

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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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 never too late to be what you might have been."*

*George Elliot (Novelist)*

## REFLECTION - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

***"EVEN IF WE HIT ROCK BOTTOM GOD LETS US START OVER AGAIN WITH HIM."* (Pope Francis)**

The woman in the gospel today meets with much unnecessary harshness, judgment, vitriol, hurt. She is seen only as a **"sinner"** and therefore as unworthy in the eyes of God. She is unwelcome in any community. The Scribes and the Pharisees come to Jesus with a woman whom they deem sinful and unclean. On the surface they appear as if their focus was on the woman but they really wanted to know from Jesus how the law should be interpreted in her situation. **The real focus is Jesus not the woman.** They are trying to trap Jesus in the hope of finding something against him. But Jesus knows the twisted intent in their hearts: He knows they want to undermine him. Jesus refused to answer their questions because he saw them as not sincere questions. His writing on the ground suggests that Jesus Himself is not willing to play their game. When the moral guardians of the Jewish Law persist with their questioning, Jesus cuts through their pretence and hypocrisy with the question: ***"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let them be the first to throw a stone at her."*** Their slipping away one by one showed some vague acceptance that they were not without sin themselves.

Jesus treated this woman with great respect and dignity. He declared first that God was not condemning her and then called her to live in a way that was in keeping with her dignity as someone made in God's image. In Jesus this woman is restored in her sense of self-worth and dignity in the eyes of God. This woman was truly touched by the grace of God's love and mercy, denied to her by a baying mob of hypocrites and sinners themselves, though they were too proud and blind to their own failings. This is a lovely story about how God waits for us. He lets Himself be found precisely when we think there is no hope left for us.

Jesus enables this woman to re-find her true identity as a child of God and is therefore forever loved by Him. This woman's past was painful, and complicated. Now in her redeemed identity as a child of God she can leave the past behind: it need not be a burden anymore: she is reconciled with God in and through Jesus.

The story of this woman is played out in our lives, our homes, our communities, our world every day. How many people have been isolated, made unwelcome, unloved, unworthy because of our lack of mercy, kindness and compassion? How many people have been shredded of their dignity because of racism, prejudice, hatred, scathing remarks, foul talk, selfishness, reckless behaviour and judgment? This gospel invites us, like the woman to open our hearts to God through the ***Sacrament of Confession.*** We have all some areas of our lives which we need to bring to the mercy of God. Let us have the courage of our hearts and conscience to know this need of God's mercy as we journey towards Easter. Life's challenges and complications can estrange us from God and from one another. Let us be truly reconciled to God and to one another.

*Fr. Tony.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**5.30pm**      **MONTHS MIND**  
Jacinta Kinnear; Phyllis Barnes

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Leo O'Leary 1<sup>st</sup>; Darren McCabe 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mary Elizabeth Mamie Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lily (Elizabeth) O'Brien 4<sup>th</sup> Tadgh Honan 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas Rawlins 5<sup>th</sup>; Tommy Donohoe 12<sup>th</sup>  
Peggy Rawlins 14<sup>th</sup>; Thomas Roche 27<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas Grennan 50<sup>th</sup>; John Duncan 55<sup>th</sup>  
Helen Mahon also remembering her mother Betty; Hubert Fortune  
Deceased of Duncan & Doyle families

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**9.30am**      **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Tommy Donohoe 12<sup>th</sup>  
*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance*

**11.00am**      **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Kay Daly 1<sup>st</sup>; Denis Keane 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Margaret Ward and husband Christopher 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sean Meleady 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dan fox 40<sup>th</sup> & deceased of Fox family  
Brendan & Mary Gleeson

**12.30pm**      **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Noel Dunne 1<sup>st</sup>; Breda O'Reilly 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cleo Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>; Dermot Devlin 4<sup>th</sup>  
Anthony Jones 5<sup>th</sup>; Joan Devlin 6<sup>th</sup>  
Imelda Hawkins 6<sup>th</sup>; Patrick Dempsey 14<sup>th</sup>  
Frank O'Reilly 36<sup>th</sup>; Edith Prior 42<sup>nd</sup> also remembering daughter Carmel Murphy 14<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Brown 45<sup>th</sup>; Rita Cox 59<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Norton

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Bernadette Hyland nee Walsh 68th Birthday Rem;  
John McCabe;  
Susan Ahearn

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**9.00am**      Hubert Fortune Anniversary

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**9.00am**      Eileen Fetherston 18<sup>th</sup>

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

**9.00am**      Ursula Hayes 1st

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**9.00am**      Mary Woods (nee Halligan) 5<sup>th</sup>  
Maureen Harborne 37<sup>th</sup>

*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

Anthony Carey, Rockmeade Court  
Joe (Joseph) McCabe, Balfe Road  
Maeve (Mary) Fitzpatrick, Crumlin Road  
Brendan Genockey, Leighlin Road



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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## Last Weekends Collections

**1st Collection**      € 1,928  
**Share:**              € 1,508  
**Family Offering:**      € 900

*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 30<sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	5th Sunday of Lent; Year C
<b>Monday</b>	St John Baptist de la Salle
<b>Tuesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Thursday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Friday</b>	St Stanislaus
<b>Saturday</b>	Of the Day

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm 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 how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

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

**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**



## Palm Sunday

Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April is Palm Sunday, Blessed palm will be available after all Masses



### Family Carers

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.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.*



**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.**

### ***THE IRISH CATHOLIC***

The **IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER** is available every week in the Repository at the back of the Church. It's an informative journal for all things CATHOLIC both at home and abroad. It carries lots of interesting articles about our Catholic faith, spiritual reading, book reviews, letters and comments of relevance for our Church and the world we live in. Buying a copy of it either weekly or monthly will nourish your faith but also keep you up to date about events in the Irish and International Church and the Vatican. Please consider purchasing a copy. I recall as a child and teenager reading the Irish Catholic and finding it very worthwhile in educating me about my Catholic faith and giving me insights into the life of the Universal Church. *(Fr. Tony).*



**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**

### 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.

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

### THE SILENCE

*On this summer day with its azure sky  
There is much silence, the air is still  
Trees motionless yet resplendent in their  
Explosion of vibrant colours  
Birds are quietened but suddenly I watch five  
magpies  
Alight on the garden wall, dancing  
Backwards and forward  
Delighted, free, unbothered.  
In a hurry they were gone  
Upward beyond the willow tree  
Away into the distance. As my eyes gazed upon  
them  
I too was lifted heavenward with hope, life,  
freedom. *(Fr. Tony).**

### ***Discover the Power of Solar Panels***

**Join the Green Revolution Today!**

**Save the date – Tuesday, 15 April Proposed Talk at Kimmage Manor Parish Hall. (If we get enough people to attend, we would be able to engage a speaker from SEAI)**

### ***Why Solar Panels?***

Solar panels offer a sustainable and cost-effective solution to meet your energy needs. By harnessing the power of the light and sun, you can reduce your electricity bills, decrease your carbon footprint, and contribute to a cleaner, greener environment.

If you are interested, please contact Brenda 10.00 am – 2.00 pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri) at Kimmage Manor Parish: Tel: 01 4064377, to leave your name and number.

If we get enough people, the Kimmage Environmental Group will then organise a speaker to give some further information when we have got in touch with SEAI.

## Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING Is. 43: 16-21

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out life a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.  
The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.125.R.v.3

#### (R) What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R)
2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R)

### SECOND READING Phil. 3:8-14

#### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Amos 5:14

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

### GOSPEL Jn. 8:1-11

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.**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who has been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus, "Go away, and don't sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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.**

### *New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week: John O'Donohue*

"Somewhere, out at the edges, the light is turning... and the freed air goes wild with light... May I live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love." These are the words of John O'Donohue - author, poet, Hegelian philosopher and authority on Celtic spirituality - in a truly uplifting ten-minute memorial video. For those who would like to delve deeper into the thinking of John O'Donohue, we provide a link to an inspiring lecture he recorded on the topic of aging. Access these rich resources at This year, they publish a "best of" selection - highlights from across the series, from 2015-2024. Access this rich resource at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)



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