

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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22nd January 2023, 3rd 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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live) into your search or  
[churchmedia.tv](http://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.

## NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is also available  
for download from the Parish  
Website [www.crumlinparish.ie](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)



## Thought for the Week

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention" Kahlil  
Gibran, writer

## REFLECTION 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2023

Nowadays it is customary to draw up a contract with an employee so that the work position being undertaken is completely defined and that all necessary information is given and understood. The signed contract is usually reviewable after a length of time so that, if necessary, new amendments are made and greater clarity given to the position, all done to avoid any misunderstandings.

When St. Matthew tells of the first disciples there is no suggestion that anything equating to a contract was signed. There is no hesitation on the part of the first four disciples. They are called. They respond and follow Jesus immediately. There is no detailing of what this discipleship means or what it will entail. Nothing is signed, secured or promised. A big step into the unknown is taken. St. Matthew simply details that these men were called by Jesus and that they left everything to follow him.

The other gospels suggest that the disciples were given some time to prepare and get ready for their new roles as disciples. The absence of such information in Matthew's gospel points to the fact that he wants to focus on something more important – the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. With John the Baptist now imprisoned the great voice in the wilderness is now silenced. Matthew reveals that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah. **JESUS IS THE GREAT LIGHT THAT HAS DAWNED. HE BEGINS HIS MISSION TO ALL PEOPLES FROM GALILLEE.**

In our second reading St. Paul focuses on Jesus as the focus of true leadership: **JESUS IS THE GREAT LIGHT.** Paul confronts the divisions in the Christian community because they are making lesser people into "lights". There is only one light: **JESUS, THE CHRIST.** All leadership must be based on him and all Christian service must be in imitation of him. Divisions in the community are disastrous and not conducive to living in and like Christ. St. Paul is clear that Christianity is about **CHRIST** alone. It was Christ who died for all and through baptism we all belong to him, not any particular group or sect. We all belong to Christ. Elsewhere St. Paul says: **"For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is, Jesus the Christ."** For St. Paul, all that matters is that we focus on Jesus for our vision, leadership and way of living in God's expectations of us. **Religious leadership is about leading others to Christ.** This is the essence of Christian leadership. For St. Paul and St. Matthew, there is only one answer to the question "Who are you for?" The Christian Community must answer: **WE ARE FOR CHRIST ALONE.** Pope Francis said: **"Jesus is not a figure from the past. He continues always to light the way for us to God."** This too is inspiring: **"Being in Christ, it is safe to forget the past, possible to face the future and to be faithful in the present."** (Alexander McLaren). May God bless you all for the coming week.

Fr. Tony

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January

5.30pm

### **MONTHS MIND**

Maura Hogan

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary Keegan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Elaine Brohoon 9<sup>th</sup>; Kathleen Brohoon 20<sup>th</sup>

Jane Stewart 20<sup>th</sup>

James & Sheila Walsh 38<sup>th</sup>

Aidan Devlin 42<sup>nd</sup> (Also Birthday Rem.)

Alice & Joe Coffey

Francis Griffin (Also Birthday Rem.)

### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

Lil Eustace; Leo Eustace 90<sup>th</sup>

Richard O'Neill 90<sup>th</sup>

Desmond Parker 90<sup>th</sup>

Also wife Sarah (Sadie) Parker

Robert Wood, Matt Manning

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

9.30am

Celebrant's Intentions

11.00am

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Maria Pilarz 1<sup>st</sup>; John Cleary

John Fogarty; Fr. Gerry Foley

Michael Foley; Kevin Hughes also

remembering Daughter Karen

Margaret & Sean Gaynor

### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

Alan Weafer

Desmond Parker 90<sup>th</sup>

Also wife Sarah (Sadie) Parker

Robert Wood, Matt Manning

12.30pm

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Graham Connolly 2<sup>nd</sup>; Margaret Phelan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Annie Delaney 7<sup>th</sup>; Liam Murtagh 8<sup>th</sup>

Charlie Delaney 12<sup>th</sup>; Frank Browne 26<sup>th</sup>

Paddy Walsh 45<sup>th</sup>

Tommy Butler; Ellen & Seamus Malone

Mary & Brendan Gleeson; Pauline Cully

Deceased members of Kennedy & Heeney

families; Tom McGovern

### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

Liam Comiskey; Edmund Coonan

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am

Emily & Richard Whelan

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am

Elizabeth Withers 50<sup>th</sup>

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

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



George Brien, Moeran Road

Josephine Coleman, Rockmeade Court

Jack Redmond, Kingswood Heights

Margaret Dalton, Greenhills

Mary Walker, Rockfield Ave

Mary Bermingham, St. Mary's Park

Carmel Ralph, Muckcross Crescent

Michael Morrissey, Dundrum

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

*May they Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,831

Share: € 1,481

Family Offering: € 1,005

*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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)*

### St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

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

#### Saturday, 28th January 2023

5.30pm Andrew Fanthom

#### Sunday, 29th January 2023

9:30am Richard McDermott

11:00am Family Mass Group

12:30pm John Green

### The Week Ahead...

Sunday 22nd Jan. - Saturday 28th Jan. 2023

Sunday 3rd Sunday in Ord Time Year A

Monday Of the Day

Tuesday St Francis de Sales

Wednesday Conversion of St Paul

Thursday Ss Timothy & Titus

Friday St Angela Merici

Saturday St Thomas Aquinas

### 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.

### VIGIL MASS REMINDER

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

## NOVENA OF GRACE

This year our *Novena of Grace* will take place in our Parish from 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March. We will have two sessions each day at 10.00am and 7.00pm. During the Novena we will not have 9.00am mass from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This year Fr. Bryan Shortall, a member of the Capuchin Order, Church Street, will be the visiting priest for the Novena. More information closer to the Novena will be given in our Newsletter.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place in our Church on Wednesday from 3.00 -4.00pm, including Divine Mercy Devotions and on Friday from 1.00 – 4.00pm, including Divine Mercy Devotions from 3.00 – 4.00pm. Thanks to all who keep prayerful vigil during these times of Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome.

## St. Agnes Feast Day - 21<sup>st</sup> 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



## TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY

Presents

### "Better is Peace"



featuring Jenkins' The Armed Man and other anthems for peace with the Irish Choral Sinfonia on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in Terenure College Chapel.

Tickets €20 (cash only) available at the door or text 085 1259907, [www.tallaghtchoral.ie](http://www.tallaghtchoral.ie) for more information

## 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.



## 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*

## New Pilgrim Path: Forgiveness: The Welcoming Prayer

"St Francis of Assisi entered pain and suffering rather than trying to avoid it. This wasn't an act of moral achievement or heroic obedience. It didn't feel like winning, but more like losing, dying, and letting go. The religious word for letting go is forgiveness. Forgiveness is giving up your investment in and identification with your own painful story. This comes from a deep place of inner freedom and awareness of goodness—God's, your own, and the goodness of the person you choose to forgive." These words are from Richard Rohr, the internationally Franciscan author and spiritual teacher. They are a preface to 'The Welcoming Prayer' - a valuable practice of letting go and forgiving. Read more at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel 22nd Jan 2023 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
- 2) His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
- 3) Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?
- 4) In v 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus - 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

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(Courtesy of Intercom)**

# GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

M	I	W	E	R	D	N	A	P	M
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GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULUN
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN



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



## Sunday Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING *Is. 8:23-9:3*

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 26:*

#### R. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? ©
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

### SECOND READING *Cor. 1: 10-13.17*

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

I do appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are slogans that you have, like: "I am for Paul", "I am for Apollos", "I am for Cephas," "I am for Christ." Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed. The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt. 4:23*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL *Mt.4:12-23*

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.**  
 Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving

Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast on the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**