

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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7th December 2025, 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A



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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
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

*"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last
-minute rush." - Anonymous*

Reflections—Second Sunday of Advent

- In today's Gospel John's message is a stark call to 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' He condemns the religious leaders' empty reliance on ancestry. Reflect: Is your faith a matter of genuine, internal transformation, producing a changed life (the 'fruit' John demands), or is it merely a superficial identity?
- John's role was to prepare the way for the Lord, making 'straight paths for him.' This involves honest self-examination. We ask ourselves: What 'mountains' of pride or 'valleys' of apathy in my life need to be leveled to make a clear, unobstructed path for Christ to reign?
- John speaks of the coming Messiah who will 'baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Fire refines and purges. What is it in our lives that needs the Holy Spirit's purifying fire to burn away pride, or self-reliance, leaving only what is genuine and dedicated to God?
- The image of the winnowing fork is one of ultimate separation and accountability. It reminds us that our choices have eternal consequences. Does the reality of final judgment influence my daily decisions to live a life of faithfulness and integrity?

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The ANNUAL INDOOR COLLECTION takes place this weekend, 6th/7th DECEMBER at all masses throughout the Diocese, replacing the SHARE Collection. The Society has many extra demands on its resources at this time of year and we know the members of the Society are very appreciative of our monthly support and this special indoor Christmas Collection. Our Parish Community supports the Society in its outreach to individuals and families in greatest need and our financial support, particularly this Christmas Collection will enable them to help many people and families. **May God touch our hearts with generosity for this INDOOR COLLECTION for the SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.**

Fr. Tony

Sing for Simon in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin

St. Agnes CCMA Orchestras, and Community Choir will perform Christmas Carols, music and holiday favourites in St. Agnes Church on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm. Admission is free. Donations to Dublin Simon at the door and at www.dubsimon.ie
All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th December

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Josephine Lloyd

ANNIVERSARIES

Angela McAuley 1st; Kevin Kavanagh 1st
Lily Walsh 2nd; Rita Craine 2nd
Thomas Elders 8th; Fr. Eamonn Whelan 9th
Molly Blayney 12th; Helen and Bob Maxwell
Eileen and Joe Lynch; Tom Zambra
Austin and May McNally and deceased family members

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

David Fitzgerald 70th; Josephine Whelan

Sunday 7th December

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Carton 1st; Bernard Kenny 7th
Michael Howlett 36th
Kathleen and Seamus Donohoe
Florrie Brennan; Kathleen Staunton
Andrew O'Reilly; Sue King

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Emily Harding

ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Carton 1st; Catherine Farren 1st
Anthony Duncan 24th; Tom King 39th
Ellen King 46th; Deceased of the Duncan, Doyle and O'Raw families; Eileen Farren
David Byrne; Alice Byrne; Cissie Minnock
Dan and Bridie Cusack
Kathleen and Patrick Pluck; Tom Tallon
Deceased Members of CADARA

12.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brendan Brogan; Cathy Regan

ANNIVERSARIES

Louise Collins 1st; Joe Keegan 1st
Kathleen McDonnell 26th
Manus and Hughie Brogan
Mary Caffrey; Ann Cooling
James O'Sullivan; Mary Burton O'Sullivan
John Joe O'Sullivan; Christopher Duckling

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Geraldine O'Dwyer; Patrick Brogan 95th
William Connell also 15th Anniv

Monday 8th December

9.00am

Martin Vahey 8th; Michael Lyons 17th
Helen Mahon & deceased of Mahon & O'Brien families. Imelda Cullen Birthday rem
Marion O'Shea Recently Deceased

Tuesday 9th December

9.00am

Michael O'Keeffe Months Mind;
Yvonne Ryan 1st; Edward O'Keeffe 2nd
Olive Murphy 9th; Sheila Grennan 11th
Phyllis O'Reilly & deceased family members

MASS INTENTIONS Contd.

Wednesday 10th December

9.00am

Eileen Kelly 10th

Thursday 11th December

9.00am

Margaret Corrigan 4th

Friday 12th December

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

Frank Cleary, Cashel Road
Eileen Graham, Greenpark
Hugh O'Callaghan, Perrystown
Una Carroll, Iveagh Gardens
Joan Dargan, Hillsbrook Drive



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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,087

Share Collection: € 1,636

Family Offering: € 1,145

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 7th Dec - Saturday 13th Dec 2025

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent Yr A
Monday	Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin
Wednesday	Our Lady of Loreto
Thursday	St Damasus I
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe; St Finnian[Meath]
Saturday	St Lucy

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

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Last year the response to parishioners donating poinsettias for our Christmas flower decorations was wonderful. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time. We invite parishioners to do likewise again this year. We ask you to bring a poinsettia - red or white and any height - to our Church any time after the 14th December. The poinsettias can be left at the oratory door or the sacristy door. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Volunteers are needed to distribute the Christmas Schedule to homes in the parish during the week commencing 8th December. If you have some time to spare and feel like taking a walk in your local area, please call to the parish office, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Concert

St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church, Crumlin will have a concert on Tuesday 16th December at 7.00pm. The award winning King's Hospital School Choir will be performing.
Refreshments and Monster Raffle after the concert.
Tickets €12 each on sale at the door.

Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of Barretstown will be held in St. Agnes Parish Centre on Tuesday 9th December from 9.30am to 12 noon. Raffle on the day. All are welcome

Feast Days This Week

Monday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

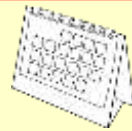
Many people believe that the feast celebrates Jesus' conception, but in fact it celebrates Mary's Immaculate Conception; the fact that Mary was, from the very first moment of her existence (her conception), without sin, and chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. When Mary's mother, Saint Anne, became pregnant with Mary, God intervened and made Mary exempt from original sin. Mary was chosen by God to become the Mother of Christ. The original sin refers to the belief that all humans are born with sin. This is why Catholics baptise their children while they're very young. Baptism is thought to cleanse the soul of sin.

Mary, as the woman who would one day become Jesus' mother, needed to be totally free from sin. So, God made sure that Mary was born without the original sin. In other words, he made her 'immaculate'. Mary spent her life in a perfect relationship with God.

Oh Mary conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Masses on the day will be at 9.00am and 10.00am only

Church Art Calendars 2025 are available in the Repository and the Parish Office, price €1.50 each



Christmas Mass Bouquets
Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and the Repository



Hallelujah Christmas Concert St. Agnes Church, Friday 12th December @ 7.00pm

Come join "Hallelujah Christmas" for a magical musical evening, filled with all your festive favourites. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and from Karen in the Sacristy.

All Tickets €20.00



Walk with me for Advent 2025

Walk with me – a journey of prayer for Advent 2025, thoughts and reflections for the season leading up to Christmas and the new year, now available in the Repository and the Parish Office - price €2 each.

LORCAN O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS CARDS
Are on sale in the Repository and Parish Office, €5 per pack of 12, all proceeds go to the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre

Advent Pilgrimage Continues

Come and join us as we prepare to journey through the four weeks of Advent for Prayer, Scripture & Reflection With the Advent Prayer Group and Fr. Peter.

Venue: St. Agnes Parish Centre

Time: 7.30pm - 8.15pm each Thursday evening for 4 weeks commencing on Thursday 27th November until Thursday 18th December.



St. Agnes Church Mass Cards

The intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day.
Available in the Parish Office and Repository for €5 per pack of 10 cards.

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Is. 11: 1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrust from his roots; on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole: into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord and the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2.7-8. 12-13. 17.R.cf.v.7

(R) In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the

Great River to earth's bounds. (R)

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R)

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R)

SECOND READING Rom. Ch.15: 4-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk. 3: 4-6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matt. 3. 1-12

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit

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

People: Glory to you O Lord.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand,"

This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John, wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, "Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father', because I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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