

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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7th January 2024, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Year B

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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 together is an art. It's a patient art, it's a beautiful art, it's
fascinating" - Pope Francis*

NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS

The New Year has just begun. May it be for all of us a better, brighter, more
promising and healthier year as it unfolds. Usually at this time we have all kinds
of advertisements, articles and programmes dedicated to looking after our
health and wellbeing. These are worthwhile insofar as they encourage us to
"*mind ourselves*" in the best meaning of these words. A sense of realism is
helpful when we set out on new adventures. Assessing our life situation is
always good even though the effort to make necessary changes are challenging.
And so it is with our Christian faith journey.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is a significant
moment for Jesus, a time of new beginnings, a new identity, purpose and
direction for his life. Through his Baptism (by John) Jesus feels called to mission.
He is grasped by the Spirit of God; he is recognised as the chosen one of God.
"*And there came a voice from heaven: you are my Beloved Son, with you I am
well pleased.*" (Gospel for today: St. Mark.)

Jesus' new beginning is also God's new beginning with his people. From now on
in the person of Jesus, God will reach out in a new way. His love, caring,
compassion and mercy will be seen in the life of Jesus. God's justice and
preference for the poor and broken will be seen through Jesus. Whatever Jesus
does will be accomplished by the power of God's Spirit in him.

Mother Angelica of EWTN fame said, "*At baptism we receive grace – the quality
that makes us sharers in the very nature of God.*" This is a lovely thought as we
celebrate the Baptism of Jesus because we also recall our own baptism in Christ.
We too are called to new beginnings and to share in the life of God himself.

The Spirit that filled the life of Jesus at his baptism is the same Spirit we receive
at our baptism. Few of us can remember being brought to the Church for
baptism. We were carried to the font by our parents, guardians or godparents;
promises were made on our behalf; our lives were committed to God. It was the
beginning of our faith journey, the beginning of our relationship with God in
Jesus Christ. A special moment of grace for us and our families. Baptism is an
acknowledgement of our human dignity, of the Divine within us, of being a child
of God. Baptism affirms the preciousness of every new born child. That's why all
human life is sacred.

Our baptism in Christ is a calling to live like Christ. If we look at the quality of our
lives we may find that our life in Christ is not what it should be. Maybe we have
a lot of catching up to do - all of us in some way. Today, let us be renewed in
God's ways: let us be aware of our dignity as a child of God: let us cherish the
gift of human life, born and unborn: let us respect the dignity of others. In the
dignity of our own baptism may living like Christ always stand before us each
day as God's expectation of us. "*Living in the present moment is the recurring
baptism of the soul, forever purifying every new day with a new you.*" (Alrich
Hutchinson). Like Jesus, we too through our baptism are the "*beloved of God*".
What a lovely thought at the beginning of 2024.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th January

5.30pm MONTHS MIND
Jimmy Murray; Bobby Cavicchioni Ward
Margaret Rita Craine also remembering
husband Harry

ANNIVERSARIES

Ethel Byrne 1st; Paul Kennedy 2nd
Ethel Carr; Patrick & Kathleen Cox
Patrick & Mary B Wynne
Helen Mahon Remembrance

Sunday 7th January

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES
Nancy Coleman 10th
**Remembering all those enrolled in our
Book of Remembrance**

11.00am RECENTLY DECEASED
Mary Hilliard; Farrell Conry
ANNIVERSARIES
Bob Rafter 1st also Birthday Remembrance
Gavin Leech 2nd; Eugene Walsh 3rd
Hughie McCarney 3rd also wife Phyllis and
son Gerard & deceased of McCarney family
Rachel Moore 8th; Mary Mantle 10th
James Byrne 29th also wife Ann 4th &
deceased of extended family
Annie Banim 47th
Deceased of McEvoy & Hanlon families
Liam & Kathleen Nolan;
Frank Cunningham; Michael & Vera Dolan

12.30pm ANNIVERSARIES
Clifford O'Brien 1st
Lily Roe 2nd also her mother Mary 42nd &
deceased members of the Roe family
Rita Reilly 4th; Joe Howard 4th
Pat McDonnell 4th; Moira O'Riordan 5th
Also parents Denis & Eileen and brother
Seamus O'Riordan; Liam McCabe 7th
Frank Healy 7th; Teresa McCabe nee Barry 9th
Muriel Healy 9th; Joe Maguire 9th
Jimmy Reynolds 24th
Laurence & Kitty Keighery
Mary & Christopher McNally

Monday 8th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 9th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 10th January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 11th January

9.00am Giovanna Vocella 3rd also husband Mario
Patriarca 41st

Friday 12th January

9.00am 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

Tom Hanlon, Tallaght
Christopher Keller, formerly Crumlin
Jim Fitzpatrick, O'Brien Road
Gerry Gaynor, Errigal Road
Kathleen (Kay) Kane, Dangan Drive
Jane Enright, Raleigh Square
John Swords, formerly Crumlin



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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,947
Share: € 1,556
Family Offering: € 840

*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*

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.*



The Week Ahead...

Sunday 7th Jan - Saturday 13th Jan 2024

Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Monday	Bl Titus Zeman
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Of the day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	St Hilary of Poitiers

*Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that
supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly
Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th
January 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.*

**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**

PARISH CENTRE OPENING HOURS

- ♦ The Parish Centre will reopen on Monday 8th January for CADARA activities.
- ♦ The Coffee Dock will reopen on Tuesday 16th January at 10.00am

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

LORCAN O'TOOLE DAY CENTRE

The Board, Staff and Members of Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre would like to acknowledge and thank all in the Parish Office and the Repository for their support in sales of our Christmas cards again this year. Also, to the loyal parishioners who support the Day Centre every year, it is very much appreciated.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful new year for 2024

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Sacred Mystery, waiting on the threshold of this New Year, you open the gates and beckon to me:
"Come, Come!"*

*Be not wary of what awaits you as you enter the unknown terrain,
Be not doubtful of your ability to grow from its joys and sorrows.*

*For I am with you. I will be your guide. I will be your protector. You will never be alone."
Guardian of this New Year, I set aside my fears, my worries, my concerns.*

I open my life to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions, to the endless opportunity of discovering you in my relationships and to all the silent wisps of wonder that draws me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing presence, O God, and walk with hope into this New Year.

("Out of the Ordinary" by Sr. Joyce Rupp: OSM).

New Pilgrim Path: Website of the Week

The late John O'Donohue was an Irish poet, Hegelian philosopher and author of many books including the best-selling *Anam Cara*. He believed that beauty is a human calling and that it unfolds in the becoming of a person, increasing in us as we pass through life's most harrowing thresholds. He had a lifelong fascination with the inner landscape of our lives and with what he called "the invisible world" that is constantly intertwining what we can know and see. One of the lines that he loved in the New Testament was: "One day you will know as you are now known." To hear his mesmerising hour-long discourse on 'The Inner Landscape of Beauty' visit: www.newpilgrimpath.ie



REMINDER

Eucharistic Ministers Home Visitation - If you are bringing Holy Communion to the sick on any day, please call to the sacristy beforehand. Please put host in Pix and place it on the altar for consecration at the Mass you are attending



St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

If you cannot make your scheduled Reading please contact John Green

Saturday, 13th January 2024

5.30pm Ann Maher

Sunday, 14th January 2024

9:30am Ben McDermott

11:00am Teresa Bolger

12:30pm Richard Tobin

PARISH REPOSITORY

We have a selection of Prayer books, Rosary beads and Rosettes for Confirmation and First Communion as well as various religious books, religious objects and the Irish Catholic newspaper available in the Repository located at the back of the Church.

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.

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

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to our volunteers for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter during the year

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




GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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JOHN
STRAP
WATER
DOVE

POWERFUL
SANDAL
SPIRIT
VOICE

KNEEL
BAPTISED
HEAVENS
BELOVED



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Is.12:2-6.R.v3

(R) With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Jn. 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood: with the Spirit as another witness – Since the Spirit is the truth so that there are three witnesses, the spirit, the water and the blood; and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's

testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn. 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk. 1:7-11

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.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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. It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.