

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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25th Dec 2022, Feast of the Nativity & 1st Jan 2023, Feast of Mary, Mother of God

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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 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

"Today a saviour has been born to us, He is Christ the Lord"

Psalm 95

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION – 2022

"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 enjoy the delights of this season. The manger now has the Christ-Child. The focus of millions becomes the Christ-Child and as we gaze into the manger, our hearts are 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 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, with the war in Ukraine and the plight of its people and thousands in situations of famine and conflict in the world and with our own enduring economic hardships, particularly that of homelessness, we are filled with rage, anger and anxieties because we know that with good political will and justice something can be done. In other experiences, many have suffered the death of a loved one and the grief is painful.

As we reflect on the Christmas story we find much that inspires a resurgence of hope, trust, light and kindness of heart. The threads of generous love run through this story, accompanied by a wonderment 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 be given to 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 a beautiful hope? A hope we need in these days. 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, challenges and struggles of our lives.

Marjorie Holmes said, *"..At Christmas, all roads lead home.."* Robert Frost, the poet, said, *"..Home is the place, where, when you have to 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 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 as saying, *"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. As we celebrate our Eucharist together we are drawn to God in the gift of Jesus, given to us over and over again. Let us never forget that in the darkness of our lives an *unfading light* lives among us in *Emmanuel* a name which means God-with-us. May your Christmas and New Year be a deepening of this truth as we celebrate the birth of Christ. May your

MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Our Christmas Masses will be offered for the intentions of all our Parishioners. We remember especially the sick and housebound, those in nursing homes and hospitals, those who are seriously ill. We remember too those who cannot be with their families because of work commitments and those who are abroad. May God's blessing of peace be upon all of us as we celebrate the birth of Christ

7.00pm

Christmas Day

9.30am

11.00am

12.30pm

Monday 26th December

9.00am Richard Whelan

Tuesday 27th December

9.00am Paddy Kavanagh 2nd; Larry Lynch 3rd
Liam Doyle 7th; Maureen Lawlor
Noel Cummins. Liam Buckley, recently deceased.

Wednesday 28th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 29th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 30th December

9.00am Michael Wade 11th

Saturday 31st December

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**

Thomas Keegan

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Fortune 31st
Deceased members of the Hislop, Lynch, Keogh, Killeen & Dorrington families

7.00pm **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

Christina Swords. also remembering John & Colm Swords

Sunday 1st January

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Vincent Graham 9th; Andrew Doyle 10th
Ciaran Collins 18th; Ellen Brennan 33rd
Jack & Margaret Madden, Eddie & Mary O'Sullivan, Craig Winton.

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Rita Redmond 1st also remembering her father Bernard Redmond; John Roche 3rd
Joan Doyle 4th; Brendan Halford 11th
Bridie McDonnell 46th

12.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
William Harris 2nd; Mary Murphy 2nd
Patrick Hayes 5th also remembering wife Joan; Frank Healy 6th; Muriel Healy 8th
Kathleen & Patrick Cox
Mary Bridget & Patrick Wynne
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Noel Murphy 100th

Monday 2nd January

9.00am Joseph Tonge 2nd

Tuesday 3rd January

9.00am Maura O'Brien 3rd

Wednesday 4th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 5th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 6th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful departed Rest In Peace. Amen

Our Recently Deceased

Paschal Meagher, St. Agnes Park

Maura Hogan, formerly Crumlin

William Howard, Stanaway Road

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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.



Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,881

Share: € 1,568

Family Offering: € 1,265

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

PRAYER BEFORE CRIB

God our Father, you sent your only Son as a little child to love and save us. To our lives he brings peace, joy, healing, love and mercy. Lord, bless all who look upon this crib. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, He who is Emmanuel, God-with-us. Fill our homes with hospitality, gentleness, patience, love and gratitude. Guide us in the ways of truth and compassion. Help us to walk in the ways of Jesus, your Son, given to us.

Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, your son, hear my prayer: I pray for.....AMEN



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.

Family Offering boxes contain a white envelope for Christmas dues

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.



CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE -

Sincere thanks to all who organised and delivered our Christmas correspondence to homes in the parish

The Newsletter Team would like to wish all our readers a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and wish you every Blessing for the New Year

THANKS

On behalf of Fr. Tom, SDB; Fr. John: Deacon Jimmy and Fr. Michael, SDB, I would like to thank the following for their work for our Parish: The Pastoral Council: Finance Committee: Liturgy Group: Choirs: Cantors and Leaders: Family Mass group: Baptism Team: Eucharistic Ministers: Readers: Stewards: Collectors at Masses: Counters Group: Parish Newsletter Team, including the ladies who fold it every Friday: Hospitality Team (tea/coffee mornings): St. Vincent de Paul Society: The Order of Malta: Distributors of Parish Correspondence: The Divine Mercy Group: Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament: St. Padre Pio Prayer Group: Lamb of God Prayer Group and Rosary Group (8.40am Mon-Sat). Thanks sincerely to Monika for her splendid cleaning of our Church and Parish Centre: to Noel our caretaker along with John: to Shay for keeping the Church grounds and to PJ for looking after the summer colours. Thanks to Colette, our Parish Secretary and to Bernadette, our Finance Secretary. Their work is invaluable at all times. The work of Sacristan in our Church requires great dedication, time and commitment: sincere thanks to Karen, head sacristan, who is always on hand to ensure that everything is prepared well. Thanks to her team of Willie, Shay and Kathleen. All of these groups and individuals contribute to the up-building of our Parish Community and their service is appreciated by all of us. We are blessed to have four Religious Communities in our Parish: Salesians: Columban Missionary Sisters: Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and the Religious Sisters of Charity. All of them give generously of their time in service of our parish. Thank you all. Finally, our sincere gratitude to you, the parishioners, for your support, prayers, kindness, loyalty and co-operation throughout 2022. All masses at Christmas time are being offered for your intentions. **May God look kindly upon all of you and every good blessing for 2023. Fr. Tony.**

CHURCH DECORATIONS AND DISPLAY

One of the attractive features of our Church at Christmas is the wonderful arrangement of flowers and decorations. They are so beautifully prepared and enhance the Christmas welcome in our Church for parishioners and visitors. To walk into our Church and see the magnificent display is to be brought to wonderment and gratitude. Thanks to Karen and Colette for the hours spent doing this great work last Sunday afternoon, with the help of Gemma, Ger, Barney, Eddie & Rebecca. Thanks to Brian and Kenneth for building our crib along with help from Arthur and Derek. Our crib is beautifully created.

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

COLUMBAN SISTERS

We, the Columban sisters are very grateful for the most generous donation of €500 for our mission work. This will be sent to Sr. Enda in Myanmar who works with children and young adults with special needs. Many thanks for your generosity

JUST A LITTLE DONKEY

Just a little donkey, but on my back I bore
The one and only Saviour the world was waiting for.

Just a little donkey, but I was strong and proud
I gladly carried Mary through the chaos of the crowd.

I brought her to a stable where she made a tiny bed...
A place for Baby Jesus to lay His little head.

I pray the world remembers that special
Christmas night,
When just a little donkey carried Heaven's
Precious Light.



By Rita S. Beer

ST AGNES' PARISH

Christmas Arrangements 2022

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

Church Opening Hours:

On Monday 26th December the Church will close after Mass. From Tuesday 27th until Friday 30th December the Church will close at 3.00pm each day, and from Tuesday 4th January we are back to normal times.

PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

* **The Parish Office** will close on Friday 23rd December at 12.45pm and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January at 9.30am, for any urgent enquiries please contact Fr. Tony.

* **The Parish Centre** will reopen on Monday 9th January. **The Coffee Dock** will reopen on Tuesday 17th January.

* **REMINDER; As and from Saturday 7th of January there will only be one evening vigil Mass at 5.30pm**

Christmas Day Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, "Your God is king!" Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97

R: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel **(R)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R)**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,

with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. ®

SECOND READING Hebrews 1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me.*

Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light

has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Shorter Form) John 1 1-5;9-14

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Liturgy of the Word - 1st January 2023

FIRST READING Num. 6. 22-27

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his sons. This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: 'May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.' This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

66:2-3.5.6.8.R.v.2

R: O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING Gal. 4: 4-7

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts; the Spirit that cries, "Abba, Father," and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Heb.1. 1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 2: 16-21)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you O Lord

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel

had give

