St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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5th February 2023, 5th 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

Dublin Diocesan Office 01 836 0314 or Email cps@dublindiocese.ie or contact St Agnes Parish Office at 01 455 5368

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

Thought for the Week

"I would like the angels of Heaven to be among us. I would like an abundance of peace - St Brigid

REFLECTION – 5th FEBRUARY, 2023

We use the phrase *"salt of the earth"* to describe people whom we trust, admire and depend on, people who are totally genuine and sincere in their way of living, whose word we can rely on, people who guide us wisely and kindly. Salt as an ingredient doesn't exactly enjoy a good reputation these days in our awareness of what we consume and its content in foods of all kinds. We are told that too much salt is bad for you! Like lots of other things!! In the time of Jesus, salt was very valued. In the absence of refrigeration it was used to preserve foods. It was also used to give food a flavour. When Jesus tells his disciples *"you are the salt of the earth"* he was telling them what kind of disciples they were called to be, by which he meant that they were to make a difference to others by their way of imitating him in all things, by living in God's ways. So too with us: we are called to be *"salt of the earth."*

The word of God today also makes reference to *light.* The Israelites are told by the prophet Isaiah that when they look after the poor, the homeless and all in need of any kind then *"their light will shine like the dawn and their wounds be quickly healed."* This theme continues in the Gospel when Jesus calls the disciples not just to be *"salt of the earth"* but to also be *"the light of the world."* Being a follower of Jesus, being a disciple is about serving others in love, compassion and kindness of heart. It's about making a difference to others by our imitation of Christ. The way we live is to be like a lamp on a lampstand where it gives light to all in the house. Our way of being light brightens and enhances the lives of others. *"Give light and people will find the way"* (Ella Baker). Isn't it so true? When we are genuinely good in our lives we affect others profoundly for the better. Albert Schweitzer said, *"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to give thanks to those who lighted the flame within us."*

Our world today can be a very dark place. There is war, violence, persecution of Christians, There is the pain of homelessness, poverty, hunger, disharmony and divisions. Our world is very broken and dark. Many, many people live in great impoverishment of spirit, physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally. We all need to be surrounded by people who help us in the darkness of life, however that is for each one of us: illness, depression, breakdown of relationship, family struggles, worries about a child or a teenager, alcoholism, drug abuse. Darkness is found in many guises, Grief arrives sometimes unexpectedly. We all need to have people of *"light"* around us, people who are *"salt of the earth."* Remember the words of Jesus: *"Whatever you do to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do it to me." (St. Matthew 25:40)* There is no greater calling than to honour these sacred words than by being *"light" and "salt."*

Fr. Tony.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th February

5.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED
Denis Lundrigan
Anthony Charles Squiteri

MONTHS MIND
Maureen Lowe

ANNIVERSARIES
Betty Fay 1st; Gerry O'Shea 2nd
Katherine Dempsey 2nd
Philomena Broderick 5th
Peggy Conroy 9th; Kathleen Noctor 16th
Daniel Dempsey 20th
Desmond Parker 27th
Sarah Sadie Parker; Paddy Conroy
Sheila & Laura Hogan
Patrick Corrigan; Thomas Cullen
Francis Griffin also Birthday Rem

Sunday 5th February

9.30am

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Peter Farrell

RECENTLY DECEASED
Vera Gardener in Auckland

11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES
Bobby Lynch 1st also wife Nancy Lynch 4th
Christine Tivenan 3rd
Henrietta & John Duncan & deceased members of the Duncan Family
Anne O'Toole
Peter Carroll Remembrance

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Gretta Carroll

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND
Clifford O'Brien

ANNIVERSARIES
Elizabeth Murray 1st; Sean Reid 8th
Mary Webb; Catherine Kelly
Christopher Webb; Philomena Edwards
Frank Kennedy; Eileen Webb
Annie & Dan Cullen
Deceased members of the Hennessy Family; Kathleen Gannon

Monday 6th Feb

9.00am Robert Wood 5th

Tuesday 7th February

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 8th February

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 9th February

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 10th February

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

Christina Furlong, Derry Drive
Sheila Knowles, Muckross Park

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	**€ 1,878**
Share:	**€ 1,393**
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

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 11th February 2023

5.30pm Jemella & Ann Maher

Sunday, 12th February 2023

9:30am Ben McDermott
11:00am Family Mass Group & M Finnegan
12:30pm Richard Tobin

The Week Ahead…
Sunday 5th Feb. - Saturday 11th Feb 2023

Sunday	5th Sunday in Ord Time Year A
Monday	Ss Paul Miki & Companions
Tuesday	St Mel [Ardagh]; Bl Pius IX
Wednesday	St Jerome Emilian
Thursday	Bl Eusebia Palomino
Friday	St Scolastica
Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes

Bereavement Support Line

The Irish Hospice foundation have introduced a free phone support line 1 800 807077 Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 1.00pm, visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information

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

Coeliac Hosts.

For coeliacs who would like to receive Holy Communion please inform the sacristan before Mass and let them know where you are sitting in the church.

TAP AND GO FACILITY

On behalf of the Finance Secretariat at Archbishop's House, sincere thanks to those parishioners and visitors who made contributions to the First Collection and SHARE Collection at masses at the weekend. For the month of December, 2022, these contributions totalled *€850.* Thank you for your financial support at all times. These collections support the priests of the parish, the Diocese, including sick and retired priests and the poorer parishes of the Diocese. The Tap and Go Facility is at the back of the church at the main doors.

FAMILY MASS GROUP

We are still looking for more children and young people to join *THE FAMILY MASS GROUP*. The small group sing at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, read the word of God, Prayers of the Faithful and Communion Reflection. They meet in the Parish Centre on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm for rehearsal. *ALL CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WELCOME.* Sincere thanks to Eoin Brennan, leader of the Family Mass Group, to David, our organist for his participation and to Karen with her two helpers, Rebecca and Bronagh. Some more Adult Helpers would be appreciated. Eoin is out at the moment recovering from foot surgery, so he'll be back soon. Keep him in your prayers that he'll have a good recovery.

Fr. Tony

ACCORD COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **February 11th & 12th**. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give as generously as possible

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.

New Pilgrim Path: John O'Donohue Musical Tribute

"Somewhere, out at the edges, the light is turning... and the freed air goes wild with light...May I live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love." These are the words of the late, great Irish poet, philosopher and writer, John O'Donohue, in a truly uplifting memorial video. Watch at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to our volunteers for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter during the year

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

PARISH REPOSITORY

We have a selection of Prayer books, Rosary beads and Rosettes for Confirmation and First Communion as well as various religious books, religious objects and the Irish Catholic newspaper available in the Repository located at the back of the Church.

NOVENA in honour of OUR LADY OF LOURDES

2nd February—11th February 2023

Thurs 2nd, Fri 3rd, Sat 4th, Mon 6th, Tues 7th

10am: MASS with Novena Prayer & Rosary

7pm: SERVICE: Devotions & Novena prayer

Sunday 5th

11.30am & 7pm: MASS with Novena Prayer

Wed 8th, Thurs 9th, Fri 10th

10am: SERVICE with Novena Prayer

7pm: MASS with Novena Prayer led by Fr Liam Tracey

Saturday 11th

12pm: MASS with the Anointing of the Sick

7pm: MASS with Torchlight Procession *weather permitting*

THE OBLATE CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE PARISH
Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8
www.oblateparishinchicore.ie
All events are live-streamed via the parish webcam

FEBRUARY BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

⇒ ***The Parish Office and Parish Centre*** will be closed on Monday 6th February due to the bank holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday 7th February at 9.30am.

⇒ **The Church** will close on 6th February Bank holiday Monday after the 9.00am Mass

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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PRAISE

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 Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING ***Isaiah 58:7-10***

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, "I am here." If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 111:4-9.R.V.4

(R) The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

1 He is a light in the darkness for the upright,
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R)**

2 The just man will never waver;
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R)**

3 With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R)**

SECOND READING ***1 Cor. 2: 1-5***

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

As for me, brothers, when I came to you, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great "fear and trembling" and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Jn. 8:12***

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.!

GOSPEL ***Mt.5: 13-16***

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: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.