

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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26th January 2025, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C.

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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

*"Do not let sadness steal your joy, for it's through joy that we find
our strength" - St John Bosco*

REFLECTION – 25th/26th JANUARY, 2025

A new President for the USA was inaugurated last Monday, 20th January, a ceremony which carried great significance. Irrespective of our views on the new President, what struck me forcibly was that Cardinal Dolan and Preacher Graham were called on to pray at the beginning of the inauguration. Earlier President elect and his family attended a ceremony in St. John's Church. The Cardinal and Preacher prayed fervently for the new President, for his family and also invoked God's blessing that the President would have the strength to fulfil his mandate. I was impressed by the priority given to these "religious" moments. Many in the crowd closed their eyes, joining in spirit with the sentiments of the prayers. Perhaps we see the USA as a nation which gives expression to their beliefs, rituals, views, Christian faiths of all hues, ideologies, and extreme opinions. This freedom is good for any democracy but we cannot abuse such freedoms. I pondered if such a scenario of public prayer would ever happen in our democracy at a political rally or public gathering of any kind. No. Not in Ireland. In the Ireland of the 21st century we are at a point where we are almost condemned and shamed for expressing our Catholic faith and our fidelity to God. We are almost embarrassed in referring to the name of Jesus but we have no difficulty in using the Holy name of Jesus except in profanities!

Reflecting on the forces of evil and corruption within the Church and priesthood, former Pope Benedict XVI said that we will, in time, have "*a remnant Church*", by which he meant that we will have smaller congregations in our Church community but that this remnant will be a leaven, a light, a true community of people in Christ. We see this "remnant" emerge before our eyes.

Since the pandemic of 2020, many parish communities have been struggling to re-build and re-gather in the numbers, lay involvement and volunteerism we once had. Yet, we remain *hope-filled* because we are still blessed that there are people in our parishes who are willing to be involved for the good of their parish community, smaller, but their hearts are in the right place. We are fortunate in our Parish to have such people and if they weren't committed our parish would be less enriched and less welcoming. Vocations to priesthood and religious life have declined so rapidly, with the majority of priests in the Dublin Diocese and elsewhere are over 65. In some parishes, priests – men in their late 80's are still filling in the gaps. This is simply unsustainable. Imagine, our own Fr. John retired officially just before Christmas at the age of 89! What an amazing dedication to his priestly ministry!

We are grateful to God for the parishioners who are committed to our parish and making it a more caring, welcoming and Christ centred community. *ALL OF US* have a role to play. Each of us has a talent or gift given by God to be used for the good of one another. This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the blessing and opening of St. Agnes Church. We think of the thousands of people over these years who gave of their time, energy and gifts to build this parish. There is much to be proud of. As a political slogan once said, "*much done but more to achieve*". We, the community of St. Agnes can achieve more by way of renewing our Parish. What can we pass on to a new generation of followers of Christ? What can we do now so that this Parish may continue to be a community of kindness, caring, welcome and Christ-likeness? Above all may we have the courage and strength to proclaim our Christian faith and our devotion to Jesus. Let us never be pushed out of the public sphere. The message of the gospel of Christ is as relevant today as it was over 2000 years ago. While we honour the 90th anniversary of the dedication of our Church, we look back with gratitude, live the present with passion and embrace the future with hope. *Fr. Tony*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th January

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Mary Molly Hennebery; Derek Moore

ANNIVERSARIES
Patricia Weldon 4th; Francis Griffin 9th
Kitty & Jim Keogh; Michael O'Brien
Alice Coffey also husband Joe
Deceased of Collins & Coffey families and friends

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Bernadette Rawlins also husband Noel
Lil and Leo Eustace

Sunday 26th January

9.30am **MONTHS MIND**
Derek Moore
Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am **MONTHS MIND**
Bridget Kavanagh; Margaret Wisely
Derek Moore

RECENTLY DECEASED
Marie Williams

ANNIVERSARIES
Dominic Dowling 11th; Kevin Hughes 26th

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
David Gleeson; Derek Moore
Walter Roche

ANNIVERSARIES
Christine Furlong 2nd; Maria Pilarz 3rd
Graham Connolly 4th
Rose Keogh 4th also Birthday Rem
Bill O'Leary 8th; Sarah O'Connell 29th
James & Sheila Walsh 40th
Kitty & Laurence Keighery; Frank Browne

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Ellen Jackson

Monday 27th January

9.00am Marie Long 1st Anniv.
Kevin, Dolores & Larry Smith

Thursday 30th January

9.00am Turlough Halpin 5th

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



Luke Nolan, Leighlin Rd
Julia Byrne, Derry Road
Teresa Murphy, Greenhills
Pat Bray, Walkinstown
Jimmy James Rossiter, Rutland Grove
Gerardine King Judges, Blackpool
Jack John Farrell, Clonfert Road
Ann Henderson, 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 € 2,298
Share: € 1,761
Family Offering: € 830

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

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 26th Jan - Saturday 1st Feb 2025

Sunday	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
Monday	St Angela Merici
Tuesday	St Thomas Aquinas
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Bl B Markiewicz; St Aidan [Ferns/Kilmore]
Friday	St John Bosco
Saturday	St Brigid; Salesian Dead

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.

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 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

SAINT JOHN BOSCO STAINED GLASS ICON

The 12.30pm Mass next Sunday, 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Father Eunan McDonnell, Provincial of the Salesians, Ireland, will be the main celebrant to give thanksgiving to God for the presence and pastoral ministry of the Salesians in our Parish since 1975. The GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SERVICE. At the end of this mass we will be unveiling and blessing a Stained Glass Icon of St. John Bosco to honour this occasion and to entrust all children and young people to his protection and guidance. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS MASS** which will be followed by a cup of tea/coffee in the Parish Centre.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO 31st JANUARY

On this day we celebrate the feast of St. John Bosco founder of the Salesians. He died in 1888. John Bosco was born in Piedmont, he founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers. The Salesians for many years have ministered here in St. Agnes parish for which we are very grateful, and we wish them a happy feast day on Friday.



ALFIE LAMBE

Holy Mass for the Beatification of The Servant of God Alfie Lambe - Legion of Mary Envoy to South America 1953 - 1959 will be held on Sunday 9th February at 12.30pm in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin. All are welcome.



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.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel - 26th January 2025 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time

1. The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
2. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you
3. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is also being fulfilled even as we hear it NOW. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?
4. This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find in it encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?

John Byrne OSA; Email jpbyrneosa@gmail.com

(Courtesy of Intercom)

RENDEVOUS

Calling all young adults to get ready to dance and grow in faith!

Looking to recharge your soul, build true friendships, and have a blast? This event is just for YOU!



When? Saturday February 1st



Time? 2.30pm – 6.30pm



Location? St. Agnes Parish Hall, Crumlin D12 KC99

Come join Jesus Youth Ireland and let's make this an unforgettable evening!

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING **Neh. 8:2-6.8-10**

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand: he read from the book from early morning to noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, “Amen!”; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then (Nehemiah – His Excellency – and) Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, “This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.” For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, “Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 18:8-10.15.R.Jn.6:63

R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **(R)**

SECOND READING **Cor. 12:12-14.27** **(Shorter Form)**

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Lk.4:18-19**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Luke 1:1-4.4:14-21**

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.**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them. “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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