

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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5th March 2023, 2nd Sunday in Lent 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 (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

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." St Padre Pio

REFLECTION – 5th MARCH 2023

Mountains are very awe inspiring places. Whenever I'm close to mountains I feel close to something extraordinarily beautiful. My mind and heart are brought heavenwards. I'm lifted beyond the ordinary of everyday. **"Keep close to nature's heart and break away once in a while, and climb a mountain, or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean. Going to the mountain is going home: the wilderness is a necessity."** (John Muir). I can recall many moments when, close to mountains, hills, woods, forests and rivers, in silence and reflection, I was inspired to a profound gratitude for the wisdom given to me. Nature in all its beauty is a great teacher. Just drive across the Dublin Mountains and let the landscape of beauty speak to you!

In today's gospel Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they can be alone – in prayer, restfulness and companionship. While there Jesus can renew himself and discover the truth about his life and mission. He has a most wonderful experience. In the presence of the disciples Jesus became **"transfigured."** It was a special, almost indescribable moment but whatever happened, Jesus came from that mountain top knowing that he was **The Beloved, the Chosen One of God.** Undoubtedly this affirmation of who he is gave him the inner strength to keep going on his journey and mission in the assurance of the Father's love. The **"transfiguration"** experience for Jesus enables him to make the most difficult of journeys – the road to Calvary.

As the ministry of Jesus develops he becomes aware that to carry out his Father's work he will encounter much suffering, pain, rejection and ultimately death on a cross. Carrying this truth in your heart can paralyse you. This mountain experience gave Jesus the confidence to stay on his journey in the assurance that he was not alone. The Father would be with him all the way, even to the cross.

In our own journeys we will encounter moments of suffering, illness, pain, turmoil. We will go through loss and grief. We will go through dark times. But we can face these difficult times more surely in the knowledge that we are loved and supported by others. And by God too. We may not have the mountain experience which Jesus had but when we gather for the Eucharist we can describe it as our **"transfiguration"** moment because we are embraced by God's love and presence in and through Jesus. We are drawn to the heart of Jesus when we receive Holy Communion. Let us always be aware of the grace and blessing of being able to gather for the Eucharist where we encounter the closeness and presence of God. This awareness will be our strength for our journey of life. St. Augustine said, **"You, O Lord, have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.."**

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th March

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Mary Bermingham
ANNIVERSARIES
Lorraine Maguire 2nd
Susan O'Reilly 27th

Sunday 5th March

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Maureen Barry
Ann & John Hastings
Tom & Annie McKenna
Antoinette McKenna
Pauline & Patrick Gilligan

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Barry Kane 10th;
George Graham 25th, Molly Knight 25th
Deceased of Graham & Knight families
Myles Farrell; Joe & Josie Mackey
Rose & William Bonner
Deceased of the Bonner & Coughlan families

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Phyllis Walshe; Brendan Dunne
John Dunne; Gina Coughlan 50th

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Rosemarie Lynam; Patrick Gilchrist
ANNIVERSARIES
Charles Goucher 13th
John Coleman 20th
Deceased of Goucher & Fleming families
Richard Lamb; Ann Hudson
Richard & Mary Donnelly & deceased family members

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Kieran Lynam

Monday 6th March

10.00am Novena of Grace

Tuesday 7th March

10.00am Novena of Grace

Wednesday 8th March

10.00am Novena of Grace

Thursday 9th March

10.00am Novena of Grace

Friday 10th March

10.00am Novena of Grace

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



Eleanor Pierce, Cherryfield Drive
Eileen Kavanagh, Errigal Road
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, John McCormack Ave.
Teresa Rowse, Beechfield Road

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,068

Earthquake: €12,100

Family Offering: € 1,180

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 March 2023

5.30pm Jemella & Ann Maher

Sunday, 12th March 2023

9:30am Ben McDermott

11:00am Family Mass Group & M Finnegan

12:30pm Richard Tobin

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 5th Mar. - Saturday 11th Mar 2023

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

Monday Of the Day

Tuesday S Perpetua & Felicity

Wednesday St John of God; St Senan

Thursday St Frances of Rome

Friday Of the Day

Saturday St Aengus

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

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.

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.



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"



Day / Date	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" Reflection with statue of St Joseph
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 - God's mercy with confession for all
Friday 10 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	Healing in God's Love No Mass - Liturgy on Healing based on the Gospel of people touching the cloak of Jesus with Eucharistic Adoration
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 9th and Friday 10th of March there will be no evening Mass but a Liturgical Celebration on the themes of the day.

COFFEE DOCK

The Coffee Dock will be open Monday to Friday during the Novena. Please drop in after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.



SYRIA/TURKEY EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

The special collection last Sunday totalled **€12,100**, which was a most generous response from our Parish Community for TROCAIRE who will ensure that necessary medical and material support is given to the thousands of victims of this awful tragedy. Some of you may have contributed through the Tap and go Facility at the back of the Church and Archbishop's House will forward any such donations to TROCAIRE. On behalf of Archbishop Farrell, sincere thanks again for your wonderful generosity. *Fr. Tony.*

RESOURCES FOR LENT 2023

Go to the website of **CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY LENT 2023** (<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>) and you'll find some lovely resources for prayer and reflection for the season of Lent. Also go to **TROCAIRE LENT 2023** (<https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/len-2023/>) for further reflective resources for each day of Lent and for information on their work throughout the world.

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



Where the river is the road - Memories of the Amazon

This is the title of a new book jointly written by two Salesians - Dom Walter Ivan de Azevedo SDB and Fr. Michael Scott SDB. It tells about life and ministry of being a missionary in northern Brazil - a difficult assignment.

Fr. Michael who has served in St. Agnes is pictured on the back cover. I know he is fondly remembered in St Agnes by those who knew him, his travels are now over but he has not retired. He is now in Maynooth and no doubt still riding his bicycle and devotedly serving the people of the area.

Between two stays in the parish he returned to his beloved Brazil and thanks to Maree Rooney, now deceased, the people of the parish here raised the money to pay for a new youth centre, and as you can guess it is called St Agnes youth centre. Fr. Michael would like me to thank the people of the parish for their generosity. I hope it hasn't blown down in a storm!

There is no price given on the book which is available in the parish office and the sacristy, however, we suggest an offering of €10 or more if you would like to support the missionary work in Brazil.

Fr. John

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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JESUS
JOHN
SUN
TENTS

PETER
MOUNTAIN
MOSES
CLOUD

JAMES
FACE
ELIJAH
SHADOW



ST. PATRICKS DAY



We are fast approaching St Patricks Day. At this time we think a lot about our family and loved ones who are living abroad. As a way of remembering and praying for them, please write their names on the slip of paper provided and place in the box which will be left at the top of the Church. They will all be remembered in our prayers at all the Masses on St. Patricks day (Vigil Thursday 16th 7pm, Friday 17th 9.30am and 11.00am)



Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Gen. 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. "I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32:4-5.18-20.22.R.V.22

(R) May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

SECOND READING Tim. 1: 8-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL Mt.17:1-9

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.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter

and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, "Lord," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said, "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.