with the Diocese and Parish Pastoral Council to ensure that all Diocesan Safeguarding Policies are implemented and that a regular review of such policies takes place. Safeguarding is about creating an environment which facilitates the safe involvement of children, young adults and vulnerable people in Parish Groups and Activities. Many people have experienced huge difficulties during the covid -19 pandemic and may be very fragile and vulnerable but look forward to returning to various gatherings and activities. Their safety and well-being are of the utmost importance. Safeguarding Policies in Parishes are there for all people. It is not an optional extra. All Parishes have Child Protection Policies in place and if any parishioner wants to read St. Agnes' Parish Policy, you will find it on our Parish Website under the menu **CHILD PROTECTION**. If anyone has any queries, please contact myself, Fr. Tony. I want to thank Antoinette and Jimmy Doyle who are our Parish Safeguarding Representative. We appreciate your dedication to this important responsibility. *Fr. Tony*.

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.

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



GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer starting on Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm. The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for prayer and sharing and a different Scripture to reflect on at home on each of the 40 days. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: The Song of Songs

The great mystic, St Teresa of Avila, said that in the Old Testament Song of Songs (Song of Solomon) the Lord is teaching the soul how to pray. "Along how many paths, in how many ways, by how many methods you show us love! ...in this Song of Songs, you teach the soul what to say to you... We can make the Bride's prayer our own." If Teresa is right and the loving, desiring, passionate language of the Song is the language in which God longs to hear the soul speak, many of us may have to make a radical shift in our perception of what it is to love and be loved by God. Why, from the hundreds of Old Testament passages used in readings for Sundays and Holy Days in the Catholic Lectionary, not a single passage from the Song is included? And only two passages are used in the Revised Common Lectionary? Listen to – and pray with - this tremendous hymn of praise, stunningly read by David Suchet, at newpilgrimpath@gmail.com

GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

A guided pilgrimage will be offered on Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0 (0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org

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 COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. **The support line is open seven days a week from 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

GOOD NEWS - RETURN OF COFFEE/TEA MORNINGS

Having met with the volunteers during the week, we are now reopening the Coffee/Tea services in our Parish Centre beginning on **TUESDAY, 5th OCTOBER** from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

This gathering and socialising after mass before the pandemic was enjoyed by many parishioners after morning masses. It provided an occasion for chatting, getting to know one another and building friendships. It was a lovely opportunity for all who came along and we are delighted to be reopening these gatherings on 5th October. Initially we will gather only on **TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** mornings until we are comfortable with all the arrangements. For all who will come along to these mornings, it will be necessary to have **proof of vaccinations: bring masks and your own sanitising gel, even though this is provided in the centre.** Sincere thanks to all our volunteers who make this reopening possible. Your commitment is greatly appreciated. *Fr. Tony.*