St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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11th December 2022, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday); 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 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

Child Protection

Dublin Diocesan Office
Tel 01 836 0314 or Email
cps@dublindiocese.ie
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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

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

CHRISTMAS CHARITY: SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

We are closer to the great feast of Christmas and hopefully all of us will enjoy it. There is something about Christmas which touches all hearts. We spend a great deal of time and energy in preparation for this feast. We try to show gratitude to those who are special to us by way of gift giving. Gift giving is an essential part of Christmas, especially for the little ones and to those who are central to our lives. What greater joy is there than to watch the excitement of a little child on Christmas morning! While the season of Christmas is a lovely time for most of us, there are people among us for whom this time of the year is very difficult, stressful and unbearable because they are unable to meet the expectations placed upon them or it is just too lonely a time. *"Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others to see: it may give significance to others in a deep way." (Roy T. Bennett).* Life is a gift and it offers us the privilege and opportunity to give back by being kind, caring and charitable to others. Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives and the one who gives. Christmas, when we celebrate *The Feast of the Great Presence,* as the poet John o' Donoghue calls it, is a time for giving and receiving. As followers of Christ, the spirit of kindness, caring and giving to those in need are central qualities. Imitating, *Emmanuel,* the One who is *God-with-Us* is our singular calling.

Today, throughout all parishes in our Diocese and elsewhere we have the *ANNUAL INDOOR COLLECTION* for the *Saint Vincent de Paul Society.* Of all the charities in our midst, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is profoundly aware of those who are in greatest need. The Society first and foremost reach out to people – individuals and families – in our own communities, so that whatever donation we make today to their annual collection will be used wisely and prudently. I know from my contacts with the Society over 41 years that the members of the Society ensure that all in need of any kind in our parishes will receive appropriate support and help. This is done with confidentiality and respect. Our support for this Annual Collection will enable many in our parish community will have a good and enjoyable celebration of Christmas. Jesus said: *"As long as you give as much as a cup of cold water to one of the least of these, you do it to me." (St. Matthew: 10:42): let us be inspired by these words of Jesus in giving generously to this special collection this weekend.*

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th December

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Margaret Curran; Patrick Tracey

ANNIVERSARIES
Nuala Byrne 1st; Gerard Dunne 4th
Joe & Eileen Lynch
Helen & Bob Maxwell

7.00pm **MONTHS MIND**
Breda De Silva

ANNIVERSARIES
Patrick Lynch 1st; Olivia Sheridan 25th
Myles & Julia O'Dowd
Stephen Cowzer
Rose, Thomas & John Morris

RECENTLY DECEASED
Marie O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11th December

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Josephine Deegan

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
William O'Brien 1st

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
John Fitzgerald

ANNIVERSARIES
Patrick McCarthy 1st
Catherine Kinsella 1st
Patricia Doyle 2nd
Christopher Dowling 4th
Nancy & Sean Dunning 10th
Teresa Cox 11th also remembering husband Patrick
Mary Burton O'Sullivan 21st
Noel Reilly 22nd
Chris Mooney
Seamus & Josephine Kavanagh
Peter Kelly; Mary Kelly; Noel Kelly
Jimmy Jack O'Sullivan
John Joe O'Sullivan
Chris Duckling; Tim Burton
Birthday remembrance
Dorothy Rafter
Rita Cunningham

Monday 12th December

9.00am Michael Lyons 14th

Tuesday 13th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 14th December

9.00am Nuala Bruce Birthday Rem

Thursday 15th December

9.00am Olive Murphy 6th

Friday 16th 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

Sr Margaret Kavanagh
Sr Mary McGann

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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	**€ 1,653**
Share:	**€ 1,380**
Family Offering:	**€ 1,075**

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 11th Dec - Saturday 17th Dec. 2022

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
Monday	St Finnian [Meath]
Tuesday	St Lucy
Wednesday	St John of the Cross
Thursday	Of the Day
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, 17th December 2022

5.30pm	Jewella
7:00pm	Ann Maher

Sunday, 18th December 2022

9:30am	Ben McDermott
11:00am	Mary Finnegan
12:30pm	John Green

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Some of our Parishioners will be housebound for Christmas, we would like to bring Communion and Confession if so desired before Christmas, if you are living in or visiting a house where this notice would apply, please ring the Parish Office at 4555368 for details and a Priest or Eucharistic Minister will arrange to call.

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.

TAP AND GO FACILITY

The amount given to the Common Fund and SHARE collections through this facility for the month of October totalled **€620.** Sincere thanks to all who make donations through the Tap and Go Facility which you'll find at the back of the church. On behalf of Archbishop Farrell, sincere thanks for your financial support.

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday 18th 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 AGNES CHOIR

If you like singing, then come and join us for 12.30 Mass each Sunday and practice on a Tuesday night @ 7.30 in the Parish Centre. Join us on the gallery.

ST AGNES' PARISH

Christmas Arrangements 2022

Confessions Times:

Monday 19th December 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday 23rd December 12.00pm - 1.30pm
Saturday 24th December 11.00am - 1.30pm

Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve : ***5.30pm, and 7.00pm***
Christmas Day: ***9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm***
St. Stephen's Day : ***9.00am***

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 27th to Saturday 31st 9.00am

Weekend Masses (31st /1st January 2023):

Saturday 31st Dec: Vigil Mass 5.30pm & 7.00pm
Sunday 1st Jan: 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Feast of the Epiphany

Thursday 5th January: Vigil at 7.00pm
Friday 6th January: 9.00am & 10.00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION will take place this weekend on the **10th/11th December.** Please give generously. We are in dire need of new members, we hope some of you will come and help us out, God bless and thank you. ***Jim Keating, President***

MISSING One of the stainless steel bollards from the front of the Church has gone missing. We know that it was taken by some youngsters recently, if you have spotted it and know where it is please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office and let us know

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

If you would like to contribute to this appeal, please donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call us on 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.

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

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE - Christmas timetable cards and St. Agnes calendars 2023 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

St. Agnes's Church Mass Cards,

The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day. Available in the Parish Office & Repository for €5 per pack of 10 cards.

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 18th 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.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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PRISON
BLIND
LAME
LEPERS
CLEANSED
LIFE
HAPPY
CLOTHES
PALACES
PROPHET
SCRIPTURE
WOMEN

St. Agnes Parish - Family Mass Group

Meets every Wednesday in St. Agnes Parish Centre In the Dodder Room from 6.00pm – 7.00pm New members always welcome

We prepare for Sunday Mass at 11am, through art and music. This is a great way for children to prepare for their First Holy Communion or become involved in a small friendly group of children. Children will be encouraged to read and take part in the Mass. All children welcome from Age 5

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Is. 35:1-6.10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, "Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy. Those the Lord has ransomed shall return; they will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145: 6-10 .R/cf. Is 35: 4

(R) Come, Lord, and save us

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING St. Jas 5: 7-10

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer; how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk. 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matt. 11: 2-11

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.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me." As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you and much more than a prophet; he is the one of whom scripture says: he will prepare your way before you. "I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.