

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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26th October 2025, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them."—Elisabeth Elliot, American Christian missionary

REFLECTION – 25th/26th OCTOBER, 2025

Before Mahatma Gandhi led India in its struggle for independence he practised law in South Africa. There he witnessed great injustices. He advised people to offer passive resistance to the government's policy of discrimination. He had no official political role but his power was based on his immense moral and spiritual authority. Having observed so much wrong and deliberate discrimination, he said: **"It has always been a mystery to me how men feel themselves honoured by the humiliation of others."** On his return to India he gave up law and committed himself to practising **"satyagraha"** – the non-violent force that is born of truth and love. Gandhi saw truth as having a power of its own and although imprisoned for speaking against British colonial rule, he never doubted the rightness of his beliefs and cause. In the language of the first reading today, Gandhi believed in a God who was not a respecter of privilege to the detriment of the poor.

In the Gospel Jesus addresses people who pride themselves on their virtue while despising everyone else, those who honour themselves by humiliating others. Jesus then tells a parable about two men who go to the Temple to pray: one is a good man, the other is a crook. One led a decent religious life, the other was mixed up in corruption. The good and the bad are entitled to pray but in this gospel story only one actually prays in truthfulness of heart. The Pharisee addresses his prayer to "himself" and thanks God that he is not like "those other people" whose lives are corrupt and bad. He boasts about his fasting, his almsgiving, his keeping the laws. A perfect human being!!

In contrast the tax collector stands in the background, in the shadows. He goes straight to the matter. **"God, be merciful to me a sinner."** This man owns his wrongdoing, sins and many failings. He throws himself completely at God's mercy. He has only his brokenness as a human being to offer to God. Recognising his sinfulness he hopes that God's mercy will bring him to a new beginning in his life.

In responding to both men Jesus displays God's mercy in a most powerful way – a mercy which is for everyone, a mercy which doesn't require us to pretend we're perfect but that all of us have a broken humanity which we can bring to God. God sees the good and the bad in all of us. Jesus is calling both the Pharisee and the Tax Collector to have a larger vision of God and never to fear to entrust all our truth and reality to the grace of God's mercy. We each stand in need of God's mercy and healing. For Jesus, sinners were not just sinners: they were **"beloved"** sinners. God always awaits our return to him. **"God be merciful to me a sinner"** is the prayer we all should have in our hearts before God. Pope Francis said: **"Amid so many problems, even grave ones, may we not lose hope in the infinite mercy of God."** Saint John Bosco said: **"Do not try to excuse your faults, try always to correct them."** We do so with the grace of God's mercy.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th October

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Maurice Palmer

ANNIVERSARIES

Angela Byrne 1st; Thomas Kelly 4th
Denise Fitzgerald 8th; Ernie Gibney 10th
Noel Daly 13th; Liam Murray 24th
Phelim Hamill 24th; John Cranley 38th
Michael O'Brien also deceased of O'Brien &
Mahon families; Jim & Kitty McBride
Jim & Kathleen Jameson
Marie McBride; Tom O'Shaughnessy
Pat & Niall Walsh; Joan & Brian McBride
Martin Conroy; Kim Keogh
Alexander & Mary Jane Sykes

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Alan Mark O'Driscoll 1st birthday away from home

Sunday 26th October

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Elaine Buggy 2nd; Breda Murphy 16th
Harry Dunne 30th; Peter Farrell 41st

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sylvester Comiskey

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Kavanagh 5th; Peter Comiskey 28th
Mary & Jack Martin and deceased of McGann and Martin families

12.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Siobhan Duffy

ANNIVERSARIES

Derek Wickham 9th; Chrissie Wickham

Monday 27th October

9.00am

Gabriel McCann Months Mind
May Hayden 30th also rem her husband Tom
Derry & Matt Kennedy

Tuesday 28th October

9.00am

John Carthy Recently Deceased in Manchester

Thursday 30th October

9.00am

Mary Gaynor 8th

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



Eileen Kearney, Cashel Rd

David Turner, Crumlin

Sr. Philomena O'Sullivan, Columban Sister

Fr. Dermot McCarthy, Dublin Diocese

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,037

Mission Sunday: € 3,716

Family Offering: € 985

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 Oct - Saturday 1st Nov 2025

Sunday	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday	St Otteran [Waterford]
Tuesday	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
Wednesday	St Michael Rua
Thursday	Bl Dominic Collins
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	Feast of All Saints

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

November Altar List of Remembrance

The November Altar List of Remembrance Envelopes are available in the Church porches. All Masses on the First Fridays of the months throughout the year are offered for all whose names you have placed on the Parish Altar List of Remembrance. November is the year which is dedicated to praying for all who have died and to pray too for all who are grieving that they will be blessed and comforted.



Annual Mass for Deceased

St. Agnes Parish Annual Mass for deceased parishioners will take place on Thursday 27th November at 7.00pm. Invitations will be sent to all the families concerned.

New Pilgrim Path-Website of the Week: 'On Grief'



"When you lose someone you love,/ Your life becomes strange,/The ground beneath you gets fragile". November, with its shortening days, is a month when we often remember our dead. A short, guided reflection on "Grief" is presented by the superb Pray-As-You-Go Jesuit website, drawing on John O'Donohue's haunting poem, "For Grief". Access this, and other rich spiritual online resources, at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

Saturday 1st November is the feast of All Saints and a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 9.00am and 10.00am only.

The commemoration of the faithful departed will be celebrated on **Sunday 2nd November**, at the normal weekend Masses.

INVITATION OF THE SKY

The murmuration of starlings
Like visiting celestial beings
Enthral the evening sky
Exquisite in their co-ordination
Swooping low and high in a mosaic of wonderment
In perfect harmony, unbounded
In theatrical orchestration, a symphony of elegance.
They know their place in this open landscape
Weaving, dancing in joyful flight
Creating their story in the wide open space
Their movement, a call to dream, soar high and imagine.
In an instant a robin from the hanging ivy branches
Perches on my window sill gently chirping,
Its song whispering gratitude for all gifts.

(Fr. Tony.)

St. Vincent de Paul The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses this weekend

FREE CONCERT 'SONGS FOR AN AUTUMN EVENING'

HARMONY FEDERATION (ALL IRELAND
BARBERSHOP CHORUS)

The Firhouse Singers

Venue: ST AGNES CHURCH, CRUMLIN
SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER @ 7PM

Collection for Little Flower Penny Dinners, Meath St

FOR MORE DETAILS : RAY @ 0879195012

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 27th October is a Bank Holiday.

The Church will close after the 9.00am Mass.
The Parish Office and Parish Centre will be closed.

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**



Summer Time Ends...
Remember, clocks go back one hour on this Saturday 25th October.



Church art Calendars 2026 are available in the Repository and the Parish Office, price €1.50 each

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Eccles. 35:12-14.16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man; he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable; nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32: 2-3.17-19.23.R.v.7

(R) This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R)**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R)**

SECOND READING 2 Tim. 4:6-8.16-18

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt. 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

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.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get. The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said; 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.' This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God, the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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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.