St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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15th January 2023, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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St Agnes Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Mon - Sat: 9.00am

Sunday Masses

Vigil (Sat): 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00am; 12.30pm.

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 4.45-5.15pm or anytime upon request

Child Protection

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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

"It always seems impossible until it's done"
Nelson Mandela

REFLECTION – 15th JANUARY 2023

We all need people around us who support us in different ways. We cannot do everything on our own. We need people who understand us, who guide us wisely, who affirm us in our good decisions, who enable us to see our gifts, potential and capabilities. The school principal in my primary school in the early 60's was forever telling us in sixth class to reach for the stars, to fulfil our dreams. He was frequently unwell but was a kind man and a good principal. I've always remembered his words of encouragement. They still ring in my ears. Back then I wanted to be a teacher but gradually over the years I made the decision to study for the priesthood. Whatever my sisters and brothers chose to do in their lives, our parents always supported us and worked hard, making many sacrifices for us to make our way in life and to give us the best of life's opportunities. Words of encouragement, affirmation and validation are essential for all of us to grow into good human beings.

In today's gospel we see how St. John the Baptist points out Jesus as the *Lamb of God* to others. There was a time when a group of people turned the Baptist into a cultic leader. They saw him as the Messiah! But John the Baptist speaks only about Jesus*: "I am the witness that he is the chosen one of God."* John the Baptist speaks this truth because it had been revealed to him. John was clear about Jesus: *"Behold the Lamb of God…"* and ensured that he pointed all eyes towards Jesus. What an amazing mission for this man! John was only a witness to speak for the light that was to come into the world.

In the gospel of Saint John, the Baptist plays a unique role: he is the first Christian witness, the first person to lead others to Jesus whom he identifies as the Messiah. John the Baptist is not the light, he points people to the light present among them in the person of Jesus. He is the first of a multitude of people who give witness to Jesus as the Christ and Messiah.

I thank God frequently for the many people who pointed out Jesus to me and whose Christian lives of faith, goodness, prayer and gospel kindness supported me and inspired me to seek *CHRIST.* I treasure their memory. We all need such people around us in our faith journey and that is why it's great to gather every week as a community to celebrate the *EUCHARIST* – it is our communal act of togetherness in Christ and our way of spiritually supporting one another in our *Christ- lives.* As we travel into this New Year of 2023, may we be like John the Baptist – point Jesus out to others by the way we live our Christian lives and the gospel of Christ.

Fr. Tony

VIGIL MASS REMINDER

There is one Vigil Mass only for Sundays, this is at 5.30pm on Saturday evenings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th January

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND
Liam Buckley; Liam Keehan

ANNIVERSARIES
Paul Anthony Lee 2nd; Pauline Brophy 2nd
Rita McNamara 3rd
Carmel McNamara Chambers 5th
Joe Maguire 8th; Brian O'Connor 11th
Jimmy Reynolds 23rd; John Brophy 50th
May & Ernie Darragh
Clinton & Donovan Family Deceased
Harry Ghan; Fr. Con O'Keeffe
Deceased of Woods Family
Eileen & Paddy Byrne

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Sonny & Paul McNamar

Sunday 15th January

9.30am Celebrant's Intentions

11.00am

MONTHS MIND
John Pimlott

ANNIVERSARIES
Micheál Sinnott 2nd also parents Micheál & Kathleen; William McCormack 4th
Eileen McCormack 5th; Abigail Bracken 5th
Michael Mangan 10th; Patrick Nugent 10th
Kathleen Kelly 30th; Billy Finnegan;
Patrick Murphy; David Byrne;
Deceased of Byrne & Farren Families;
Ron & Carmel Forte; Brenda O'Connor
Michael Swords; Joseph Swords

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Paddy Gibbon

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND
Breda Morrissey

ANNIVERSARIES
Lily Roe 1st; Tony Burke 9th
Margaret Rita Galvin 10th
Martin Collins; Frank, Mary, Kathleen,
Michael, Matthew & Fran McGrane
Eileen Goodwin

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
John Norton; Pierce McCab

Monday 16th January

9.00am Josie & John Gannon;
Carmel & John Murray
Amelia & Mary Clarke; John Gannon
Martin, Willie & Carmel Murray;
Paddy Murray

Tuesday 17th January

9.00am Angela Hearst 9th also her brother Jeremiah English 1st

7.00pm Padre Pio Mass
Christoher Jones 39th
James McEvoy 61st

Wednesday 18th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Contd.)

Thursday 19th January

9.00am Francis Ryan 1st; John Montgomery 33rd
Molly & Gabriel Fox

Friday 20th January

9.00am Luke Cullen; Susan Cullen; Josie Byrne

Saturday 21st January

9.00am Joe Coyle

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

Thomas Fagan, Balfe Rd East
Robert Stack, Captain's Rd

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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	**€ 1,753**
Share:	**€ 1,500**
Family Offering:	**€ 1,135**

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

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 21st January 2023

5.30pm Miriam Molan

Sunday, 22nd January 2023

9:30am Valerie Collins
11:00am Family Mass Group
12:30pm Richard Tobin

The Week Ahead…

Sunday 15th Jan. - Saturday 21st Jan. 2023

Sunday	2nd Sunday in Ord Time Year A
Monday	St Fursey
Tuesday	St Anthony of Egypt
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	St Fabian & Sebastian
Saturday	St Agnes

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, sincere thanks again for the wonderful response to their indoor Christmas Collection: this totalled €8,485. The Head Office has sent a note to acknowledge the amount given and expresses its deepest gratitude to the parishioners of Saint Agnes' Parish. This amount enabled the local St. Vincent de Paul to help many needy individuals and families in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

THE POOR BOX

From January 2022 until end of December 2022, the amount of €10,240 was donated to various charities. This is a wonderful indication of our desire to help many others in our society who are in great need. The Charities chosen last year were: ALICE LEAHY TRUST: Brother Kevin's Day Care Centre: ALONE: CARE FOR THE ELDERLY: Our Lady's Hospice: St. Laurence O'Toole Day Care in our Parish: ARC (Area Response Crumlin): Columban Sisters Mission: Ukrainian Children in our Schools and Homeless Outreach, Tallaght. Thanks to all who make donations to the "Poor Box" which you'll find on the wall to the left as you enter the church towards the shop. Fr. Tony.

St. Agnes Feast Day - 21st January

St. Agnes is our Parish Patron Saint. An interesting fact that probably most people do not know is that the Archbishops of Armagh, Dublin, Cashel and Tuam wear what's called the Pallium, and this vestment is made of wool shorn from sheep on the feast day of St. Agnes. St. Agnes is always accompanied by a lamb as you will notice in the painting on the Apse of the Church behind the Altar in our Parish Church

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.

Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th January. Rosary 6.45pm Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction & General Blessing.
All Welcome.

CONFESSIONS REMINDER

Confessions will be heard on Saturday mornings after the 9.00am Mass and from 4.45pm to 5.15pm Saturday evenings, and at any time on request.

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.** The course starts on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 7.30pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. It consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home.

The full course is 14 episodes but we are just doing the first seven and we will do the second half at a later stage if people wish. The trailer for the course is at https://youtu.be/ptWtIhcRC9E

The following themes are covered on the course: God's Love Poured Out, The Breath of God, Baptism in the Spirit, The Spirit and Our Lady, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, The Spirit and the Eucharist, The Spirit of Adoption.

If you would like to take part please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

PRIORY INSTITUTE

Study Theology, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Peter McVerry Trust Would like to sincerely thank St. Agnes parishioners for the amount of €2,047.71 donated in their recent Churchgate collection. Your support helps us open doors for people experiencing homelessness throughout Ireland. Thank you for making a difference.

New Pilgrim Path: Thomas Merton's Prayer

James Finley lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where the world-renowned monk and author, Thomas Merton, was his spiritual director. In a 12-minute talk, Dr Finley provides a superb commentary on the following famous prayer by Thomas Merton:

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." Listen to the talk at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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CADARA - Chair yoga classes will be held in the parish centre on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm beginning on Thursday January 26th. The cost is €5 per class.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from January 18th to 25th This year's theme is "**Be-Longing".** The opening service will be conducted by Canon O'Driscoll at 8.00pm in Christchurch cathedral.*

Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Is. 49: 3.5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified"; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 39:2.4.7-10.R.vv.8.9.

(R.) Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn. 1: 29-34

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.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one of whom I spoke when I said: a man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

The Gospel of the lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.