St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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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 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

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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.

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 during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light" - Aristotle

REFLECTION – 03 April, 2022

Psalm 51 has beautiful expressions of trust in the mercy of God. The first line begins: *"Have mercy on me God in your kindness, in your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me of all my sins."* These are comforting words of hope. Later the psalmist goes on to pray*: "A pure heart create for me O God; put a steadfast spirit within me. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me."* To sit with these words of hope and trust gives us a deep sense of God's love and mercy. They are unfailing. God's love and mercy find their fullest meaning in the life and ministry of Jesus.

In today's gospel we have a magnificent story of the mercy of Jesus as he forgives the woman caught in adultery. The man in the drama seems to have found a quick exit, leaving the woman alone at the mercy of the onlookers who only have disdain for her. The Scribes and the Pharisees are relying on old laws which suggests that this woman be banished. They know the Law – a cruel law – and so approach Jesus armed with it content. Jesus' reaction with all this nonsense is to start writing on the ground. His questioners persist and Jesus responds not by taking issue with the law but by taking issues with the learned lawyers. He asks them to search their memories and check their own record on sin. If any of them are innocent, they can throw stones. And while they are running videos through their heads, Jesus gets back to writing.

The woman's accusers realise their own sinfulness; they are not innocent accusers. These men leave one by one but Jesus would be happier if they exercised their forgiveness too. Now only Jesus and the woman are left alone. Can we imagine the sense of freedom this woman felt, the sense of joy, peace, self-acceptance, inner healing. The woman hears good news from Jesus, *"Neither do I condemn you.."* A new beginning is offered to this woman; a moment when her dignity is reclaimed; her self-worth restored. She can now walk her life's journey in the assurance of God's love and mercy.

This is a powerful lesson for all of us. Undoubtedly, we have all been accused in the wrong at times, been hurt through the ugliness of language, jealousy, anger, lies, gossip and envy. Inner hurt and pain can linger in our hearts bringing much inner turmoil and our humanity can be crushed. But, the challenge of the gospel is not whether we can see ourselves as the woman who is condemned – we can a hundred times over – but whether we can see ourselves as Jesus, as the one who forgives and creates the possibility of new life and healing. *Can we forgive as readily as JESUS does* or do we delight in continually belittling others in their sins, faults and failures? Can we forgive like Jesus and leave the rest to God? *"Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever you see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from those I love, from you O Lord. Heal my memory; heal my heart; heal my inner hurt; heal my disturbed emotions; heal my spirit of anguish; heal my body; heal my soul. O Lord, in your mercy, lay your hands gently upon me and bring healing within." AMEN*
Fr. Tony

"Mercy will always be greater than any sin. No one can put a limit on the love of the all –forgiving Father. Just by raising our eyes to him, grace begins to act in us.." (Pope Francis).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd April

5.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Mary Delaney 2nd also deceased family members & friends
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Mary Kenny

7.00pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Nancy Heary 3rd
Annie Kavanagh 4th
Mary Carroll 4th
Nan McGowan 5th
Elizabeth & James Kearns
Mary Norton
John Swords
Chrissie & Colm Swords
Mary O'Donoghue also remembering husband James
Edward McGoldrick, recently deceased
Breda Nugent 11th
Sarah Donoghue 11th

Sunday 3rd April

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
John Hogan 2nd

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Pauline Maher 2nd

12.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Mary Norton 1st
Thomas Rawlins 2nd
Tom Tallon 4th
Joan Fox 8th
Peggy Rawlins 11th
Patrick Dempsey 11th
Lily O'Brien 15th
Tony Burke
Pamela Esmonde
Tom Esmonde
Michael Browne 42nd
Noel & Vera Mooney
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
James Clancy
Bernadette Hyland nee Walsh

Monday 4th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 5th April

9.00am Michael Lyons 80th Birthday Rem

Wednesday 6th April

9.00am Tommy Donohoe 9th

Thursday 7th April

9.00am Bridget T Ryan 1st
Helen Mahon
Betty O'Brien

Friday 8th April

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

Martin Togher, Cashel Rd
Mary O'Keeffe, Muckross Green
Anne Byrne, O'Brien Rd

We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this sad time.
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	**€ 1,087**
Ukraine Collection:	**€ 8,200**
Family Offering:	**€ 1,001**

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

The Week Ahead…
Sunday 3rd April - Saturday 9th April 2022

Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday	St Isidore
Tuesday	St Vincent Ferrer
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	St John Baptist de la Salle
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	Of the Day

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 9th April 2022

5.30pm	John Green
7:00pm	Sr Kathleen Coyle

Sunday, 10th April 2022

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

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 11th April at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

The 9.00am Weekday Mass in St Agnes Church is recorded most days and can be viewed either live on the Webcam or later in the day on the Parish Website

UKRANIAN COLLECTION

A very sincere thanks to all parishioners who made donations to the special collection for Ukraine last weekend. The amount donated was €8,200, which was an amazing response, considering many people will have already made contributions on -line to various charities and aid agencies. The amount collected has been forwarded to the Irish Episcopal Conference who will forward it to CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS for the specific support of Ukranians.

PARISH GATHERING

By way of preparation for the Church Synod in Rome next year, all Catholic Parishes are having "GATHERINGS" for parishioners to reflect on issues which will be brought to this Synod. Our Parish GATHERING will take place this coming Wednesday, 6th April, in our Parish Centre at 7.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend. In small group discussions we will reflect on our fears and hopes and our expectations for a more inclusive church, ways by which we can make our parishes more caring, welcoming and Christ-like communities. All feedback will be forwarded to the Diocesan Synod Committee which will then be put together with all other Diocesan reflections in readiness for Rome in 2023. Also, this committee will prepare a booklet containing the salient points and observations made by parishes, so that it will provide ideas for Parish Pastoral Councils.

THANK YOU

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

Easter Mass Bouquets

Easter Mass Bouquets are now available for sale in the repository and the parish office.

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday 10th April is Palm Sunday, blessed palm will be available after all Masses.

ST. AGNES PARENT / TODDLER GROUP

We are a group of volunteers who enable the running of St. Agnes Parent and Toddler Group here in the parish centre every Thursday morning (primary school term time) from 10am-12pm.

We are looking for other volunteers to help. If you are available on a Thursday morning to help set up toys, make teas, prepare fruit, arts, music and supervise children, we would be grateful for your help. We meet around 9.30am and finish 12.15pm. This is not a childminding role. All children will have a parent with them.

We hope to re-launch the toddler group beginning of May after the pandemic, providing we have enough volunteers. If interested in volunteering, please give your name and contact number to Colette in the parish centre and we will contact you.

Looking forward to hearing from you

ANNUAL SPRING SALE

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver are holding their Annual Spring Sale on Sunday 3rd April at St. Josephs Parish Hall - Terenure from 10.30am -2.00pm

This year the proceeds will support the project for Drilling Borehole at Nandembo Parish village in the Diocese of Tunduru Masasi in Tanzania. All are welcome.

ST PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Care - Inclusion - Respect

Open Night Thursday 7th April 2022 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

- Strong tradition of Academic Excellence including the Highest Progression Rates to Third Level in Crumlin, Greenhills, Templeogue and Walkinstown
- Extensive Extra-Curricular Activities
- Real commitment to an ethos of Care, Inclusion and Respect
- School of Distinction 2021, STEM Passport School and Power 2 Progress School

www.stpaulsg.ie

The Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent Minsk In Belarus will revisit the parish next weekend 9/10th April. The sisters will be selling Icons, Ceramics, Decorations & other artefacts produced in the workshop of their convent, to aid their work in taking care of Orphans, disabled children & adults.

The last time they were here, their products were well received. Please be generous.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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DAYBREAK WOMAN CAUGHT
ADULTERY LAW CONDEMN
DEATH STONING TEST
GROUND QUESTION FIRST

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week: '

Website of the Week: Where Lent and Mental Health Meet

"If we are to give ourselves to God completely as we are, we must make room for our mental and emotional state. At its core, Lent is about preparing ourselves for a deeper and fuller reception of Christ into our hearts. The Church encourages the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as the primary methods of preparation. Ultimately, this culminates in the celebration of Holy Week, coming to fruition on Easter Sunday, when we receive and celebrate the Risen Lord.
"What will help me open my heart to the mystery of Holy Week and help me receive Christ more fully into my heart? You may be surprised by the answer. You may need more mercy, compassion, and validation to be able to have the courage to go deeper into your heart and let Christ meet you there." Access this thought-provoking article at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Trócaire Boxes are available at all Church exits, please take one home and save over the Lenten period

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace, your Prophet Isaiah promised that swords would be turned into ploughshares: Your Son's mother, Mary proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted. Visit the people of Ukraine: deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction and death. Give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion to ways of justice and peace. Strengthen the hands of all seeking to halt conflict that they may restore unity, order and pursue justice and reconciliation. O Lord God, make this moment of peril a moment for your Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of all men and women to realise our dependence on one another in times of uncertainty, hurt, suffering and death. May we be inspired to bring only the blessing of peace to all.

Please remember to switch your mobile phone off or to Silent when in the Church

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.

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

Talk on True Devotion to Mary

As part of the Centenary celebrations, the Legion of Mary is organising a talk on True Devotion to Mary.

Venue: Immaculata House, 60 Sundrive Road.
Speaker: Paul Moran (Author of the Layman's Guide to True Devotion to Mary)
Date: Thursday 7th April at 7.45pm.
Booking: Mary 01 4503500