

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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24th & 31st December 2023, 4th Sunday of Advent Year B & Feast



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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

"Wait for the Lord, his day is near; Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart" - Talze

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION 2023

This time last year our Church was somewhat back to normal after the covid pandemic. It was wonderful to gather as a community – families, relatives, friends, visitors and parishioners. What a delight the little ones brought to us as they too celebrated. Christmas moves our hearts. The little ones help us to be spontaneous in awe, mystery and imagination. Hopefully this year 2023 will be better for us.

Each year we gather to retell the ancient story of God entering into humanity in the birth of Christ. In Christ we can "touch" God. He chose to reveal himself to us in a fragile bundle of new life. We will come to know this child as the true presence of God with us. The world stops in silence before a child born in a stable. We are caught up in the mystery of God's love.

We all hunger for hope, meaning and good news. We all hunger for a love that's faithful, a love that is there despite our own infidelity, a love that gives us new beginnings and fills our lives with light and hope, a love that brings healing. We have all of these in the birth of Christ. The prophet Zephaniah speaks about "the tender compassion of the heart of our God, visiting us like the dawn from on high, giving light to those in darkness and guiding us in the way of peace". What a lovely poetic thought! This tender compassion of the heart of our God is revealed in the person of Jesus.

The prayers of Christmas shimmer with light and hope. St. John says, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it". At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God is true to his word, that he is a faithful God, that we can meet him in Jesus, his Son. The birth of Christ speaks about the extravagance of a God who loves us unconditionally and eternally. We come to him through Jesus. This is the bright, assured hope of Christmas.

The poet, John O' Donoghue speaks of Christmas as "The feast of the great presence where the healing of heaven flows unto a wounded earth".

Whatever words we use – light, hope, grace, reconciliation, new vision, meaning, purpose – they all express the "healing of heaven" falling upon our wounded world. Let us allow the "little ones" invite us into the landscape of mystery and wonder. They can lead us into the mystery of God -with-Us in the birth of Christ. I offer all of you this prayer from Sr. Joyce Rupp: "May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul: may the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children awaken in you appreciation for what is often taken for granted; may the bonds of love be strengthened as you gather for festivity and nourishment. May your eyes be fixed on the star within you and may you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and find the One who offers peace". St. John tells us: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and full of truth." I wish all of you God's blessings for Christmas and for 2024.

Fr. Tony.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd December

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Bridget (Pansy) Redmond
Frank Maguire; Esther Smyth

ANNIVERSARIES
Eileen Brady 1st; Terry Byrne 8th
Lil Eustace 10th; Sean Walsh 17th
Paddy Heary; Tommo Zambra
Deceased of McNally family
Deceased of Zambra Family
Patrick & Kathleen Cox
Patrick & Mary B Wynne
Deceased of Mills & Somers families
Nathan Murphy; Jimmy Fogarty
Paddy Douglas; Kathleen Keogh
Carmel Fox; Pierce McCabe
Elizabeth Behan;
Deceased of the McCabe family

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Mary Tyrrell 100th also remembering
husband Sean

Sunday 24th December

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Kitty Keogh 8th; Bridie McDonnell 47th
Tess Callery; Michael Lee & deceased of
Lee and Dooley families
Kathleen Mulvaney and daughter Rachel

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Christina Farrell
**Remembering all those enrolled in
our Book of Remembrance**

11.00am **RECENTLY DECEASED**
Dick Doherty; Mya Power

ANNIVERSARIES
Eilis Roche 8th; Tilly Finola & Geraldine
Harrington; Una Farrell also remembering
son Martin

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
James T Ryan & Bridget T Ryan
John Roche; Deceased of the Carroll,
Hislop, Lynch, Keogh, Killeen and
Dorrington families; Sean Meleady
Tony Saul

12.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Joe Tynan 3rd; Catherine & Oliver Tynan
James O'Donoghue also remembering wife
Mary; Joan Roberts
Deceased of the Murphy family
Deceased of the Russell family

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
Thomas & Madeline Russell; Catherine &
Laurence Russell; Margaret & Tara Russell
Brendan & Angela Russell
Mary & Joseph Haide; Thomas & Joe Haide
Marie & Michelle Haide;
Catherine Oates
Shane & John O'Reilly
Laura & Stephen O'Reilly; Dean Haide
Sheila & Thomas Grennan; Joanna Howley

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

MASS INTENTIONS Cont'd

Tuesday 26th December

9.00am Celebrants Intentions

Wednesday 27th December

9.00am Paddy Kavanagh 3rd; Liam Doyle 8th
Larry Lynch;
Michael O'Brien Recently Deceased

Thursday 28th December

9.00am Tom Power recently deceased in America

Friday 29th December

9.00am Michael Wade 15th

Saturday 30th December

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Antoinette Moran

ANNIVERSARIES
Raymond Quinn 1st; David Callaghan 3rd
Mary Murphy 3rd

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Noel Murphy

Sunday 31st December

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Vincent Graham 9th; Andrew Doyle 11th
Mary Boylan 23rd
**Remembering all those enrolled in
our Book of Remembrance**

11.00am **MONTHS MIND**
Kathleen Padden also remembering son
Oliver

ANNIVERSARIES
Ettie Keane 1st; Brendan Halford 12th

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Michael O'Brien & deceased of O'Brien
family

ANNIVERSARIES
William Harris 3rd; Rita McNamara 4th also
daughter Carmel Chambers 6th
Geraldine O'Dwyer

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Paul, Sonny & Rita McNamara

Monday 1st January

9.00am Ciaran Collins 19th

Tuesday 2nd January

9.00am Joan Doyle 5th

Wednesday 3rd January

9.00am Celebrants Intentions

Thursday 4th January

9.00am Celebrants Intentions

Friday 5th January

9.00am Joe Howard 4th

*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

Brendan Iveagh, Kilnamanagh
Mary Healy, Esposito Road



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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,013

Share: € 1,751

Family Offering: € 1,045

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

THANKS

Our Parish is fortunate to have many groups and personnel who ensure that all runs well and smoothly throughout the year. On behalf of Fr. Tom, Fr. John, Deacon Jimmy and Fr. Michael, sincere thanks to the following for your dedication and commitment during 2023: Pastoral Council: Finance Committee: Parish Centre Committee: Karen, our Sacristan along with Willie, Shay and Kathleen: John and Noel, groundsman: Collectors: Counters: Stewards: Distributors of Parish Correspondence: Newsletter Team, along with the ladies who fold them on Friday mornings: Parish Centre and Parish Hospitality Teams: Readers Group: Eucharistic Ministers: Baptism Team: Monika for keeping the Church and Parish Centre so clean and presentable: Dave and our 12.30pm Choir: Margo, cantor: The Order of Malta: The Lamb of God, Divine Mercy and St. Padre Pio Prayer Groups: Eucharistic Adorers: St. Vincent de Paul Society: Parish Shop Group: Parish Secretary, Colette and Finance Secretary, Bernadette. Thanks also to the Columban Sisters, Franciscans of St. Joseph, the Salesians and Sr. Bernadette for their presence in our Parish. Finally, thanks to you, our parishioners for your prayerful support and your generosity and kindness to us throughout 2023. The intentions of all our parishioners will be remembered at masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

May you experience the closeness of God's love and protection this Christmas. Fr. Tony

CHRISTMAS CRIB and CHURCH DECORATIONS

What a joy to behold when you enter our Church! It's warm, welcoming and beautiful and fittingly so as we celebrate Christmas. Thanks to Karen, Colette, Gemma, Eddie, Ger, Barney, Brian and Barry for all the work in the past couple of weeks but especially last Monday afternoon. Your display of the crib, the children's table at the back of the Church and the floral arrangements are exceptional. Be assured of our gratitude and that of all visitors. Sincere thanks to parishioners who donated poinsettias and to Brian McElroy for his generous donation towards the flowers. Thank you all so much.

Church closing times

Monday 1st January the church will close after 9.00am Mass. For the rest of the week the church will close at 3.00pm daily.

Christmas Triduum Prayer

O Divine Jesus, the Heavenly message at your birth was "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all".

Bring your peace, your joy, your happiness into our home this Christmas.

Bless all the members of our family, those at home and those who will be absent this Christmas.

Inflame our hearts with your love.

Keep us close to you and each other, now and throughout the year ahead. Amen.



JUST A LITTLE DONKEY



Just a little donkey, but on my back I bore
The one and only Saviour the world was waiting for.
Just a little donkey, but I was strong and proud
I gladly carried Mary through the chaos of the crowd.
I brought her to a stable where she made a tiny bed...
A place for Baby Jesus to lay His little head.
I pray the world remembers that special Christmas night,
When just a little donkey carried Heaven's Precious Light.

By Rita S. Beer

PRAYER BEFORE CRIB

God our Father, you sent your only Son as a little child to love and save us. To our lives he brings peace, joy, healing, love and mercy. Lord, bless all who look upon this crib. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, He who is Emmanuel, God-with-Us. Fill our homes with hospitality, gentleness, patience, love and gratitude. Guide us in the ways of truth and compassion. Help us to walk in the ways of Jesus, your Son, given to us.



Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, your son, hear my prayer: I pray for.....AMEN

A Christmas Prayer



O God, Bless our Family and all its members and friends; Bind us together by your love, give us kindness and patience to support each other, and wisdom in all we do. Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us. May we rejoice in your blessings for all our days. Amen

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

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word (4th Sunday of Advent - 24th Dec)

FIRST READING 2 Sam. 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you." But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan; "Go and tell my servant David, thus the Lord speaks; Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5.27.29.R.v.2

(R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**

2. I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages. **(R)**

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **(R)**

SECOND READING Rom. 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk. 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

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.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David, he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" the angel answered "and the power of the Most High will cover you with his shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too; your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God." "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary "let what you have said be done to me." And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People : Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023



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

PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

⇒ **The Parish Office** will close on Friday 22nd December at 12.45pm and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January at 9.30am. **For any urgent enquiries please contact Fr. Tony.**

⇒ **The Parish Centre** is now closed and will reopen on Monday 8th Jan

⇒ **The Coffee Dock** will reopen on Tuesday 16th January at 10.00am