

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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10th March 2024, 4th Sunday of Lent, 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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live)  
into your search or  
[churchmedia.tv](http://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

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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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)



## Thought for the Week

*"It is impossible to find a saint who did not take the 'two P's'  
seriously: prayer and penance." — St Francis Xavier*

## THE NOVENA OF GRACE

The **NOVENA** will continue until TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am and  
7.00pm. Sincere thanks to Fr. Eunan McDonnell, Salesian Provincial,  
for directing our Novena this year. His theme, **ENCOUNTERING JESUS**,  
was reflectively shared with us in his homilies through which we  
received much inspiration. Thanks to all parishioners and visitors who  
attended the Novena. Thanks to all the Readers, Ministers of the  
Eucharist who participated in their Ministry. Thanks to Dave O'  
Connor, our Organist and to our singers, Margo, Marie, Martha, Eoin,  
Paul and Pat. The music and singing added prayerfully to our Novena.

Thanks to Colette at the Office for all her work in preparing the  
brochure and the printing of the music and novena prayer leaflets.  
Thanks to Monika for keeping our church so clean and to Noel and  
John for directing the traffic. Thanks to the Hospitality Team for  
preparing the tea/coffee in the Centre. Thanks to Monika, Ann and  
Maureen for looking after the shop. Thanks to Karen our Sacristan for  
all her work in preparing the church each day for the Novena and for  
arranging the St. Francis Xavier statue and the prayer intention &  
music leaflets. Thanks to Willie and Shay, our other sacristans for  
their assistance. I am grateful to Fr. Tom, Fr. John, Deacon Jimmy and  
Fr. Michael for their co-operation and support. Again – thanks to all  
who helped make our Novena a prayerful experience. *Fr. Tony.*

## Mother's Day

*Do you know the origins of Mother's Day? I  
believe it grew out of the Feast of The  
Annunciation which is celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>  
each year. On that day Mary had the courage to say 'yes'  
to the Angel Gabriel. By saying 'yes' she became the  
Mother of Jesus—The Incarnation. It was originally known  
as 'Mothering Sunday', but was taken over by the  
commercial world and is known now as Mother's Day.  
May all mothers be loved and supported by their families*



Embrace Badjao Charity will be  
fundraising here in St. Agnes Church on  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March @ 5.30 Mass &  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30, 11 & 12.30, Selling  
Shamrock pots. €5 each



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

5.30pm

### ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Goldrick 1<sup>st</sup>; Andrew Reddy 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ann Weafer 3<sup>rd</sup>; Pauline McDonnell 7<sup>th</sup>  
Noel Whelan 13<sup>th</sup>; Susan O'Reilly 28<sup>th</sup>

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

John Fitzsimons

### MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mabel Gaynor; Nancy and Connie

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Brennan 16<sup>th</sup>; Nora Doyle 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Gibbons 23<sup>rd</sup> also remembering  
husband William  
Maureen Barry; Ann & John Hastings  
Tom & Annie McKenna  
Antoinette McKenna  
John & Margaret McAvinue

### MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE

Molly, Mary and Jane all in Heaven

11.00am

### ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth McDaid 1<sup>st</sup>; Seamus Prior 1<sup>st</sup>  
James (Jim) McKenna 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Patrick Delaney 4<sup>th</sup>; John Tisdall 8<sup>th</sup>  
Rose & William Bonner & deceased of the  
Bonner family; Nuala O'Connor  
Deceased of the Coughlan family  
Joe & Josie Mackey; Julia Browne

### MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE

Eileen, Olive, Bernie, Maureen and Esther  
Eileen, Patricia and Annie

12.30pm

### ANNIVERSARIES

Roseleen O'Connor Coolock 1<sup>st</sup>  
Maura Swords 3<sup>rd</sup>; Maureen Walsh 4<sup>th</sup>  
Helena Christie 6<sup>th</sup>; Syl O'Connor 6<sup>th</sup>  
Gertrude Noblett 8<sup>th</sup>; Tomás O Cuilinn 20<sup>th</sup>  
William Noblett 54<sup>th</sup>; Patrick Furlong 58<sup>th</sup>  
also remembering wife Brigid

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am

Patrick O'Raw Birthday Rem

7.00pm

### Novena of Grace

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am

### Novena of Grace

7.00pm

### Novena of Grace

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am

Christopher Dixon

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am

Bernard Smith 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rem.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

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

Eddie Edward Meehan, Derry Road  
William Behan, Captain's Road



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

*May they Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection

€ 2,100

Share:

€ 1,758

Family Offering:

€ 995

*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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)*

### The Week Ahead...

Sunday 10th Mar - Saturday 16th Mar 2024

**Sunday** 4th Sunday in Lent Year B

**Monday** St Aengus

**Tuesday** Of the Day

**Wednesday** Of the Day

**Thursday** Of the Day

**Friday** Of the Day

**Saturday** Of the Day

### St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

*If you cannot make your scheduled Reading  
please contact John Green*

### Saturday, 16th March 2024

**5.30pm** Ann Maher

### Sunday, 17th March 2024

**9:30am** Ben McDermott

**11:00am** Teresa Bolger

**12:30pm** Richard Tobin

**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**

## 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.*



**Trocaire Boxes are available at all Church exits, please  
take one home and save over the Lenten period.**



# St Agnes Parish Novena of Grace & Parish Retreat 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Conducted by Fr. Eunan McDonnell, (SDB), Provincial of the Salesians.  
Theme: "Encountering Jesus"



Date	Times	Topic
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am ONLY	<b>OPEN MY EYES</b> Gospel of the Day—the Blind Man
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<b>DO NOT WEEP</b> Mary and the Risen Christ
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<b>HEALING</b> (Gospel of the Paralysed Man's healing)

## ST. PATRICKS DAY

We are fast approaching St. Patricks Day. At this time we think a lot about our family and loved ones who are living abroad. As a way of remembering and praying for them, please write their names on the slip of paper provided and place in the box which will be left at the top of the Church. They will all be remembered in our prayers at all the Masses on St. Patricks Day.



## 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.

## Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

**Take my hand, O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall;  
I grow nervous while I'm walking and on thee I humbly call.  
Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs  
Let me know that you're beside me; listen to my fervent prayers.  
Bring me to my destination safely every single day,  
Help me with each undertaking as the hours pass away.  
And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone:  
take my hand O Blessed Mother, once again and lead me home. Amen.**



## New Pilgrim Path: Website of the Week: You are the Beloved!

"Who am I?" The late Henri Nouwen, theologian, and bestselling spiritual writer, believed that, for most of us, our response will be linked to what we have, or what we do, or what others say about us. By allowing our self-worth to be determined by external factors over which we have no control, we are often led to a sense of worthlessness and despair. "Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved.' Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."

"I hope that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being, 'You are the Beloved!'" In an electrifying 18 minute homily from 1992, he urges that the key task of our spiritual journey is to claim that truth and live a life based upon it. Access it at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

## GOSPEL WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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BLIND	SPAT	PASTE
SPITTLE	SIGHT	RESTORED
PROPHET	PARENTS	DISCIPLES
SINNERS	DEVOUT	BELIEVE





## Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

**FIRST READING 2 Chron. 36:14-16.19-23**

**A reading from the second book of Chronicles.**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation."

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia. The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 136:1-6.R.v.6**

**(R) O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;

on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. (R)

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us', they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R)

3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R)

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R)

**SECOND READING Eph. 2:4-10**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn. 3:16**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL Jn 9: 1.6-9.13-17.34-38**

Priest: The Lord be with you

**People: And with your Spirit**

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

**People: Glory to you O Lord.**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the

ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'what have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### A NEW LIBRARY CRUMLIN/DRIMNAGH - ON THE ARDSKOIL ÉANNA SITE

You are invited to attend a drop-in information evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 4.00pm to 7.00pm in Our Lady's Hall, Mourne Road, Drimnagh. Dublin City Council staff, including from Libraries and City Architects, will be available on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's Hall, Mourne Road, so you can find out more.

Please pop in on the night, where you can see designs and find out about next steps.

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



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