St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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25th/26th December 2021, Christmas Day/St Stephen's Day; Year C

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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 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

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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''

"Today a Saviour has been born to us, He is Christ the Lord"
Psalm 95

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION – 2021

"The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light. On those who lived in a land of darkness, a light has shone."

A holy day has dawned. A glorious light shines in our midst. It is Christmas. What we have prepared and longed for has arrived. The whole world literally comes to a pause as we savour the delights of this season. The manger now has the Christ-Child and as we gaze into the manger, our hope within is momentarily stirred. We feel a gentleness about the world and ourselves. The manger has the capacity to touch us at the deepest part of our humanity. We return with awe to this ancient Christmas story of God entering into human history in the birth of Jesus.

What is it about the Christmas story that touches us within? Could it be that we need affirmation, assurance, something to lift us out of the dreariness of life? And indeed, for almost two years we have endured many anxieties, worries, suffering, loss, grief and unexpected difficulties. Our lives have been profoundly affected by the pandemic which seems never ending.

As we reflect on the Christmas story we find much that inspires a resurgence of hope, trust, light, promise and kindness of heart. There is much generous love in this story and with it a sense of wonder that God could be so intimately involved with humanity. Shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman carries the dreams and hopes of the world in her body. Through Mary, God will visit his people. The prophet Zephaniah speaks about *"..the loving kindness of the heart of our God visiting us like the dawn from on high, giving light to those in darkness and guiding us in the way of peace.."* Isn't this s beautiful hope? A hope we need in these days. As we reflect on this story we are invited to trust that God is with us, that he is near and that he cares deeply for us in all the movements and vagaries of our lives.

Marjorie Holmes said, *"..At Christmas, all roads lead home.."* Robert Frost, the poet, wrote, *"..Home is the place, where, when you go there, they have to take you in.."* We all yearn for a place called *"home"*, a place where we feel loved, cared for and wanted, where we feel valued and significant. Though never totally fulfilled, we yearn for this. We make such great efforts to be at *"home"* with those we love. That's why the crowds arriving at airports is very touching as families embrace in gestures of welcome and love. These gestures are cherished now more than ever.

If we were to write a verse of scripture over the manger I think we couldn't find better than from the prophet Jeremiah when he speaks of God: *"I have loved you with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." (Jeremiah: 31:3).*

In the birth of Jesus, God is the unfailing love drawing us to himself. In Jesus, God is saying to us that we are precious to him. In Jesus, God is close, tangible. As we celebrate our Eucharist together we are drawn to God in the gift of Jesus, given to us over and over again. In these days with so much worry and uncertainty, may we find hope, light and healing this Christmas in celebrating Emmanuel, God-with-us. God in Jesus is the *"home"* where we find welcome, comfort and love. Forever, unfailingly.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th December

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Harry Gahan; The Holy Souls
Margaret & John Madden with sons Sean, Liam, Michael with deceased family members
Eddie & Mary O'Sullivan
Craig Winton
Dell Egan 11th, Frank Egan 16th

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Bridie McDonnell 46th
Michael & Dolly Lee & deceased family members
Tilly, Geraldine & Finola Harrington
Helen Mahon & deceased members of the O'Brien family

RECENTLY DECEASED
Billy Finnegan

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
Thérèse, Christina & Sean Byrne

12.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Joe Tynan 1st
Fiona O'Byrne 1st
Seamus Kavanagh 2nd
Essie Power 4th
Liam Doyle 6th
Marie Kearns 23rd
Jerry, Brian, Christine & Jerry Jnr Mooney
Paddy & Patricia Quigley & deceased family members
Alan Weafer & deceased family members
Deceased of Cleary Family
Deceased of O'Neill Family
Deceased of Belton & Miley families
Deceased of Ward Family
Luke and Teresa Leonard

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
Pierce McCabe; Elizabeth Behan

Monday 27th December

9.00am Patrick Kavanagh 1st Anniv
Edward Whelan 3rd Anniv
Elizabeth Ward 7th Anniv

Tuesday 28th December

9.00am Christy Clancy Birthday Rem
Deceased of Clancy family
Rita McGrath
Phyllis O'Leary
Deceased of Keating family
Dora Colley 20th Anniv

Wednesday 29th December

9.00am John Roche 2nd Anniv.

Thursday 30th December

9.00am Michael Wade

Friday 31st 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

Rose Morris, Kildare Road
Marie Ryan, Cashel Road
Alice Langan, Cashel Road
Thomas Lee, Cashel Road
Patricia Myers, Windmill Avenue

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection:	**€ 1,313**
Share:	**€ 975**
Family Offering:	**€ 1,035**

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

Christmas Triduum Prayer

O Divine Jesus, the Heavenly message at your birth was "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all".

Bring your peace, your joy, your happiness into our home this Christmas.

Bless all the members of our family, those at home and those who will be absent this Christmas.

Inflame our hearts with your love.

Keep us close to you and each other, now and throughout the year ahead. ***Amen.***

The Week Ahead…
Sunday 26th Dec - Saturday 1st January 2022

Sunday	St Stephen's Day; Feast of the Holy Family
Monday	St John Evangelist
Tuesday	Holy Innocents
Wednesday	St Thomas Becket
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	St Silvester I
Saturday	Mary Mother of God

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will resume on *Wednesday, 5th January, 2022.* Thanks to the organisers and to all who attend this time of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday and Friday afternoons in our Church from 3.00 – 4.00pm, a time of prayer which is very, peaceful, prayerful and reverent. *God bless you all till 5th January*

Altar Flowers

We would like to thank all parishioners who most generously donated Poinsettias to add to our altar flower display. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time.

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.

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

THANK YOU

On behalf of Frs. Tom, John, Michael and our Deacon Jimmy, sincere thanks to all parishioners who are involved in different Parish Groups and activities. Our Parish could not function without the co-operation of all of you. I want to thank the following: Parish Pastoral Council: Finance Committee: Parish Choirs, leaders and cantors: Liturgy Group: Eucharistic Ministers: Readers: Collectors: Counters Group: Stewards: St. Vincent de Paul: St. Padre Pio and Divine Mercy Prayer Groups: the Order of Malta: Eucharistic Adorers: Parish Centre Committee: Hospitality Team: (morning tea/coffee): Distributors of Parish Correspondence: Newsletter Team and the ladies who fold them: Parish shop Team: our parish Secretary, Colette, Financial Secretary, Bernadette: Karen our head sacristan and helper-sacristans, Willie, Kathleen and Shay. Sincere thanks to the following who maintain our Church, Parish centre and church grounds – Noel, Monika, Margoretha, Mark, Shay and P.J. Thanks to you, our parishioners, for your constant support, prayers, loyalty and co-operation at all times, especially in the past two years with the challenges of covid-19. Your kindness and understanding are greatly appreciated by Frs. Tom, John, Michael Deacon Jimmy and myself. Your dedication to your parish church and community is inspiring. Thank you. In the new year we will be inviting parishioners to be part of the above groups and others which will be outlined in mid-January. In the meantime, our sincere thanks to all who help in so many ways to making our parish a caring, welcoming and Christian community. *Fr. Tony.*

Parish Office and Parish Centre Christmas opening hours

- The Parish Office will close on Thursday 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January, for any urgent queries please contact Fr. Tony.
- The Parish Centre will close on Friday 17th December and will reopen on Monday 10th January.
- The Coffee Dock will close on Friday 17th December and will reopen on Tuesday 11th January.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

From Monday 27th December until Friday 31st December the Church will close at 3.30pm every day, and from Tuesday 4th January 2022 we are back to normal times

TAP AND GO FACILITY

If anyone wishes to make a once off payment to the Common Fund Collection (priests of parish and Diocese, including sick and retired priests) or to the SHARE collection (for poorer parishes primarily), you can do so by using the *TAP and GO FACILITY* at the back of the Church. We are very grateful for your financial support in these times. On behalf of Archbishop Farrell, sincere thanks for your support at all times.

BUNDLE OF JOY

When a father asked his little boy what he wanted for Christmas, the boy replied. "A baby sister". As it turned out, the wife was pregnant, and delivered on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day she brought home a brand new baby sister for their son.

The next year, when the father asked his little boy what he wanted for Christmas, the boy said, "If it wouldn't make mommy too uncomfortable, I'd like a pony"

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week: Christmas Day

We will be updating our website late on Christmas Eve, to feature Midnight Mass from the Vatican and a joyful narration of the Christmas story in drama and music from the Anglican church of All Souls in the centre of London. Access these at: at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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CHRISTMAS TREE
DECORATIONS
HOLLY
REINDEER
TINSEL
MANGER
BABY
JOSEPH
JESUS
SHEPHERD
KINGS
STAR
STABLE
SANTA CLAUS

ADVENT
CAROLS
ANGEL
CRIB
HOLY
NOEL
MARY
BALTHAZAR
MELCHIOR
CASPAR
GOLD
FRANKINCENSE
MYRRH

LORCAN O'TOOLE DAY CENTRE

Would like to acknowledge and thank all in the parish office and the repository for their support in sales of our Christmas cards this year. Also, to the loyal parishioners who support the day centre every year, it is very much appreciated.
We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year in 2022.

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

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

ST AGNES' PARISH, CRUMLIN

Christmas Arrangements 2021

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**

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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