

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 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 increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The
Lord never lets us down." - Pope Francis*

REFLECTION FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2023

A voice cries out in the wilderness – **"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."** This is the great clarion call of John the Baptist. In his desert experience John becomes acutely aware of his mission – calling the Israelites to repentance, to return back to God and to prepare them for the great event of the birth of Christ. While in the desert his whole being is enlivened by the word of God. There's an urgency in his message. From the wilderness his voice reaches far and wide. It touches the hearts of many who had begun to think that God himself was forever distant and silent. People are hungry to be nourished again and they see in John the Baptist the true voice of God. The long silence of God is broken. Hope begins to emerge and light begins to shine.

As John continues to preach, his every word is caught by those listening to him. The people are inspired: they confess their sins and wrongdoing, thereby expressing their inner desire to walk in God's ways, their change of heart demonstrated in their public baptism.

The purpose of this mission by John is to prepare people for the great event of the **"One"** who is to come. And we know that **"One"** to be Jesus of Nazareth: Emmanuel – God-with-Us. Although John had his own followers, he does not make himself the centre of attention: his task is to point others to The Christ. He does this wonderfully. John knows his role in the larger plan of God and thus brings people to an awareness of Jesus coming into our world.

John is certainly the great encourager, the person who sees the potential for good and change in people's hearts and who touches them with the power of his words, precisely because he is absorbed God's Word in his own heart. John had a sense of his self-worth and value in the eyes of God and therefore could acknowledge the same in others. He saw what was best in people. This is our challenge too: to foster the goodness and greatness in one another, however reluctant we may be to do so. Martin Luther King Jr. said: **"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."** And Saint Mother Theresa said: **"I can do things you cannot do, you can do things I can't: but together we can do great things."** In the call of John the Baptist today, let us be encouragers of one another in all ways possible, especially in the ways of God.

Fr. Tony.

JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST

This ADVENT PRAYER PROGRAMME continues for the following two
THURSDAYS, 14th and 21st Dec at 7.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th December

5.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Elders 6th; Sheila Grennan 9th
Shay Henry 10th; Tom Smith
John, Anthony, Henrietta, Jimmy, Caroline,
Sheila & Pam Duncan

Sunday 10th December

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Mack 1st; Eileen Kelly 8th
Margaret Rose McDonnell 46th
Deceased members of the McDonnell
family; Josephine Burke
Patrick & Mary Maughan
Josephine Deegan

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

May Moore 100th Birthday Rem

*Remembering all those enrolled in
our book of Remembrance*

11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Noel Reilly 23rd

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Sarah O'Hara 100th Birthday Remembrance

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Anne McSherry
Dean Byrne

ANNIVERSARIES

Liam Keehan 1st; Breda O'Keeffe 1st

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Josephine O'Mahony
Dorothy Rafter; Rita Cunningham

Monday 11th December

9.00am

Margaret Corrigan

Tuesday 12th December

9.00am

Michael Lyons 15th
Christine Hanley Funeral in England today

Wednesday 13th December

9.00am

Catherine Kinsella (nee Cully) 2nd Anniv.

Thursday 14th December

9.00am

Ernie Pimlott

Friday 15th December

9.00am

Olive Murphy 7th also husband Jimmy
recently deceased

*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

Willie Rock, Bangor Road
Elizabeth Walsh, Bunting Road



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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,063

Share Collection: € 1,601

Family Offering: € 1,040

*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, 16th December 2023

5.30pm Ann Maher

Sunday, 17th December 2023

9:30am Ben McDermott

11:00am Teresa Bolger

12:30pm Richard Tobin

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 10th Dec - Saturday 16th Dec 2023

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr B

Monday St Damasus I

Tuesday St Finnian [Meath]

Wednesday St Lucy

Thursday St John of the Cross

Friday Of the Day

Saturday Of the Day

CHRISTMAS DUES

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits. Christmas
dues help to support the Priests of the parish, and the
Diocese including sick and retired priests. They are an
important source of income for the Clergy. For those who
have the box of family offering envelopes, your Christmas
dues envelope is in the box. We thank you most sincerely
for your generosity in previous years

**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE - Christmas timetable cards and St. Agnes calendars 2024 are
available in the porch ways of the Church if you wish to take one. We invite you to join with
us for our celebrations.**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

This collection replaces the usual **SHARE** collection **at all masses** this weekend and in all Parishes in the Dublin Diocese. The local Society is very grateful for the generosity of parishioners to this annual collection. It will greatly help them to support many needy individuals and families this Christmas. Many thanks for your support.

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.



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



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.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE

The Christmas correspondence – TIMETABLE, PARISH CALENDAR and CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPE – are being distributed to parishioners at the moment but are also available on tables in the porch ways of the Church. Please take the correspondence with you if you wish to do so, particularly visitors to our Church. Sincere thanks to parishioners who have delivered this correspondence to homes in our parish. The only homes who receive this correspondence are those who are listed on our approved mailing list.

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



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



CHILD and VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES

The Safeguarding Office in the Dublin Diocese has issued new Guidelines in relation to all Safeguarding issues for all parishes. The primary statement and related matters is now placed on the notice boards in our porch ways, in our parish centre and in our sacristy. A full copy of the document is available for any person who wishes to read through it or it may be accessed by logging on to the website listed on the notice boards statement. Many thanks to Richard and Veronica McDermott who are now the Parish Safeguarding Representatives and who will be attending the various seminars to be updated on all relevant issues.

Sr. Johanna Kelly

Sr. Johanna who died on Sunday last was a familiar figure here in the parish until she retired some years ago to Cork. She had served on the missions and in England. She served on the first parish council here and was also a member of our Baptismal team. She used to send us jokes for the newsletter even after she retired. She always had a warm smile and was supportive of all events in the Parish. Sr Johanna is a loss to the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph. The convent continues here, and we are very grateful for their help and support. May she rest in peace and our sympathies to the order. Fr. John

HALLELUJAH CONCERT

Thanks to all who supported the concert last Friday, 8th December in our Church. It was a lovely occasion and most enjoyable. The proceeds of the concert will be shared between ALONE charity and TALLAGHT HOMELESS OUTREACH charities.

Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah Ch 40:1-5.9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

"Console my people, console them" says your God. "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes." A voice cries, "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion, shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God." Here is the Lord God coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 84:9-14.R.v.8

(R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R)

SECOND READING 2 Pet. 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget; that with the Lord "a day" can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth. The place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk. 3: 4-6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk. 1:1-8

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

Priest: **The beginning of the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

People: Glory to you O Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, "Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023



Confessions Times:

Will be available after the 9.00am Mass Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd December and on Saturday 23rd December from 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Weekend of Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th December 2023: Normal weekend Masses

Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve :

Christmas Day:

St. Stephen's Day to Saturday 30th Dec :

Vigil at 5.30pm, and Mass with blessing of Crib 7.00pm

9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

9.00am only

Weekend Masses (30th /31st December):

Saturday 30th: Vigil Mass 5.30pm Sunday 31st: 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday 6th January 2024:

9.00am & 10.00am

Church & Parish Office closure

- ⇒ The Church will close on Monday 18th Dec at 2.00pm and will reopen on Tuesday 19th Dec for 9.00am Mass.
- ⇒ The Parish Office will close on Monday 18th Dec at 12.45pm and will reopen on Tuesday 19th Dec at 9.30am.