

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
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

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - Pope Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION - 2025

"The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light. On those who lived in a land of darkness, a light has shone."

A holy day has dawned. A glorious light shines in our midst. It is Christmas. What we have prepared and longed for has arrived. The whole world literally comes to a pause as we enjoy the delights of this season. The manger now has the Christ-Child. The focus of millions becomes the Christ-Child and as we gaze into the manger, our hearts are momentarily stirred. We feel a gentleness about the world and ourselves. The manger has the capacity to touch us at the deepest part of our humanity. We return with awe to this ancient story of God entering into human history in the birth of Jesus.

What is it about the Christmas story that touches us within? Could it be that we need affirmation, assurance, something to lift us out of the dreariness of life?

As we reflect on the Christmas story we find much that inspires a resurgence of hope, trust, light and kindness of heart. The threads of generous love run through this story, accompanied by a wonderment that God could be so intimately involved with humanity. Shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman carries the dreams and hopes of the world in her body. Through Mary, God will be given to his people. The prophet Zephaniah speaks about *"..the loving kindness of the heart of our God visiting us like the dawn from on high, giving light to those in darkness and guiding us in the way of peace.."* Isn't this a beautiful hope? A hope we need in these days. We are invited to trust that God is with us, that he is near and that he cares deeply for us in all the movements, challenges and struggles of our lives.

Marjorie Holmes said, *"..At Christmas, all roads lead home.."* Robert Frost, the poet, said, *"..Home is the place, where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.."* We all yearn for a place called "home", a place where we feel loved, cared for and wanted, where we feel valued and significant. Though never totally fulfilled, we yearn for this. We make great efforts to be at "home" with those we love. That's why the crowds arriving at airports is very touching as families embrace in gestures of welcome and love. These gestures are cherished now more than ever.

If we were to write a verse of scripture over the manger, I think we couldn't find better than from the prophet Jeremiah when he speaks of God as saying, *"I have loved you with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself."* (Jeremiah: 31:3).

In the birth of Jesus, God is the unfailing love drawing us to himself. As we celebrate our Eucharist together we are drawn to God in the gift of Jesus, given to us over and over again. Let us never forget that in the darkness of our lives an *unfading light* lives among us in *Emmanuel* a name which means God-with-us. May your Christmas and New Year be a deepening of this truth as we celebrate the birth of Christ. May your lives be filled with peace and hope.

Fr. Tony



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th December

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Catherine Haslam; Carolan Richardson
Joseph Patrick Butler

ANNIVERSARIES
Leisha Williams 1st; Paddy Kelly 1st
Ken Hession 3rd; Helen Scott Jordan 7th
Kathleen Keogh 10th; Terry Byrne 10th &
deceased of Byrne, Dunne, McGlynn & Lambe
families; Lil Eustace 12th; William Heavey 30th
Edward Crawford 43rd; Noel Hendrick
Camela Rose Squitieri-Vidal; Deceased of
Conroy, Cleere & Johnson families
Frank Gormley & son Fran; John Ambrose

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Gerard Hession

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
Michael, Lena & Christina Gavigan
Kathleen Mulvaney also rem daughter Rachel
Christine & Eileen Zambra & deceased family
members; Tom Zambra; John Stewart
May and Hughie Walker

Sunday 21st December

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Rosalie Rabutan 1st; Kitty Keogh 10th
John Brady

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
Brendan, Dermot, Eileen, Matt, John, Patricia &
Deirdre Duggan; Frew Hall; Ann McCarthy

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Christina Farrell; Karl and Stephen McGlynn
*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of
Remembrance*

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Walter Roche 1st; Eilis Roche 10th
Mary Williamson; Joe Tynan; Bernie Hopper

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
James J Ryan; Bridget T Ryan; Betty Fay
James & Bridget Kinsella & sons James &
Edward; James & Teresa Clancy; Teresa O'Neill
Ernie & Sheila Roe & daughters Stephanie &
Marguerite; Barry Kane

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
James McGregor 100th

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Audrey Bolger

ANNIVERSARIES
Ellie & James Campbell 1st; Lily Lamon 6th
Seamus Goslin 7th; Thomas Goslin 7th
Brendan Boyne 9th; Patrick Dalton 36th
John Devlin also wife Anne, son George,
daughter in law Delia & grandson Mark
Juana Vilanova Portela

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Christine Flynn

MASS INTENTIONS (Contd)

12.30pm **CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**
Pamela, John & Tom Esmonde; Tony Burke
Earl Foreman; Jimmy & Dilly Cullen;
John McGowan; Sheila & Thomas Grennan
Jimmy, Phyllis, Eamonn, Maureen & Dáire Gildea
Phil O'Driscoll; Pierce McCabe & deceased
family members; Elizabeth Behan & deceased
family members; Ellen & John Feary
Joseph & Josephine Carberry; James Feary
Brigid & Richard Power; Con & Rose Carberry
Sean & Sheila Carberry; Frances & Matthew
O'Doherty; Patricia & Peter Glynn; John &
Margaret Feary; Gertrude Noblett
William Noblett; Sean Coyle

Tuesday 23rd December

9.00am Gerry Gaynor 2nd

Wednesday 24th December

9.00am Thomas Bissett also rem wife Esther & son Philip
Christmas wishes for Tom Byrne, Helen Purcell,
Allie Power, Marie Comerford, Cathy King, Mary
Devereux, Dee & Shay McGann, Kay Egan,
Geraldine McCabe and Joe Dillon

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day

Friday 26th December

9.00am Marie Holbrook Months mind
James Fitzpatrick 2nd; Richard Whelan 50th
Paul Behan Remembrance

*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

Gerard McDonnell, Kildare Rd
Angela Dillon, Stanaway Road
Teresa Phelan, Originally Crumlin
Helen French nee Hollowed, Kent & Crumlin
Noel Rafferty, Cashel Road
John Dunne, Kimmage Road West

*We express our deepest sympathies to their families at
this sad time
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*



Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	€ 2,218
Share:	€ 1,696
Family Offering:	€ 1,335

*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*

THANKS

Our Parish is fortunate to have many groups and personnel who ensure that all runs well and smoothly throughout the year. Our sincere thanks to the following for your dedication and commitment during 2025: Pastoral Council: Finance Committee: Parish Centre Committee: Karen, our Sacristan along with Willie, Carmel, Ann and Kathleen: Dave, our groundsman: Collectors: Counters: Stewards: Distributors of Parish Correspondence: Newsletter Team, along with the ladies who fold them on Friday mornings: Parish Centre and Parish Hospitality Teams: Readers Group: Eucharistic Ministers: Baptism Team: Monika for keeping the Church and Parish Centre so clean and presentable: Dave and our 12.30pm Choir: Margo and Eoin, cantors: The Order of Malta: The Lamb of God, Divine Mercy and St. Padre Pio Prayer Groups: Eucharistic Adorers: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parent & Toddler Group, Cheeverstown Ladies: Parish Shop Group: Parish Secretary, Colette and Finance Secretary, Bernadette. Thanks also to the Columban Sisters, Franciscans of St. Joseph, the Salesians and Sr. Bernadette for their presence in our Parish. Finally, thanks to you, our parishioners for your prayerful support and your generosity and kindness to us throughout 2025. The intentions of all parishioners and families will be remembered at masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. My sincere thanks to Fr. Tom SDB, Fr. Peter and Deacon Jimmy for their ministry in our Parish. *Fr. Tony*

CHRISTMAS CRIB and CHURCH DECORATIONS

What a joy to behold when you enter our Church! It's warm, welcoming and beautiful and fittingly so as we celebrate Christmas. Thanks to Karen, Colette, Gemma, Barney, Eddie, Ger, Brian and Barry for all the work in the past couple of weeks. Your display of the crib, the children's table at the back of the Church and the floral arrangements are exceptional. Be assured of our gratitude and that of all visitors. Sincere thanks to parishioners who donated poinsettias and to Brian McElroy for his generous donation towards the flowers. Thank you all so much

CHRISTMAS DUES

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits. Christmas dues help to support the Priests of the parish, and the Diocese including sick and retired priests. They are an important source of income for the Clergy. **For those who have the box of family offering envelopes, your Christmas dues envelope is in the box.** We thank you most sincerely for your generosity in previous years

Christmas Timetable – Christmas timetable cards and St. Agnes Calendars 2025 are available in the porchways of the Church if you wish to take one. We invite you to join with us for our celebrations

St. Agnes Toddler Group will reopen on Thursday 8th January for any child under the age of 3 years living in the Parish. We wish all our members and the community of St. Agnes a very Merry Christmas

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

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.

CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE - Sincere thanks to Pat Dunn and her team who organised and delivered our Christmas correspondence to the homes in the parish

PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

- * The Parish office will close on Tuesday 23rd December at 12.45pm and will reopen on Monday 5th January at 9.30am. For any urgent enquiries please contact Fr. Tony.
- * The Parish Centre is now closed and will reopen on Monday 5th January.
- * The Coffee Dock will reopen on Tuesday 20th January at 10.00am

CHURCH CLOSING TIMES

- + St. Stephens Day - after 9.00am Mass
- + Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st - Church closes at 2.00pm each day
- + Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd January Church closes immediately after 9.00am Mass

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Is. 7: 10- 14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Once again the Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above." "No," Ahaz answered "I will not put the Lord to the test." Then he said: "Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us!'"

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23: 1-6.R. cf 7. 10

(R) Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm (R)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING Rom. 1: 1-7

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

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and especially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David; it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 1:23.

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and will give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matt. 1: 18-25

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.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us." When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Confessions Times:

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December from 9.30am to 10.00am

Wednesday 24th December from 9.30am to 10.00am and 12.00noon to 2.00pm



Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve:

Christmas Day:

St. Stephen's Day:

Vigil Masses at 5.30pm & Mass with blessing of the Crib at 7.00pm

9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

9.00am only. The Church closes after Mass

Weekend Masses (Sat 27th / Sun 28th December):

Saturday 27th:

Sunday 28th:

Mon 29th; Tues 30th and Wed 31st:

Thurs 1st/Fri 2nd Jan:

9.00am and Vigil Mass 5.30pm

9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Mass at 9.00am Church closes at 2.00pm each day

Mass at 9.00am, Church Closes immediately after Mass

Weekend Masses (Sat 3rd / Sun 4th January):

Masses as Normal

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January 2026:

9.00am & 10.00am

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

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

