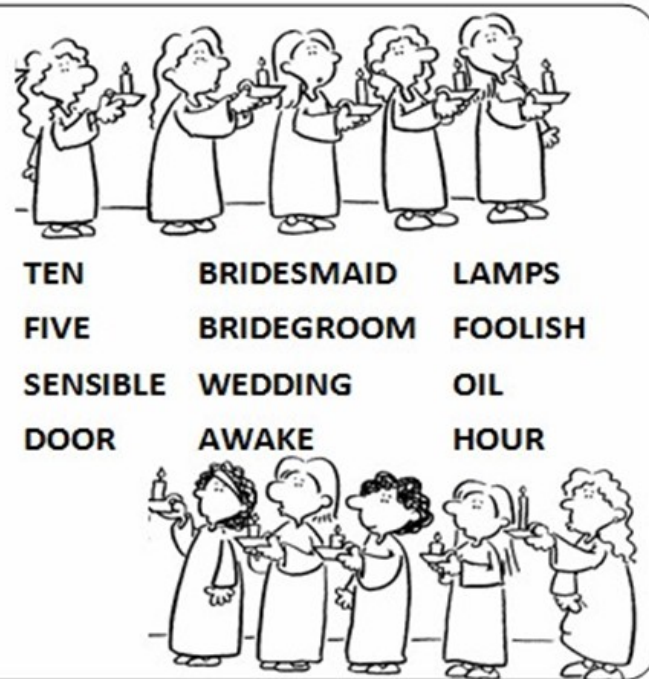


GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Wis.5:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble, you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 62:2-8.R.v.2

(R) For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)
- So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)
- On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Thes.4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven: those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt. 24:42.44
Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt. 25:1-13

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 told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible; The foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry. 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said 'open the door for us.' But he replied. 'I tell you solemnly I do not know you.' So, stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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12th November 2023, 32nd Sunday of 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 5.00-5.20pm or anytime upon request



Child Protection

Dublin Diocesan Office 01 836 0314
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 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

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

REFLECTION – 11th/12th NOVEMBER, 2023

In Palestine at the time of Jesus, it was customary for weddings to be celebrated in the evening time. The bride awaited the arrival of the groom in her own home while he would be escorted by his friends. The bridesmaids, 10 in our gospel story, are to meet the groom when he arrives and then join with the couple in escorting them back to the groom's house for the wedding feast. But as happens at many weddings, there is a hitch and as happens at few of our weddings, in this scenario, it is the groom who causes stress. He's late. All ten bridesmaids have lamps filled with oil but five of the bridesmaids have no reserves of oil. They are unprepared for any delay. When the groom fails to make his appearance, the bridesmaids doze off to sleep. But at midnight the cry goes out that the groom is arriving. The five bridesmaids without reserves of oil appeal to the other five for some of their reserve stock. The wise bridesmaids need their oil to give light to the couple to the wedding feast. The wedding party arrive at the banquet hall minus the five foolish ones and the door is shut tightly. When the five arrive much later, they are refused entry. They were not ready when it mattered most: they were unprepared.

The wisdom of the bridesmaids who brought reserves of oil consisted in doing what was expected of them - being prepared for any eventuality. Their wisdom wasn't extraordinary but very practical - always be prepared. They were.

What is the gospel saying to us? What can we learn from it for our own daily lives? If we do what is expected of us in a conscientious way and do it as well as we can, we will have no fear of welcoming the unexpected coming of Christ. There is a blessing in doing the ordinary things with wisdom, prudence and with the right intention. The 14th century mystic, Meister Eckhart put it succinctly: **"Wisdom consists in doing the next thing you have to do, doing it with your whole heart and finding delight in doing it."**

So, we who follow Christ and seek to attain the gift of eternal life with God, as Jesus spoke about and promised to all who live in God's ways, we must be always ready to meet the Lord. We do this by allowing the words of the gospel find root in our lives and living its values particularly. Jesus is the one who shows us how to live in God's expectation of us, with lives of self-giving, goodness and generosity of spirit, compassion and integrity of conscience, looking out for one another, helping the needy and being constant in our prayerfulness with Jesus, finding moments in seeking ways to be more **"of Christ"** in all that we do. A poet once said, **"What we have and are is God's gift to us, what we become is our gift to God."** The gospel is inviting us to search our hearts and ask ourselves – is the lamp of my life sufficiently filled with the oil of God's love and the ways of Jesus to make me worthy of eternal life with God? We must always remember, as the Psalmist says, that **"The Lord is my light, my hope, my refuge, my strength, my salvation."** God, in and through Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts, always inviting us to a feast of his mercy and love and presence. Can we open the door and invite him in? Be prepared.

Fr. Tony.

The Order of Malta are holding a Church Gate collection this weekend. Please give generously.

Church Art Calendars 2024 are available in the Repository and Parish Office, price €1.50

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th November

5.30pm MONTHS MIND

Eta Carney
Carmel Hughes

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Lloyd Jnr 1st also remembering
Patrick Lloyd Snr; Margaret Curran 1st
Kieran Manto 8th; Tom Murphy 22nd
Patrick & Kathleen Cox
Patrick & May Wynne

RECENTLY DECEASED

Colette Dickson
Kathleen Kiernan

Sunday 12th November

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES

Christina Kavanagh 14th

*Remembering all those enrolled in
our book of Remembrance*

11.00am MONTHS MIND

Mary McEvoy; Mary Lonergan also
remembering husband Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES

Paddy Tracey 1st; Mary Geoghegan 4th
Esther Lawlor also remembering daughter
Joanne Lawlor
Deceased members of the Downes family
Tommy & Betty Byrne

12.30pm ANNIVERSARIES

Denise Sheridan 3rd
Elizabeth Beecher 8th
William Christie 15th
Terence Anderson 18th
Tom Smith, 18th
Deceased members of the Church Choir
Deceased Members of St. Agnes Bridge
Club

Monday 13th November

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 14th November

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 15th November

9.00am Carmel Hynes 18th

Thursday 16th November

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 17th November

9.00am Essie Bennett 4th, also remembering her
husband Frank

*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

Eileen Dudley, Saul Road
Josephine Maher, Derry Road
Elizabeth (Lil) Stokes, O'Dwyer Road
Anne McSherry, Bunting Road
Thomas Tommy Davis, Captain's Road
Dean Byrne, Crumlin

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



Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	€ 1,936
Share Collection:	€ 1,654
Family Offering:	€ 945

*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, 18th November 2023

5.30pm Ann Maher

Sunday, 19th November 2023

9:30am Ben McDermott

11:00am Teresa Bolger

12:30pm Richard Tobin

Miscarriage Association of Ireland

Annual Service of Remembrance will be held today
Sunday 12th November at 3.00pm in St. Teresa's Church,
Donore Avenue. All parents, siblings, grandparents and
others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to
attend, whether that loss was recent or long ago

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports
bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening
for bereaved parents on Monday 13th November at
7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.
This event is free and open to all bereaved parents
regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances
of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

November Altar List of Remembrance

*The November Altar List of Remembrance Envelopes
are available in the Church porches. All Masses on the
First Fridays of the months throughout the year are
offered for all whose names you have placed on the
Parish Altar List of Remembrance. November
is the month which is dedicated to praying for
all who have died and to pray too for all who
are grieving that they will be blessed and comforted.*



ST AGNES PARISH ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED

St. Agnes Parish Annual Mass for deceased parishioners will take place on **Thursday 23rd
November at 7.00pm**. Invitations have been sent to all of the families concerned.



SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY - 2023

In a letter from Archbishop Farrell on the annual **SHARE APPEAL WEEKEND** he expresses his thanks to all parishes for their support of the SHARE collection throughout the year. The **SHARE** collection primarily supports the poorer parishes of our Diocese and also supports the various levels of Diocesan administration. While parishes in need receive priority, the SHARE fund also finances the Pastoral Initiatives in the Diocese: training of lay personnel, pastoral workers and Deacons. It also supports the Child Safeguarding Office and the training of relevant personnel for youth projects. Thank you for your donations every week. If you can, it is appreciated if you will give a little extra this week. *Thank you.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR OUR WORLD

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation: God of great justice and truth: O God of new beginnings, pour out your power upon all your children in the Middle East Russia, Ukraine and wherever there is war and hatred, on all of humanity, so that together we ensure that hatred is turned into love, fear into trust, enmities and divisions into understanding and reconciliation, oppression into freedom, occupation into liberation. May violent and destructive actions causing death, hurt and immeasurable suffering be turned into embraces of compassion, healing and lasting peace and harmony. AMEN

WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION AS ST. MARY'S CHURCH CRUMLIN LAUNCHES EXHIBITION 'CELEBRATING OUR BUILDING AND OUR STORIES IN CLAY'

On Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November, St. Mary's Parish Crumlin (St Mary's Road, Crumlin, D12 HK35) will open its doors to celebrate its unique building and the culmination of an art project to capture the memories and stories of its older parishioners. Everyone is invited to visit the historic church from 12 noon to 4pm each day and to view an exhibition of the clay artwork made by parishioners, working under the expert guidance of ceramicist and Ulster University Reader, Michael Moore.

The weekend celebrations will also include two special events. On **Saturday 18 November at 4pm**, there will be a formal **launch of the exhibition with two short talks**. Susan Roundtree, conservation architect, will give a talk on 'The architecture of St. Mary's' and artist Michael Moore, who led the art project, will share 'The story of soap and other ceramic stories'.

On **Sunday 19 November at 4pm** we will hold a **Songs of Praise** service celebrating the parish and are delighted to be joined by the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, *Archbishop of Dublin* for this special occasion.

PIONEER PLEDGE FOR NOVEMBER

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls: A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers at 01 8054226 or www.pioneers.ie/pray/.

CITY QUAY - EVENING OF MUSIC AND SONG

The Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay, will host an Evening of Music and Song on **Sunday, November 19**. The event is a fund raiser for Safe Home Ireland, who bring elderly Irish back to Ireland and help them settle and find a home. See <https://cityquayparish.com/news-events/>.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and Repository.



**Please join us for Afternoon Tea in Fr.
Kitt Court on Thursday 16th November at
2.30pm in aid of the children of
Barretstown. All are welcome**

Hallelujah Christmas Concert

St. Agnes Church, Friday 8th Dec @ 7.00pm

Come join "Hallelujah Christmas" for a magical musical evening, filled with all your festive favourites. Tickets available from the Parish Office and from Karen in the Sacristy.

Seniors and U18: € 17.00
Adults: € 20.00

A raffle will be held during the interval, all proceeds going to Alone and Reaching Out to Homeless



LORCAN O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are on sale in the Repository and Parish Office, €5 per pack of 12, all proceeds go to the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre

