GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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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.

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.

Church Art Calendars & Christmas Mass Bouquets

Church Art Calendars 2022 are available in the Parish Office and the Repository priced at €1.50 each.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and Repository.

LORCAN O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards in aid of the Lorcan O'Toole day centre are on sale in the Repository and Parish Office priced €5 for a pack of 12

ST AGNES' PARISH, CRUMLIN

Christmas Arrangements 2021

Penitential Service: **Monday 20th at 7.00pm**

Carols Service: **Tuesday 21st at 7.00pm. A celebration of Carols and reflections with the Church Choir, Family Mass Group and Schola Choir**

Confessions Christmas Eve: **Friday 24th from 1.00pm to 3.00pm**

Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve 24th December: 5.00pm, 6.30pm and 8.00pm
Christmas Day 25th December: 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm
St. Stephen's Day 26th December: 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm

Weekday Masses: **Monday 27th to Saturday 1st January 9.00am**

Weekend Masses (1st/2nd January 2022):

Saturday 1st Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and 7.00pm
Sunday 2nd 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm

Feast of the Epiphany Thursday 6th January 2022:

Wednesday 5th January: Vigil 7.00pm
Thursday 6th January: 9.00am and 10.00am only

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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12th December 2021, Third Sunday of Advent; Year C

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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

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 into your search or churchmedia.tv (under find your church key in Crumlin).

The Church will be open after 9.00am 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"

"Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart" - Taize Community

REFLECTION – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Traditionally this is Gaudete Sunday – Joy Sunday. We call it this because we are nearing the great Feast of Christmas. The fulfilment of ancient promises is almost upon us as we await to celebrate the birth of Christ. We look forward with hope. We await to be surprised again by the magic and mystery of this season. In the darkness of winter a great light will be celebrated among us – the light of God's presence in the birth of *Emmanuel,* a name which means, God-is-with-us.

We've had an anxious few weeks with the changing nature of the pandemic. We live in uncertain times when our lives have been interrupted in a way unimagined. Despite the progress in science and medicine to battle the virus we still remain anxious. We have to be vigilant and ensure that we adhere to necessary guidelines for the well-being of one another. Our patience is very tested. Undoubtedly the effects of the *"interruption"* to our lives has brought changes to all of us: many people have lost their work: many have become seriously ill: many have died: many are mentally exhausted: the lives of children, young people and families have changed: older vulnerable people have lost out on so much. This virus has not left anyone unaffected.

We have been brought to places in our hearts which have evoked questions about the meaning and purpose of our lives, our priorities, the things that really matter. We have reflected philosophically and spiritually, we have asked many questions and have not always been able to answer the deeper ones. Anxiety has a way of robbing us of peace. *"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows but only empties today of its strength."* (Charles Surgeon). Isn't this very true? Pope Francis said, *"Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."*

When we remember what we celebrate at Christmas – the entrance of God into human history, we recall the great hope given to us. God is with us always, he accompanies us on our life's journey. He gives Jesus to us as the assurance of his love. Accepting his love as revealed in Jesus will give us the inner strength we need to get through our days. In these Advent days of preparation, let us not forget the real preparation we are called to make: *"Prepare a way in your hearts for the Lord."* (St. John the Baptist). Perhaps we might allow the virtues of goodness, kindness, thoughtfulness, charity, compassion and mercy be to the forefront in caring for one another in the challenging days we are living through. In this way we prepare a way for the Lord in our hearts and honour the one whose birth we await to celebrate -- Jesus Christ our Lord – with hope and joy.

Fr. Tony

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Last year the response to parishioners donating poinsettias for our Christmas flower decorations was wonderful. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time. We invite parishioners to do likewise again this year. We ask you to bring a poinsettia - red or white and any height - to our Church any day between the 11th and 19th of December. The poinsettias can be left at the oratory door or the sacristy door. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th December

5.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Michael Lyons 13th
Patrick Malone; Brian Malone &
Deceased members of Malone Family

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Christina Mulvey 90th; Margaret Byron

7.00pm **MONTHS MIND**
John Sheehan; Joseph Haide

ANNIVERSARIES
Gerard Dunne 3rd; Michael Lyons 13th
Mary & Leonie Kelly
Myles & Julia O'Dowd
Stephen Cowzer; Joseph & Ellen Fox

Sunday 12th December

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Josephine Deegan
Deceased of Kelly & Hyland families

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Kathleen Kelly
Cora Connolly

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Karen Keogh 1st; Bernard Ellison 3rd
Lily Muldoon 4th
Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy 25th
Jimmy Bergin 25th
Paddy Keogh; Carmel & Ronald Forte
Des Mullaney; Vera Dolan

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Dorothy Rafter; Rita Cunningham
Elizabeth Ward

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Patrick O'Keeffe
Esther McGauley

ANNIVERSARIES
Christopher Dowling 3rd
Chris Mooney 10th; Noel Reilly 21st
Dolores & Philip Hughes
Anne O'Neill
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Josephine O'Mahoney

Monday 13th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 14th December

9.00am Nuala Bruce Birthday Rem

Wednesday 15th December

9.00am Olive Murphy 5th

Thursday 16th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 17th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

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

Yvonne Forde, Erigal Rd
Peter Doran, Cherryfield Ave
John Byrne, Brother of Tom Byrne. O'Brien Rd

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: **€ 1,345**
Share : **€ 886**
Family Offering: **€ 1,415**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. We wish to thank all 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 Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 18th December 2021

5.30pm Laz Norton-Brunel
7:00pm John Green

Sunday, 19th December 2021

9:30am Ben McDermott
11:00am John Green
12:30pm Delecta Fernandes

The Week Ahead…
Sunday 12th Dec - Saturday 18th Dec 2021

Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday	St Lucy
Tuesday	St John of the Cross
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	St Flanna (Killaloe)

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.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

The Christmas timetable cards are available in the porch ways of the Church if you wish to take one. We invite you to join with us for our celebrations

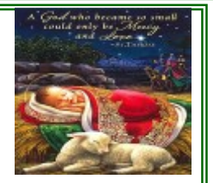
"Walk With Me" for Advent

WALK WITH ME – a journey of prayer for Advent 2021, 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 in the Parish Office - price €1.30 each .

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday 12th December 2021

11.00am & 12.30pm Mass



A beloved annual tradition at the Basilica in Rome in preparation for Christmas, the Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square.

Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church. We will celebrate it on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Bring your Baby Jesus or Crib to be blessed in St Agnes Church at 11.00am or 12.30pm

ST.PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The December gathering will take place this *TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER,* beginning with rosary at *6.45pm,* followed by Mass at 7.00pm with Benediction afterwards. Because the Parish Carol Service is taking place on the third Tuesday, 21st December at 7.00pm, the St.Padre Pio Prayer Group is brought forward to this coming Tuesday

PARISH CORRESPONDENCE

The Christmas correspondence with the Christmas timetable and Christmas Dues Envelope is available for distribution. We ask volunteers to call to the Parish Office as soon as possible this week to help with the distribution of the correspondence. Thanks to our volunteers

Christmas Masses

We are appealing to all our ministers of the Eucharist and stewards for extra help over the Christmas eve and Christmas day masses. If you are available to help out can you contact the sacristy or parish office so we can make sure we have enough for all masses.

Christmas Dues

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits. Christmas dues help to support he 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will have 6 masses for Christmas time: three on *Christmas Eve at 5.00pm: 6.30pm* and *8.00pm* and on *Christmas Day, 9.30am: 11.00am* and *12.30pm.*

Because of the presence of viruses, we will be enacting the following guidelines*: MASK WEARING, SANITISING OF HANDS* and *SEATING ONLY* at all masses. Our Church can hold 650/700 people sitting comfortably. For health and safety reasons we will not be allowing any overflow of people to stand or gather in the porch ways or in any part of the Church. After much discussion with the Parish Team and with Diocesan advice, we will have seating only at all masses, thus the presence of our Stewards will be required again to help with arrangements. If people arrive and cannot get into the Church, we advise that you follow mass on your phones in your car and Holy Communion will be distributed at the two side doors of our Church for those who wish to receive. Or you may just wish to watch mass on our Parish Webcam. We regret any inconvenience but we must adhere to the safest guidelines for the health and safety of everyone. Thank you for your co-operation at all times. ***Fr. Tony***

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS INDOOR COLLECTION

This takes place in all Churches in the Diocese **this weekend** to enable the Society to help and assist the many families and individuals who depend on them for help and support at Christmas. The demands on the services of the Society are greater than ever with the pandemic adding extra burdens on so many that they need support at this time. Please be as generous as you can be on your way out from mass in placing your donations in the box provided on the tables and at the back of the Church. **This Annual Collection replaces the normal Share collection.** The Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is very grateful for the wonderful support they receive from parishioners

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week: An Advent Meditation from James Finley

James Finley, Ph.D. lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where the world-renowned monk and author, Thomas Merton, was his spiritual director. Finley is a master of the Christian contemplative way, a renowned retreat leader, and an authority on the Christian mystics – old and new. New Pilgrim Path brings you his short but beautiful meditation on Advent and Christmas. Access it at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.