

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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27th November 2022, First Sunday of Advent; Year A.

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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 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 Thursday
9.30am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to
4.45pm. Friday 9.30am to 12.45pm. The
Office will be closed on Friday afternoon.
Please call in to book Masses and to buy
Mass cards.

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

*"Let God be the air in which your heart breathes at ease" -
St Francis de Sales*

REFLECTION – ADVENT 2022

We begin the season of Advent this weekend. The word *"advent"* comes from the Latin *"adventus"* meaning *"to come"*. The Holy One of God – Jesus – came in human form as a wondrous being, blessing our lives and our earth with his presence over 2000 years ago. Jesus described himself as a door to the Divine. Through his humanity he became a doorway for communication with God. I love to admire doors on houses, especially on old cottages and ancient buildings. When walking along city streets on holidays I will stop and admire the doors. Likewise in Abbeys and Monasteries. Doors are beautiful when carved by hand. I recall once driving through the heartland of France with a friend on a long winding, quiet country road, on either side of which were long tall trees, providing an archway and shelter. Suddenly in the distance we saw a church spire. The roadway literally brought us to the doorway of the church as if this was the end of the journey.

Through this doorway beauty awaited us - the statues, the paintings on the walls, old and ancient, the Stations of the Cross sculpted in stone, the kneelers carved by hand, the altar adorned with flowers. The ornate sanctuary lamps shone a light in this quiet space. The doors of this ancient church ushered us into a prayerful place where we absorbed its magnificence. Someone once said, *"Every doorway, every intersection has a story."* How true for us as we entered the doorway of this ancient church.

Advent is a time for opening doors. It's a time to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God, so that more of his *"divine presence"* shines through our lives. It is a season to open the doors of our hearts so that we can both receive and give God's love, given to us. Each of us has a sacred door. In his iconic painting based on Revelation 3:20 – *"Behold, I stand and knock.."*, Warner Sallman has Jesus stand at a door and knocks. It is the door of the human heart to which Jesus comes and awaits an invitation to enter. Sallman knowingly omitted the door handle on the outside, believing that the door to the heart can only be opened from within. *We hold the power of welcome or refusal.* It is our choice. The image of the doorway in scripture encourages us to be aware of the moments when we can allow Jesus into our hearts. In any relationship readiness to open our hearts (in trust) is essential for a meeting of minds and hearts to occur. Likewise with God. Our readiness to open the doorway of our hearts is the beginning of a new encounter. Advent calls us to this kind of attentive living. *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter and dine with you and you with me."* (Revelation:3:20).

We are living through some very difficult times. We are experiencing hardships and struggles in our lives, financially. Many people at this time of year are in desparation because of expectations which they cannot fulfil. Charities working with homeless people are inundated with calls for help. Many people suffer in silence, memories of the past surfacing to cause deep, inner pain. We all yearn for a love which will sustain us, a love which lifts us up and enables us to find hope, light and strength. Advent invites us to open the door of our hearts to allow God in a little bit more. In the busyness of the lead up to Christmas, let's evaluate the things that really matter, the things of the heart, of God within us. *Let us open the door of our heart to God in Jesus.*

Fr. Tony.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th November

5.30pm ANNIVERSARIES
David Collins 1st; Mary Ellen Scott 3rd
Margaret Brown 7th; Mary Ellis 10th
Kaye Hynes 14th also husband Noel
Paddy & Margaret Gorman 14th
Michael Howlett 33rd
Phyllis O'Driscoll; William Grehan

7.00pm ANNIVERSARIES
Anne McRann 1st
Margaret Johnston 3rd; Thomas Johnston 5th
Paddy Conroy 32nd; Peggy Conroy
Sheila & Laura Hogan; Aine Greenhalgh
Sarah & George Johnston & Sons Martin &
George Jnr

Sunday 27th November

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES
Clare Comerford 2nd
Nora Hyland 42nd; Liam Hyland 69th
Antoinette McKenna; Ann & John Hastings
Tom & Annie McKenna
Maureen Barry; James & Mary Lawlor

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Kieran Delaney
Tom Coleman

11.00am MONTHS MIND

Kathleen O'Driscoll

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Brady 12th; Margaret McQuaid 20th
Arthur McQuaid 28th; Tommy & Betty Byrne

12.30pm RECENTLY DECEASED

Ruth Lesware

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Greene 2nd; Leo Leonard 2nd
Maureen Whelan 4th; Agnes McGowan 6th
also remembering husband John
Jack Kavanagh 7th; Ken Jones 12th
Marie McGarry 13th; Ashling O'Connor 14th
Marie Smith 19th; Kevin Mulvaney 23rd
Bridget (Bridie) Gorman 26th
Anthony Jones 56th; Rita Crowe
Alan, David & Victor Lesware

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Sheila Coonan

Monday 28th November

9.00am Ellen King 43rd also husband Tom King 33rd

Tuesday 29th November

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 30th November

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 1st December

9.00am Hugh Temple; Mary Temple; Bridie North

Friday 2nd December

9.00am First Friday

*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

John Fitzgerald., Moeran Rd
Jack Pierce, Cherryfield Road
Mary Mitchell, Clonard Road
Elizabeth Walsh, Windmill Rd
David (Dotty) McCabe, formerly Cashel Rd
Sr. Stephanie King, Columban Sr.



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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,611

Share: € 1,503

Family Offering: € 1,125

*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 27th Nov - Saturday 3rd Dec. 2022

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Year A
Monday	Of the Day
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	St Andrew, Apostle
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	St Francis Xavier

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

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

Saturday, 3rd December 2022

5.30pm Andrew Fanthom

7:00pm Pat Dunn

Sunday, 4th December 2022

9:30am Richard McDermott

11:00am Family Mass Group

12:30pm John Green

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

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.

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



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



CHANGE OF MASS TIMES From 1st January 2023

During the pandemic when we were restricted to small numbers in our Church we introduced an extra mass at **5.30pm** on Saturday evening alongside the already existing Vigil mass at **7.00pm**. All parishes did this to accommodate congregations. Now after one year or more with this arrangement in our Parish, it is proposed to have just one **VIGIL MASS** on a Saturday evening. Having discussed the issue with Frs. Tom and John, with the Parish Pastoral Council and others, it seems that the most popular time is to have a **VIGIL MASS** at **5.30pm** (not 7.00pm). In light of the smaller congregations we do not require two Vigil Masses. I am also conscious of the workload of our sacristans who often on Saturdays may have funerals, weddings and baptisms to look after, apart from the morning mass at 9.00am. Often too there have been only two priests available because of retreats, illness or holidays and this has been a challenge at times. Many parishes are rationalising their mass times and we are doing likewise. I hope and trust that any changes will not be inconvenient for you but if you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support and co-operation at all times. **Fr. Tony**

Church Art Calendars & Christmas Mass Bouquets



Church Art Calendars 2023 are available in the Parish Office & Repository priced at €1.50 each. Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and Repository.

LORCAN O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are on sale in the Repository and Parish Office, €5 for a pack of 12, all donations go to the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre



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.

SAINT PETER CLAVER MISSIONARY SISTERS

Last weekend Mary Toomey, a lay associate with the Sisters spoke at our masses about the work of the Missionary Sisters. They appealed for help with projects in Pakistan and Bangalore. The amount collected was €4270, which, once again, shows the amazing generosity of our parishioners of St. Agnes' Parish. Many people also signed up to receive their mission magazine. The Sisters have expressed their gratitude for your generosity, which you'll find on the notice board. .

Thank you so much again for your support.

WEEKLY EZINE

"**Sharing the Good News**" is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>.

You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in "**Sharing the Good News**" to info@catholicbishops.ie.

Church gate collection this weekend is in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust

Peter McVerry Trust is a national housing and homeless charity committed to reducing homelessness and the harm caused by substance misuse and social disadvantage. The charity provides low-threshold entry services, primarily to younger people and vulnerable adults with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model.

- PMVT have supported 15,556 individuals in 2022 to date.
- 5,722 individuals have been supported in residential placements with a 21% increase from this time last year on persons supported in PMVT Housing and Emergency Accommodation services.
- PMVT Housing services including Housing First have carried out over 35,000 support calls / visits this year to date. Which is an average of 25 visits / support calls per individual supported
- We have progressed over 800 from homelessness this year to date, with 290 tenancies created in PMVT housing and housing services. This figure is not including the 500+ Ukrainians supported into pledged and other accommodation.

New Pilgrim Path: Online Advent Resources

This Sunday, the 1st Sunday in Advent, we celebrate the 7th year of New Pilgrim Path. The website has grown from a handful of visitors to thousands across the world. Reflecting the ecumenical nature of the site and the international spread of our visitors, we offer a feast of Advent material this week from many sources, ranging from poetry, music and art to Advent traditions, practices, and prayers. Access these rich spiritual resources at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.



GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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FLOOD	EATING	DRINKING
WIVES	HUSBANDS	ARK
FIELDS	WOMEN	MILLSTONE
AWAKE	BURGLAR	READY



ANNUAL DECEASED MASS

Photographs and candles from the Annual Deceased Parishioners Mass can be collected from the Sacristy after the weekend Masses or from the parish office during the week.

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING *Is. 2: 1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem." He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nations will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121; 1-2. 4-5. 6-9.R.CF.V.1

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **(R)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Rom. 13; 11-14*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ; forget about satisfying your bodies with all their cravings.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Ps. 84; 8*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matt. 24:37-44*

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

Priest: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

People: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples; 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.