

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

"Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right."

Pope Francis

REFLECTION – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2026

The season of Lent is upon us again. Many of us can recall a past when we were called to take Lent very seriously as Catholics, with all kinds of sacrifices, obligations and a huge emphasis on denying ourselves some food or material goods. We were asked to go to mass more frequently, pray at home as a family, go to confession, be more charitable. Penance, mortification, charitable deeds and sacrifice were the key words. As children we couldn't wait for Easter to arrive so that we could enjoy our Easter eggs, not two, three or four but one as there were nine of us!! Whatever the harshness of Lenten expectations seemed back then, I believe that as children and teenagers we learned many valuable lessons about ourselves, about life and about our faith because all that we were asked to do was rooted in our Catholic faith and traditions and in the Gospel of Christ. Our parents ensured that we kept all our promises during Lent.

In our more materialist and secular society Lent as a season has almost lost its spiritual significance. Yet, many of us will have received the blessed ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. In our hygiene and body conscious world where we have creams of all kinds to enhance our body and we "fast" or diet mostly to lose weight. Our shopping malls are the new "churches" on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, where thousands will gather. Parties are the norm for many on Good Friday, sadly.

Receiving the blessed ashes on our foreheads is still a powerful gesture: it's a reminder of our human frailty and mortality and signifies an inner desire to renew and reform our lives in Christ, to live more faithfully in God's ways.

Catherine Doherty said: *"Lent is a time of going deeply into ourselves. What is it that stands between us and God? What is it that stands between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation!"* This is precisely what Lent affords us – the time to look honestly at our lives, what really matters, what do I do for the betterment of others, for my family, my neighbourhood, my parish, what is the quality of my relationship with God, what time do I give to Jesus in prayer, what do I do to alleviate the pain and sufferings of others. The word **LENT** derives from the old English word, *"lencten"*, meaning spring or lengthening. These very words suggest new beginnings, a new time of growth. For us as Christians, Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, a type of spiritual springtime.

Who of us does not need to engage in a spiritual springtime by way of being renewed in the life of Christ? We journey through this Lenten season with promises and commitments in our hearts so that we arrive at Easter time as a new person in Christ. *"Lent is a journey towards the cross, a journey of enlightenment, from wilderness to feast, from desert to oasis. Lent is a journey so that at the end of Lent we should expect to find ourselves somewhere different from where we started.."* As we begin this Holy Season, may all of us arrive, with God's graces to a place of renewed life in Christ and with one another. Like Jesus in the desert, the Holy Spirit is our strength to keep on God's pathways.

Fr. Tony.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st February

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Brendan McAvinue

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Joseph McGhee 2nd; Christopher Daly 9th
Seamus Finn 10th; John Dromgoole 17th
Eileen Malone; Elizabeth Mulvaney
Thomas Mulvaney

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

John McGee 60th

Sunday 22nd February

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Owen Daly 1st; John C Kinsella 29th
Jack and Margaret Madden parents of Sean,
Liam & Michael Madden with deceased
relatives
Eddie & Mary O'Sullivan with deceased
relatives

*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of
Remembrance*

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Edel Davis 1st; Eileen Helen Davis 5th also rem
her husband John; Bridie Cusack 10th
Karen Hughes 12th; Tony King 23rd
Patrick McGee 78th; Gerard and Eva Fitzpatrick
Gretta Cushen

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Anne O'Neill

12.30pm **RECENTLY DECEASED**
Cathy Regan

ANNIVERSARIES
Bobby Burton 1st; Harry nee Henry O'Brien 3rd
Louise Guilfoyle 4th; Joseph Lynch 5th
Gerard Launders 6th
Christine Burke nee Stewart 6th
Patrick McDonnell 9th; Deirdre Blake 15th
Sheila Murphy 16th; Paddy Murphy 17th
Deceased of the Murphy family
Mary Webb; Catherine Kelly; Christopher Webb
Philomena Edward; Frank Kennedy
Eileen Webb; James Phillips

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Bernadette Noctor 70th

Wednesday 25th February

9.00am Kitty Cully 36th

Thursday 26th February

9.00am Essie Carolan Anniversary

Friday 27th February

9.00am Mary Detty Hyland 6th rem her husband
Michael; David Hynes 26th; Eileen Kelly 70th
Patricia O'Farrell Birthday Rem

*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



Laurence Larry Morris, Cashel Road
Jennifer Maguire, St. Agnes Park
John Higgins, Terenure

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Recent Church Collections

First Collection: € 1,976

Accord: € 2,723

Family Offering: € 525

*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 22nd Feb - Saturday 28th Feb 2026

Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday	St Polycarp
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	St Gregory of Narek
Saturday	Of the Day

What to Give Up:

A Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining – focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism – become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgements – think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry – trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement – be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred – return good for evil.
- Give up negativism – be positive.
- Give up anger – be more patient.
- Give up pettiness – become mature.
- Give up gloom – enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy – pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping – control your tongue.
- Give up sin – turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up – hang in there!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL The monthly
collection for St. Vincent de Paul will
be held after all Masses this weekend

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH

The Annual Mass in remembrance of the Legion of Mary Envoy, Servant of God, Alfie Lambe, will be celebrated next Sunday, **1st March at 12.30pm**. This wonderful Servant of God, whose saintliness will be recognised one day by the Church, was a dedicated and committed lay worker with the Legion of Mary in South America, particularly in Argentina where he is buried. His deep faith and prayerfulness attracted thousands to Christianity through the establishing Legion of Mary Praesidia. Since his death on the Feast of Saint Agnes, 21st. January, 1959, thousands still visit his grave in Buenos Aires. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, who is from Argentina, will be the main celebrant of the mass, The Argentinian Ambassador to Ireland, Her Excellency, Miss Ana Cachaza, will be in attendance. Fr. Bernardo de-Nardo, also from Argentina, will be the homilist for this mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

NOVENA OF GRACE

The Annual Novena in honour of Saint Francis Xavier will take place from 4th—12th March at 10.00am and 7.00pm each day. This year three Dominicans will preach at our Novena. We will have the full notice with the themes for each day and the names of the Dominicanas in our Newsletter next weekend. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend our Annual Novena which we can consider as a “retreat” for our Lenten journey. The Novena gives us an opportunity to gather as a community to pray, reflect on the Gospel of Christ and seek some inspiration and encouragement for our lives.

SAINT DAMIAN’S SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

*This Sacrament will be celebrated for the sixth class next Saturday, **28th FEBRUARY at 12 noon** in our Church. Please remember the young people in your prayers that they will always turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength and courage in their lives, especially as they promise to live their Christian faith in imitation of Jesus Christ. May God keep them in the palm of his hands throughout their lives.*

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

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



FAMILY OFFERING

We are deeply grateful to all who faithfully contribute on a regular basis to the family offering. **The Weekly Family Offering Envelopes and monthly Standing Orders are the only collection that goes directly to the Parish**, you will appreciate how important it is to the Parish Finances. It is our main source of income that covers the cost of insurance, heating, lighting and maintenance. If you would like to contribute to this collection by way of weekly envelope or monthly standing order, please call to the Parish Office during the week to complete a form and collect a Family Offering Box or complete a Standing Order form for the Bank.

New Family Offering Boxes for week commencing 1st March are being distributed to those homes who contribute weekly. If you have not received your box of envelopes, please call to or telephone the office during the week – 455 5368. To Pat Dunn and her team of volunteers who helped distribute the boxes of envelopes we sincerely thank you for your dedication

WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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WORSHIP



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Gen.2:7-9.3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 50:3-6.12-14.17.R.CF.V.3

(R) Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1 Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R)

2 My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy Spirit. (R)

4 Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R)

SECOND READING Rom.5:12-19

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "law-breaking", yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, ever though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweighed the results of one man's sin; for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience

many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Mt.4: 1-11

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.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves." But he replied, "Scripture says; Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God" he said "throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test." Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these" he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LENT - WALK WITH ME BOOKLET



This is the title of a very helpful booklet that provides prayers and reflections for Lent and Easter. It comes in a pocket sized edition which is very handy to bring anywhere.

It is available in the Repository and the Parish Office. The cost is €2.00 and is excellent value.

Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre

Have you got a D1 driving license? We are interested in talking to you. Contact Gerry Cully, Chair, on: 086-8206521

Also, do you have any free time and would like to volunteer 1 hour a week to our Day Centre: Contact Ellen/Thomas for more details: 01-4554532 / 089-4099579