

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](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 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

*"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be
drawn by the light of God made man." - Pope Francis*

ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent, which begins the Church's Liturgical Year starts this Sunday, 3rd December. **ADVENT** encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. This is a time of preparation in our hearts for the great event of Christ's birth. **The Advent wreath** is part of this season. The use of the wreath is a long standing tradition and has great meaning.

The circular nature of the wreath signifies the unending, eternal love of God and the promise of eternal life for us. The evergreens represent renewal and life in God through Jesus Christ, whose birth we await. The purple ribbon is a calling to repentance. The candles stand for the Light of Christ coming into our world. Over time the candles came to represent particular themes of the Word of God:

HOPE (purple): **PEACE** (purple): **JOY** (pink): **LOVE** (purple). Then on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we light a white candle, representing the **NATIVITY**. The light of Christ in our midst. One candle is lit each week as we journey to Christmas.



Pope Francis said, *"Advent is a time for overturning our perspectives, for letting us be surprised by the greatness of God's mercy, a time in which, as we prepare the crib, we learn again who our Lord is, a time to leave aside certain mind-sets and prejudices about God and our sisters and brothers; a time, in which, instead of thinking about gifts for ourselves, we can give words and gestures of consolation to those who are wounded, hurt and in pain, as Jesus himself did."*

St. Athanasius said, *"He became what we are so that he might make us what he is."* St. John's Gospel tells us, *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We saw his glory, the glory as the one and only Son of the Father, grace and truth."* These are profound truths and we ponder them during Advent as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ. The Prophet Isaiah puts it beautifully: *"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us and he will be called, Wonder Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."* Let us make room in our hearts for a little *"silence or prayer"* in the midst of the busyness so that we may grasp more deeply the true meaning of Christmas: *God-with-Us*. We will be more at peace within if we let God into the sanctuary of our hearts.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd December

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Carmel McLoughlin; Josephine Maher

ANNIVERSARIES
Fr. Eamonn Whelan 7th; Molly Blayney 10th
Helen & Bob Maxwell 20th
Chester Beatty also remembering wife
Teresa; Eileen & Joe Lynch
Desmond & Sarah Parker
Andrew Parker Clarke; Rita Fagan
Michael & Joseph Malone
Tony & Bernie Canavan
Betty Manning; Robert Wood
Pat Bottriel; Patrick Oliver Haslam

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Josephine Whelan

Sunday 3rd December

9.30am **Remembering all those enrolled in our book of Remembrance**

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Yvonne Forde 2nd; Olivia Forde 6th
Josephine Kavanagh 5th
Seamus Kavanagh 8th
Andrew Brady 13th; Sean & Tommy Fox

12.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Maureen McCabe 5th; Marie Smith 20th
Kathleen McDonnell 24th
Angela Murphy 46th also remembering
husband Anthony; Bridie Gorman
Philip & Dolores Hughes
Pauline & David Guest
Noel & Mary Gargan; Billy & Molly Martin

Monday 4th December

9.00am Peter & Kathleen Corrigan
Dolores, Larry & Kevin Smith

Tuesday 5th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 6th December

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 7th December

9.00am Thomas & Ellen King
7.00pm Myles & Julia O'Dowd; Stephen Cowzer

Friday 8th December

9.00am **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
Martin Vahey 6th
Pamela Esmonde; Tom Esmonde
Tony Burke; Helen Mahon Remembrance
Deceased of Mahon & O'Brien families
Imelda Cullen Birthday Rem

10.00am 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

Esther (Essie) Smyth, Hillsbrook Ave
Antoinette Moran, Derry Drive
Michael O'Brien, Kimmage



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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,956
Share Collection: € 1,532
Family Offering: € 1,205

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, 9th December 2023

5.30pm Pat Dunn

Sunday, 10th December 2023

9:30am Veronica McDermott
11:00am Mary Finnegan
12:30pm Nuala Talbot

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 3rd Dec - Saturday 9th Dec 2023

Sunday	1st Sunday of Advent Yr B
Monday	Of the Day
Tuesday	Bl Philip Rinaldi
Wednesday	St Nicholas
Thursday	St Ambrose
Friday	Immaculate Conception
Saturday	Of the Day

Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy day of obligation. Mass times are as follows:

- **Thursday 7th Dec - Vigil Mass at 7pm**
- **Friday 8th Dec - Masses at 9am & 10am**

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

Walk With Me for Advent 2023

WALK WITH ME – a journey of prayer for Advent 2023, thoughts and reflections for the season leading up to Christmas and the New Year, now available in the Repository at the back of the Church and in the Parish Office - price €1.30 each .



JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST

This ADVENT PRAYER PROGRAMME commenced last THURSDAY, 30th NOVEMBER and will continue for the following three THURSDAYS, 7th, 14th and 21st December at 7.00pm.

Each night of prayer and reflection is about 45-50 minutes only. It will be guided by three parishioners who have completed two years of the Diocesan Spiritual Pathways Programme. The programme will reflect on the Word of God for the Advent Season. This is a lovely way of prayerfully understanding the Word of God.

If any parishioner would like to go through this Advent Programme, please give your names to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office.

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday 10th December 2023

11.00am & 12.30pm Mass

A beloved annual tradition at the Basilica in Rome in preparation for Christmas, the Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square.

Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.

Bring your Baby Jesus or Crib to be blessed in St Agnes Church at 11.00am or 12.30pm



Church Closure - The Church will close on Friday 8th December at 2.00pm and will reopen for the Hallelujah concert at 6.15pm.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Next weekend, 9th/10th DECEMBER, in all the Parishes throughout the Diocese we have the annual collection for the SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. The conference in Crumlin Parish has many calls on its services and support at this time of the year particularly. This annual collection is vital for our local Society to enable them to help many needy individuals and families in the run up to Christmas. Our Parish is a very generous community of people and the St. Vincent de Paul Society is very grateful for the donations given most weekends but especially at this annual indoor collection next weekend

Christmas Mass Bouquets

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

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



St. Agnes's Church Mass Cards,

The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day. Available in the Parish Office & Church Repository for €5 per pack of 10 cards.



PRAYER FOR INNER PEACE

*Bless our lives with your peace O Lord: let it permeate our thoughts, our minds and souls. Holy Spirit, remind me of the peace we have in Jesus Christ when we are stuck in deep distress. Every day may we lay down our burdens at the feet of Jesus in exchange for the peace which he alone can give. Christ Jesus, help us to believe that you are with us always. Your Holy Spirit dwells within us and we in you. You never leave or forsake us and our healing and peace come from you alone. Despite what is happening in our country and our world, you still have a plan for our lives. May we embrace each day as a gift and a privilege and be instruments of your peace, compassion and love for one another and seek to create a more just, kinder, caring and better community. **AMEN.***

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



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.

Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 63:16-17.64:1.3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

You, Lord yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you for you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins, and yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19.R.V.4

R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your

face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit the vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord

Jesus Christ because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps. 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 13:33-37

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

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

People: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad; he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: "Stay awake!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Last year the response to parishioners donating poinsettias for our Christmas flower decorations was wonderful. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time. We invite parishioners to do likewise again this year. We ask you to bring a poinsettia - red or white and any height - to our Church any day between the 10th and 17th of December. The poinsettias can be left at the oratory door or the sacristy door. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.



ANNUAL DECEASED MASS - PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Photographs from the Annual Deceased Parishioners Mass can be collected from the Sacristy after the weekend Masses or from the Parish Office during the week. For anyone who could not attend candles are also available for collection

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - Volunteers are needed to help distribute the Christmas schedule to homes in the parish during the week commencing 4th December. If you have some time to spare and feel like taking a walk in your local area, please call to the parish office, your help would be greatly appreciated.

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.



Lighting Candles - For safety reasons please use tapers or lighters provided when lighting candles.



DANGER:-Children MUST be supervised by a parent, guardian or adult when lighting candles