

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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1st February 2026, Feast of St Brigid & 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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](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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01 455 5368

## 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

*"If the plan doesn't work, change the plan. But never the goal" -  
Anonymous*

## St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland 1st February 2026 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass has been central to the Irish Catholic identity and experience. Every small village has a chapel; Mass rocks dot the country from Penal times. Devotion to and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was central to our cultural and religious self-understanding. Vocations to priesthood abounded to ensure the celebration of this Sacred Mystery and of the other sacraments. Baptism has never formed the Irish Catholic imagination in the same way. Unlike many other European countries, no ancient baptismal sites have been found in our land. The contemporary emphasis on baptism as the foundation of Christian life and mission does not sit easily with Irish Catholicism.

The Second Vatican Council intended to put an end to the pyramidal vision of the Church and to assert that all members of the Church are equal by reason of their baptism, prior to any subsequent differentiation. The term 'the people' has often been used to denote 'the laity' or 'the faithful' besides the pope, bishops, priests and religious. Vatican II intended the term 'People of God' to refer to all the baptised, 'from the bishops to the last of the faithful lay people'.

*Liam Bergin,*

*'Baptised in Christ: Reborn for Mission' in 'Baptised and Sent'.*

See [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)

## ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

*May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.*

*May she bless every fireside, wall and door.*

*May she bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.*

*May she bless every hand that toils to bring it joy.*

*May Brigid bless the house that shelters you. Amen*

## FEBRUARY BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

- The Parish office and Parish Centre will be closed on Monday 2nd February due to the bank holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday 3rd February at 9.30am.
- The Church will close on 2nd February Bank holiday Monday after the 9.00am Mass

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**5.30pm MONTHS MIND**  
Bobby Madden  
Michael Hyland also remembering his wife Mary

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Anne O'Grady 1<sup>st</sup>; Tommy Keeley 1<sup>st</sup>  
Brendan Mulligan 2<sup>nd</sup>; Christopher Donegan 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Christy Foley 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kitty Dempsey 5<sup>th</sup>  
Philip Pearson 6<sup>th</sup>; Frances Somay 8<sup>th</sup>  
Peggy Conroy 12<sup>th</sup>; Daniel Dempsey 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Paddy Conroy; Sheila, Brendan & Laura Hogan  
Kay and Hughie Foley; Michael O'Brien  
Elizabeth Withers & deceased family members

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Terry Byrne; Frank Maguire

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**9.30am ANNIVERSARIES**  
Joseph Joe McGreal 9<sup>th</sup> also rem his brothers  
George & Dermot  
Brendan Kelly 20<sup>th</sup>  
*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance*

**11.00am RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Matt Williamson

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Christine Byrne 1<sup>st</sup>; Brendan Roche 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Betty Fay 4<sup>th</sup>; Patricia Weldon 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dominic Dowling 12<sup>th</sup>; Annie and Dan Cullen  
Deceased members of the Hennessy family

**12.30pm RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Marie Bannon

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Paul Gough 1<sup>st</sup>; Phyllis O'Leary 5<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Lynch 7<sup>th</sup> also rem her husband Bobby 4<sup>th</sup>  
Liam Halpin 9<sup>th</sup>; Bill O'Leary 9<sup>th</sup>; Celia Lynch 16<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Mooney 30<sup>th</sup> also rem his wife Helen  
Tony Ryan; Eric Doyle; Kathleen Gannon

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Breda Connell

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**9.00am** Mary Hatton Anniv

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**9.00am** Celebrant's Intentions

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**9.00am** Craig Short 32<sup>nd</sup> also rem his sister Amanda

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

**9.00am** Celebrant's Intentions

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**9.00am** Matthew Fetherston 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**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

Brendan McAvinue, Somerville Ave  
Canon John Piert, Dublin Diocese  
Cathleen Colgan, Innismore



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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## Recent Church Collections

**First Collection: € 2,200**  
**Share: € 1,673**  
**Family Offering: € 775**

*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 1st Feb - Saturday 7th Feb 2026**

<b>Sunday</b>	St Brigid; 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday</b>	Presentation of the Lord
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Blaise
<b>Wednesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Thursday</b>	St Agatha
<b>Friday</b>	St Paul Miki & Companions
<b>Saturday</b>	St Mel

**Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

**Please remember to switch your mobile phone off or to Silent when in the Church**



## 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**

**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.**

## FEAST DAY OF ST. BRIGID 1<sup>st</sup> February

Sunday 1st February, is the Feast of Saint Brigid, who is one of Ireland's 3 Patron saints along with St. Patrick and St. Columba (Colmcille).

Saint Brigid was born in or around AD 450 in Faughart, near Dundalk, she lived during the time of St. Patrick, and was inspired by his preachings, and she went on to found a monastery in Kildare and many convents all over Ireland. The Saint Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. Saint Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.

Saint Brigid represents that transition from paganism to Christianity in Celtic Ireland. Brigid is linked with the earth, with agriculture, particularly ploughing, sowing, milking, butter-making and, of course, vibrant Christian faith. St. Brigid's day marks the beginning of Spring.



## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2<sup>nd</sup> February

It is the custom to bless candles on this day. It is a reminder of Simeon who recognised Christ as 'A light to reveal Jesus to the nations'. Let us walk always as children of the light. Candles will be blessed for usage in homes for prayer and other religious occasions. Blessed candles will be available to buy in the Repository you can also bring your own candles from home to be blessed at the 9.00am Mass.. Often those who are sick and housebound like to use blessed candles.



## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE 3<sup>rd</sup> February

St. Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred in Armenia in 315. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. **Throats will be blessed at the 9.00am Mass with the blessed candles from the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord.** "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"



### PRAYER TO ST. SAINT BRIGID

You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of your peace  
cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.  
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. **Amen**



### GARDA CLINIC

The Community Guards from Crumlin Garda station run a Garda Clinic in the Parish Centre every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. If you would like to speak to a Garda in private, or get forms signed/stamped etc. please call in.



**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.

### New Pilgrim Path-Website of the Week: St Brigid of Ireland

Sunday, 1st February is the feast of St Brigid, one of Ireland's three patron saints, along with Patrick and Colmcille. It marks the first day of Spring in the northern hemisphere.

Born in Dundalk in 450 AD, St Brigid's father was a pagan Irish chieftain and her mother was a Christian. Brigid's contemporary, St Patrick, inspired her to deepen her faith and spread the word of God. She was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that she built her unique double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470AD. Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed. Her charity was unbounded and sprang from a deep awareness of the Divine presence in everyone and everything. This awareness allowed her to respond with insight, creativity, humour and compassion to the many situations that confronted her.

Visit [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie) to watch a 45 minute video on this remarkable woman: .



## Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING Zeph. 2:3;3:12-13

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.**  
Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 145:7-10.R.Mt.5:3**

**(R) How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

1. It is he who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed, it is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
2. It is the Lord that gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.(R)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Cor. 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God. But you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

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 Mt.5:1-12

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.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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**CADARA SINGALONG - The Active Retirement singalong resumes on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in St. Agnes Parish Centre. New members very welcome.**