

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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23rd March 2025, 3rd Sunday of Lent , 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

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy". - Pope Francis

REFLECTION - 22nd / 23rd MARCH, 2025

We've all had the experience of being ignored by other people and it can be very hurtful, more so if the person is a close relative, friend or family member. Being ignored is a way of deliberately insulting or hurting another person. Sometimes we have to ignore much of what is said about us but when being ignored is constant and deliberate, we can feel a sense of isolation and distress. When people we expect loyalty from ignore us frequently we begin to question the quality of their love or care.

We have this experience in our first reading today. Moses must have been thrilled to hear his name called by God while he was out tending his flock. The Israelite people were beginning to think that God had forgotten them in their distress and suffering. As Moses approached the burning bush he heard God say to him, *"Moses, Moses, come no further. I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob."* God goes on to say that he has seen the suffering of his people and that he will save them from the Egyptians and lead them into a spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. God assures Moses that he is a God who acts, who cares and whose word is to be trusted. When God speaks, something actually happens. Moses is to tell the people that God's name is *"I AM."* This is another way of saying that God is above all other "gods." And so, Moses brings a message of hope to the Israelite people.

The Israelites will realise that God does not stand aloof from them. He does not ignore their plight. He does not stay at a distance. God is not a sideliners keeping an eye on people's misfortunes or sinfulness or wayward ways. No, he is a God who wants to be involved in people's sufferings. This is a wonderful revelation in the Old Testament and one which sees its fulfilment in Christ. For in Christ alone we have the complete presence of God. In Jesus we see that God is close to us, that he cares, that he is a God of love, mercy and compassion, that he is a God who desires only what is best for us. In Jesus we see our dignity and our worth in the eyes of God. We have an eternal value. In Jesus we witness the fidelity of God to us in all the situations of our lives.

"We can let go of burdens like shame, condemnation and worry, perfectionism and insecurity in our lives. And - we can cling desperately - even through tears - to the assurance that God knows us and he loves us with an infinite love. We can lay our burdens at the feet of Christ and receive what he offers himself." (Sarah J. Hauser.)

The God who told Moses that *"I AM"* is the God of Jesus whom we encounter in the Eucharist - a God who is forever with us, a God who forever cares and a God who is constant in his love. Let us, like the God revealed in Jesus be people who pay attention to others, care for them and offer life in fullness. We can do it.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd March

5.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Deirdre Murray 1st; Luke Quigley 1st
Clare May 2nd; Tommo Zambra 5th
Breda O'Callaghan 12th;
Paddy Williams 15th; Patrick Daly 16th
Thomas McEnroe 40th also rem wife Mary,
daughter Marie, son Tommy & daughter in
law Linda; Patricia Byrne 41st
Rachel Mulvaney also rem her mother
Kathleen

Sunday 23rd March

9.30am

MONTHS MIND

Owen Daly also sister Mary McGowan on
her months mind; Michael O'Leary

ANNIVERSARIES

Anne Byrne 3rd; Christina Farrell 20th

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Joe McDonnell

*Remembering all those enrolled in our
Book of Remembrance*

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Michael O'Leary

ANNIVERSARIES

May Tynan 9th; John Tisdall 10th
Nellie Lowry also remembering son
Anthony Recently Deceased
Anthony & Rita Brooks

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Pat and Patty Williamson

12.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

George Plunkett 1st; Christina Flinter 2nd
Pat Taylor 7th; Diarmuid Flood 7th
Elizabeth Behan 8th; Andrew Roche 11th
Bertie Dunne 14th; Liam Hendley 16th
Larry Flood 49th; Martin & Annie Ennis
James Clancy; Rose Clarke

Thursday 27th March

9.00am

Patricia Lawler 1st; Anne Byrne

Friday 28th March

9.00am

Tom Kavanagh 12th
Jack Martin 9th

Saturday 29th March

9.00am

Esther Healy 3rd

*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



Patrick Maxwell, Derry Road
James Jimmy Walsh, Innismore
Agnes Duncan, Windmill Road
Sheila Glynn, Percy French Road
Thomas Doyle, Parnell Road
Gertrude Reilly, Beechfield Road

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,880
Share: € 2,253
Family Offering: € 1,105

*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 23rd March - Saturday 29th March 2025

Sunday	3 rd Sunday of Lent Year C
Monday	St Macartan [Clogher]; St Oscar Romero
Tuesday	The Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	Of the Day

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

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**



Two notebooks of thanksgiving to our mothers are in the front of the altar. Please feel free to write a message of thanks to your mother whether with us or gone before us. These will be placed on the Altar for Mother's Day Sunday 30th March.

Points to Ponder for the Third Sunday of Lent 23 March 2025

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words 'Repent or you will perish' remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: 'The unexamined life is not worth living.' The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked 'Weren't we supposed to preach today?' Francis replied, 'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behavior was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!' He summed up his idea in these words 'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.' To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.

associationofcatholicpriests.ie (courtesy of Intercom)

Scoil Eoin Confirmation

Congratulations to the girls and boys from Scoil Eoin who were confirmed last Friday. We hope and pray that they will live up to the promises they made when they received the Sacrament. We would like to thank the teachers, and all involved in preparing the children for this special day in their lives



Prayer in Lent - Reflections on the Stations of the Cross continues on the Thursdays of Lent at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The reflections will be given by 3 parishioners who have completed the Pathways program in our diocese. ALL ARE WELCOME.

St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men - Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org

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.

Easter Mass Bouquets are now available for sale in the Parish office and the Repository.

Legion of Mary Acies

The annual Acies ceremony for active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary takes place on Saturday 29th March at 3.00pm in the Holy Spirit Church, Greenhills. All are welcome.

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Lord, I thank you that no matter what I may face today, with your help I will be able to endure, overcome and prevail. I thank you in advance for your strength and energy which will sustain me, your wisdom that will guide me and your peace that will fill my soul. May I honour you today and every day in what I do, think **and say. In Jesus's name, I pray. AMEN.**

God wants you to know that he will be with you; he will protect you; he will be your strength; he will listen to you; he will provide for your soul; he will comfort you; he will give you peace; he will always love you. AMEN.

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

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight." Moses said "and see why the bush is not burnt." Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" he said, "Here I am," he answered. "Come no nearer," he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father," he said, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt, I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow." Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am, This," he added, "is what you must say to the sons of Israel; 'I Am has sent me to you.' And God also said to Moses, "You are to say to the sons of Israel; The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 102:1-4.6-8.11.Rv.8

(R) The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R)

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him (R)

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 10:1-6.10-12

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain; some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mat. 4:17

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

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.

It was just about this time that some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No: but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No: but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you cut it down'."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week: A Poem a Day for Lent

A beautiful Lenten resource for individual and group meditation is "Ecce Homo: Poems for Lent and Holy Week", from the Anglican Archdiocese of Algoma, Canada. The daily Lenten poems include poems of lamentation and pain – reminders of Jesus's suffering – as well as of contemplation, praise and thanksgiving. The poems are rich and varied - from poets as diverse as George Herbert, Dylan Thomas, St Thomas More, Christina Rossetti, Wendell Berry, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, John Greenleaf Whittier, Isaac Watts and many more. Each poem is accompanied by a short reflection, making it an excellent Lenten resource for both groups and individuals. Click here to access: - www.newpilgrimpath.ie



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