

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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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



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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



Thought for the Week

"Remember to always do whatever makes your soul shine"

Anonymous

LENT 2023

We have arrived at the Lenten season. It's been a quick few weeks since Christmas and much has happened in our world by way of war, earthquakes and famine. We have come through the darkness of winter and now we are emerging into brighter days and longer evenings. In nature we are witnessing the bursting forth of new life. Soon there will be a flourishing of colour – daffodils, crocuses and cherry blossoms. The gardens are ready to radiate their beauty, even if it's an almost lifeless shrub slowly coming back to life after its winter harshness. Spring lambs will soon be jumping on farmlands and hillsides. *Gerald Manley Hopkins* says, *"The world is charged with the grandeur of God.."* And so it is and will be. The beauty and grandeur appear almost unnoticed.

Pope Benedict said, *"Life is not just a succession of events or experiences. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices. It is for this that we exercise our freedom. It is in this – in truth and in goodness and in beauty that we find our true joy and happiness. Our life originates as a loving plan of God."*

We have begun the season of Lent. Many of us received the blessed ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Seems strange in a world with all kinds of creams and cosmetics for keeping our skin clean and pure that we should place something as dirty as ashes on our skin! However, the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ashes is an outward sign of our inner desire to cleanse our hearts and souls from all that keeps us from living in God's ways and from being the person He calls us to be. It's a recognition of our need for God's grace at all times. Who of us can say that we do not need God's mercy or that we do not need to change some attitude or behaviour so that we are better human beings, better followers of Christ? Lent comes from a word which means *"springtime"* and we often speak about a *spring cleaning*. Now is the acceptable time for all of us as God's people to do some inner *'spring cleaning'* – to renew our faith in God, to deepen our prayer, to grow in reverence for Christ in the Eucharist, to seek forgiveness, to be more caring, kinder and compassionate, to have a deeper sense of justice for the needy and poor in our midst, to reach out in charity to those with little. Above all, this is our time - **LENT** - to become more Christ-like in all that we do, to allow God's life deepen in our hearts. The prophet Micah says: *"He has shown you, O mortal one, what is good. And what does the lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* St. Catherine of Siena said: *"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."* In the prayer of Henri Nouwen we pray, *"Lord, make this Lenten Season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."* *May we each find God anew this Lenten season.*

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th February

5.30pm MONTHS MIND
Ann Stephenson Kearney
ANNIVERSARIES
Matthew Ennis 1st; Gerard Launder 3rd;
Joan Byrne 10th;
Ellen (Nellie) Whelan 16th
Elizabeth Murray 18th also remembering
husband Patrick
Christina Swords; John & Colm Swords
Elizabeth Mulvaney
John McGuinness Jnr;
John McGuinness Snr
Deceased of Kennedy & McGuinness
families; Michael & Julia Lohan
Helen Mahon Remembrance

Sunday 26th February

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES
Louise Guilfoyle 1st; Doris Barrett 6th
Kitty Cully 33rd
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Patrick & Mary Cooney

11.00am RECENTLY DECEASED
Padraigh (Pat) Green
ANNIVERSARIES
Mary (Detty) Hyland 3rd
Gretta Cushen 12th; John Fitzell

12.30pm MONTHS MIND
Christine Furlong
RECENTLY DECEASED
Julia O'Neill
ANNIVERSARIES
Brigid Noyes 1st; Nora Byrne 1st
Patrick Hand 1st; Joseph Lynch 2nd
James Hanaphy 3rd; Pattie O'Keeffe 3rd
Raymond Burke 9th; Sheila Murphy 13th;
Paddy Murphy 14th Deceased of Murphy
family; Kevin, Dolores & Courtney Norton
Ellen & Harry Jackson
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Anne O'Neill; Kevin Mulvaney

Monday 27th February

9.00am David Hynes 22nd Eileen Kelly 67th
Patricia Farrell Birthday Rem

Tuesday 28th February

9.00am Betty Leonard O'Brien
Deceased of Leonard & O'Brien families
Eileen McDonnell Anniv & Birthday Rem

Wednesday 1st March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 2nd March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 3rd March

9.00am First Friday

*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

Megan Lawlor, Ballyfermot
Glenn Doyle, Tallaght
Henry O'Brien, Lorcan O'Toole Park
Noelie Dowling, Clonard Road
Padraigh Green, Swords, Ex Crumlin
Catherine Doolin, Leighlin Road



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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,915
Share: € 1,553
Family Offering: € 1,395

*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, 4th March 2023

5.30pm Emer Sinnott

Sunday, 5th March 2023

9:30am Veronica McDermott

11:00am Family Mass Group

12:30pm John Green

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 26th Feb. - Saturday 4th Mar 2023

Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent Year A
Monday	St Gregory of Narek
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	St David
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	St Casimir

CASA CHARITY COLLECTION

CASA will hold a charity collection outside of St. Agnes
Church, Crumlin on the weekend of the 4th & 5th March 2023.
CASA charity bags will be distributed on the 25th & 26th
February 2023 and collected on the 4th & 5th March 2023.

What can be donated:

- **Accessories** (bags, belts, hats, scarves)
- **Bed linen**; Clothing (in good condition)
- **Homewares** (ornaments, china, kitchenware, pictures)
- **Perfume**; Recently published books (in good condition)
- **Bric-a-Brac**; Unwanted gifts

We cannot accept duvets, pillows, toys or electrical items

Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

TERENURE SEEKS MUSIC DIRECTOR/CANTOR
 St Joseph's Church, Terenure, Dublin 6, is looking to hire a new Music Director/Cantor for our Family Mass at 10.00am and 11.30am Adult Choir. If interested, please send your CV to Fr Philip at frphilipbradley@gmail.com by February 26th

TROCAIRE BOXES are available at all Church exits, please take one home and save over the Lenten period for a worthy cause

ARISE! - ARISE! is the new name for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Including prayer, pilgrimage and faith exploration, ARISE! will support young adults in their faith, as well as those in parish who accompany young people. Sign up to the mailing list to be the first to hear all that is happening with ARISE! <https://forms.office.com/e/3rflFnUXjR> or contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

FAMILY OFFERING
 We are deeply grateful to you who faithfully contribute on a regular basis to the family offering. **The Weekly Family Offering Envelopes and monthly Standing Orders are the only collection that goes directly to the parish, so you will appreciate how important it is to the Parish Finances. It is our main source of income that covers the cost of insurance, heating, lighting and maintenance.**
 New family offering boxes of envelopes for week commencing Sunday 5th March 2023 are now available in the parish office for collection.
If you are not a contributor, and are in a position to contribute to the family offering, please call to the parish office to either sign up for a box of envelopes, or complete a form to donate through the bank by monthly standing order.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to the girls and boys from Scoil Úna Naofa and St. Damians who were confirmed during the week. We hope and pray that they will live up to the promises they made when they received the sacrament. We would like to thank the teachers in the schools and all involved in preparing the children for this special day in their lives



TURKEY/SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE COLLeCTION

Archbishop Farrell has asked all Parishes to hold a special collection this weekend, **25th/26th February** towards a **TROCAIRE RELIEF FUND** for all who have been affected by the devastation of the recent earthquake. The images on our television screens and in our newspapers are heart breaking. We know now the reality of the suffering of millions as a result of this disaster. We can enable **TROCAIRE** to continue their response on the ground in supplying necessary material and medical goods which are now urgent requirements. **This collection will replace the usual SHARE collection.** Thank you for your generosity at all times to these special collections.



St Agnes Parish Novena of Grace & Parish Retreat
Saturday 4th - Sunday 12th March 2023



Conducted by Fr. Bryan Shortall OFM Cap.
Theme: "Tired of all the Bad News– Rediscovering God's Healing Love"

During yDate	Times	Topic
Saturday 4 th March	10.00am & 5.30pm	Introductory Homily by Fr Bryan
Sunday 5 th March	11.00am only	Introductory Homily by Fr Bryan
Monday 6 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	Our Lady
Tuesday 7 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	St Joseph "Sleeping on the Job" <i>Reflection with statue of St Joseph</i>
Wednesday 8 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	Death and Accompanying one another in grief
Thursday 9 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	Reconciliation No Mass - <i>God's mercy with confession for all</i>
Friday 10 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	Healing in God's Love No Mass - <i>Liturgy on Healing based on the Gospel of people touching the cloak of Jesus with Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Saturday 11 th March	10.00am 5.30pm	Mass in honour of St Padre Pio followed by blessing with St Padre Pio's mitten Mass with Novena prayers and blessing with St Francis Xavier Relic
Sunday 12 th March	11.00am only	Mass with Novena prayers and blessing with St Francis Xavier Relic

Just a Reminder.....

During the Novena of Grace from 4th of March right through to the end of the Novena the Church will open at 8.30am each morning. Thank you for your cooperation.
 Please also note on the Thursday and Friday 9th & 10th of March there will be no evening Mass but a Liturgical Celebration on the themes of the day.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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WILDERNESS
 TEMPTED
 DEVIL
 FASTED
 FORTY
 HUNGRY
 STONES
 LOAVES
 ANGELS
 FOOT
 SATAN
 WORSHIP



Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Gen.2:7-9.3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 50:3-6.12-14.17.R.CF.V.3

(R) Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1 Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R)

- 2 My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R)
- 3 A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy Spirit. (R)
- 4 Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R)

SECOND READING Rom.5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "law-breaking", yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, ever though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweighed the results of one man's sin; for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes

them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Mt.4: 1-11

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.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves." But he replied, "Scripture says; Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God" he said "throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test." Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these" he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.