

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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23rd April 2023, 3rd Sunday of Easter 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 5.00-5.20pm
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

"Living is the art of getting used to what we didn't expect"

Eleanor C Wood

REFLECTION - 23rd APRIL, 2023

So many of the gospels for Eastertime are full of hope and light. They invite us to a new place in our lives. They take us to new imaginations about how our lives can be. Most inspiring of all is that the EASTER GOSPELS ask us to place ourselves in the scenes being narrated. Last week we had the story of the disciples locked in the Upper Room, devastated at the death of Jesus. Full of fear that they would be next for crucifixion, they go into hiding. But the Risen Christ appears and calmly reassures them that **HE IS TRULY RISEN** and with them in a new way. He offers the gift of peace and inspires them to go out and continue his mission. The Father's love would protect them with the power of his Spirit. **"The first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."** (Kate McGahan). **The Risen Christ is proof of this.**

Today, we have the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They are sharing their experiences about all that had happened. They are bereft, alone, fearful and hopeless without Jesus. **"Can all this be true? Is he really no longer with us? Is this the end of the story?"** Into this unsettling moment on a quiet country road a stranger appears and the disciples begin to tell **"the story"**, curious that he seems to be the only person not to know what has happened. As they reached Emmaus the disciples invited this stranger to join them for supper. They urged him, **"Stay with us for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."** Jesus stayed with them. While at supper Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. These words spoken by Jesus opened their minds and hearts to understand that this was indeed the same Jesus they sat with at the last supper.

Deep within every one of us there is a hunger and a thirst. We all experience this yearning of the soul – a heart that burns with longing but we don't always know what it is for which we yearn. St. Augustine, after a life of searching in all the wrong places for inner peace said : **"You, God, move us to delight in praising you, for you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."** St. Augustine was not always a saint. He spent most of his life in pursuit of what he incorrectly thought would satisfy his inner hunger and thirst. But he eventually found God, thanks to the wonderful influence of his mother, Saint Monica.

When we gather for the Eucharist we are at our **"Emmaus"** experience. We are blessed to recognise Jesus in the breaking and sharing of the bread. In the Eucharist we come to know Jesus more fully and closely. There is no other place where we can have so personal an encounter with Jesus than in The Mass and in Holy Communion. Like the disciples on the Emmaus road, may we too say, **"STAY WITH US, O RISEN CHRIST"**. He will.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd April

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Clare May
ANNIVERSARIES
Una Bishop 2nd
Sheila Coonan 8th
Tom Bishop 29th
John Morris
Deceased Members Connolly Family
Deceased Members Smith Family
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Albert McGregor

REMEMBRANCES
Liam & Betty Keehan 65th wedding remembrance
Maisie & Dave Mulvaney Rem.

Sunday 23rd April

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Rose Coffey 10th

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Ted Daly 4th
Eileen Fetherston 16th
Noreen McGrath 18th

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Thomas Kielty
Patricia Weldon 60th

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Elaine Oliver

ANNIVERSARIES
Ethna Cosgrave 1st
Phyllis O'Leary 2nd
Sheila Coonan 8th
Edmund Coonan 14th
John Coonan 54th
Paul Mooney 10th
Brian Reilly. Tom Mc Govern
Norma Olohan. Jimmy Olohan

Monday 24th April

9.00am Pauline Fitzpatrick 3rd
Joanna Howley Birthday Rem

Tuesday 25th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 26th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 27th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 28th April

9.00am Larry & Mary Connor

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



Colette Clinch, Slievebloom Rd
James Taylor, Whitehall Road West
Monica Smyth, St Marys Drive

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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,043
Share: € 1,696
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

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 29th April 2023

5.30pm Emer Sinnott

Sunday, 30th April 2023

9:30am Veronica McDermott

11:00am Family Mass Group

12:30pm Richard Tobin

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 23rd April - Saturday 29th April 2023

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| Sunday | 3rd Sunday of Easter |
| Monday | St Fidelis of Sigmaringen |
| Tuesday | St Mark Evangelist |
| Wednesday | Our Lady of Good Counsel |
| Thursday | St Asicus [Elphin] |
| Friday | St Peter Chanel |
| Saturday | St Catherine of Sienna |

Easter Dues

Dues are an important source of income for the Priests of the parish and of the Diocese including sick and retired priests. Spare Dues envelopes are available at the Church exits.

For parishioners who hold family offering envelopes there is an Easter Dues envelope in your envelope box.

We wish to thank you for your continued support to St. Agnes' parish.

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

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



PRAYER - I NEED YOU.....

Every day I need you, Jesus, but this day especially. I need some extra strength to face whatever is difficult. This day, more than any day I need you to bring me healing of mind, body and spirit. This day I need you, Jesus, to fortify my courage, to overcome my fears, to be truly caring and understanding. By myself I cannot meet all the challenges of each day nor the expectations of others in my care. Today, O Jesus, is the day I need you more than I can express. I remember your words: "Come to me all who labour and are overburdened for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls." Give me a deep TRUST in you, JESUS. AMEN



The Old Dublin Society

Freddie O'Dwyer will present 'A Flying Visit in 1938: the day the Luftwaffe landed at Baldonnel by mistake' at 6.00pm on Wednesday April 26th in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

All are welcome Admission is free No booking required

Coffee Morning

The Alzheimer's Day Unit in Clonmacnoise Grove has been relocated to The Hospice Harolds Cross. We will be holding a Tea Day in aid of the unit in The Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 from 9.30 to 12.00noon. We will also have a raffle on that morning. We would be very grateful for any donations of raffle prizes, they can be left in the Parish Centre Office any week day



New Pilgrim Path: Website of the Week: More on Atonement

Just a few weeks ago, our website of the week featured an alternative, Franciscan, theory of atonement. It produced a very positive response from our visitors. This week we share a commentary on seven of the major theories for the Atonement. These theories attempt to explain the nature of Jesus' death on the cross. Why did Jesus die? What does this death mean for the world today? Access a fascinating 18- minute video at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.



GOSPEL WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel 23rd April 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 1) Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped...'.... When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?
- 2) Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?
- 3) The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table – there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. In what way in such relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?
- 4) After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?

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Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy, my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me; you will fill me with gladness through your presence."

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried; his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God has sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ; he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption, God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 15:1-2.5.7-11.R.v.11

(R) Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'**(R)**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my

heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Pet. 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake.

Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk. 24:13-35

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

Priest: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

People: Glory to you O Lord.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days."

"What things?" he asked. "All about Jesus of Nazareth" they answered "who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing." Then he said to them, "You foolish men! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?" Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on, but they pressed him to stay with them. "It is nearly evening", they said, "and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?"

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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