

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 impossible to find a saint who did not take the "two P's seriously" –Prayer and Penance" - St Francis Xavier

REFLECTION – 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 2026

In the small village where I grew up the only source of clean, usable water was from a pump at the top of the village where, as children, we would make daily trips with our buckets until the milking barrels were full to the brim. The rain water was used for washing of clothes, delph and body. Sometimes though, the mothers of the village would go and this gave them the moment to stop awhile, have a chat and catch up, even go to the local shop close by for some bread or tinned foods or treats for their children. The pump is still there, revered as the place where many a laugh, chat and necessary conversations took place. The pump is a visible reminder of its centrality as a meeting point but also as the source of living water. The story of the well in today's gospel brought to mind the many journeys I made to fill my buckets with water.

I recall talking with a retired missionary Sister once and she told me about how the women would go and draw the water at the coolest part of the day. Together they would go to the well. It was a social gathering where much chat and banter and laughter took place. We all appreciate the value of having access to water. It's a gift to have accessible, clean water at all times. Many in our world do not enjoy such blessings.

The woman at the Well of Sychar was a lonely woman and came unaccompanied. She arrived at the hottest part of day, presuming and hoping no one else would be there. She was a Samaritan with a history. She was searching. She was restless. She was judged by many as a bad person. What this woman wanted was not merely clean, fresh water. She had deeper desires in her heart. Here, unexpectedly, she found Christ and his kind gentleness who offered her **waters of eternal life**. This woman is changed, forgiven, transformed, made new in Christ himself. Simply because he sees her as a human being in need of and deserving of love and healing. He sees her as a person capable of new beginnings. Jesus does not push her aside. He accepts her. He cares.

In the lovely conversation at this well, Jesus says to the woman, **"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."** Only Jesus could offer her the true, living water of life. The salvation that this Samaritan woman found at the old well was in the Person of Jesus Christ. When all others abandoned her and all else failed her inner thirst and hunger, God showed up with truth, hope and light. **God showed up with love**. From now on this woman knew deeply in her heart that she would be welcomed at the living well of God's merciful, compassionate and redeeming love in the person of Jesus. For to encounter Jesus is to experience the abundance of life in God. This truth holds for each of us too. As we journey through Lent let us approach Jesus, the fountain of living water, the fountain of God's life, offered over and over again.

Fr. Tony

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th March

5.30pm MONTHS MIND

Elizabeth Burke

ANNIVERSARIES

Noel McGee 2nd; Catherine Hussey 2nd
Andrew Reddy 4th; Pauline McDonnell 8th
Noel Murphy 27th; Susan O'Reilly 30th
Helen Mahon; Deceased of Mahon & O'Brien families; Jacinta Kinnear
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Agnes and William Carolan

Sunday 8th March

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Bride 11th; Ann & John Hastings
Maureen & Finbarr Barry; Tom & Annie McKenna
Antoinette McKenna; Mary Bride
Robert Finnegan; Julia Browne

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

John Bride

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am ANNIVERSARIES

Catherine Conway 1st; Alan Bonner 1st
Maureen Maher 2nd; Patrick Delaney 6th
Syl O'Connor 8th; Gerard Hession 12th
Peter Kelly 13th; Nuala O'Connor 15th
Rose Bonner 21st; William Bonner 75th
Deceased members of the Bonner family
Joe and Josie Mackey; The Holy Souls

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Frank Hodgins; Ken Hession 27th

12.30pm ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Lily McDaid 3rd; Maura Swords 5th
James Jim McKenna 5th; Bernard Coughlan 6th
Maureen Walsh 6th; Helena Christie 8th
Christy Connell 26th; Joseph Markey 53rd also rem
his wife Kathleen & daughter Catherine
Patrick Furlong 60th; James Murphy 94th
Charles O'Keefe; Virgilio Miro; Edgardo Miro
Maura and Michael Woods

Monday 9th March

10.00am Novena of Grace

7.00pm Novena of Grace

Tuesday 10th March

10.00am Peter Kelly 13th; Joseph & Kathleen Hulsman

7.00pm Novena of Grace

Wednesday 11th March

10.00am Patrick O'Raw Birthday Rem

7.00pm Novena of Grace

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



Claire Marshall, Percy French Road
Vivian Giles, formerly Windmill Park
Olive Hughes, Drimnagh
Sarah Carpenter, originally Crumlin

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Recent Church Collections

First Collection: € 2,893

Share: € 2,147

Family Offering: € 1,195

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 8th Mar - Saturday 14th Mar 2026

Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday	St Frances of Rome
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	St Aengus
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	Of the Day

St. Patrick's Day



At this time we think a lot about our family and loved ones who are living abroad. As a way of remembering and praying for them, please write their names on the slip of paper provided and place in the box which will be left at the top of the Church. They will all be remembered in our prayers at the two Masses on St. Patrick's Day.



Masses on St. Patrick's day Tuesday 17th March will be at 9.30am and 11.00am only

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

ST AGNES PARISH NOVENA OF GRACE & PARISH RETREAT 4TH - 12TH MARCH

*Directors of Novena: Dominican Priests from Tallaght
Fr. Maurice Colgan, Fr. Stephen Hutchinson & Fr. Blazej Blalek*



Please note during the Novena of Grace Wednesday 4th to Thursday 12th March there is no 9.00am Mass, only 10.00am and 7.00pm each day. Also the Church will open at 8:30am daily

Date	Times	Topic
Sun 8 th March	11.00am only	<i>Being a Eucharistic People</i> Mass will conclude with Benediction
Mon 9 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>Forgiveness/Mercy</i> Mass at 10am followed by Confessions, and there will be a reconciliation service with Confessions at 7pm (No Mass at 7pm)
Tue 10 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>Mary: Woman of Faith and Prayer</i>
Wed 11 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>St Frances of Assisi</i>
Thu 12 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>St Martin de Porres God's Graces in Everyday Life</i>

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST DURING THE NOVENA

The Coffee Dock will be open Monday to Friday during the Novena. Please drop in after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.



Two notebooks of thanksgiving to our mothers are in the front of the altar. Please feel free to write a message of thanks to your mother whether with us or gone before us. These will be placed on the Altar for Mother's Day Sunday 15th March.

Shamrock Pots



Pots of shamrock will be available for sale at all Masses on this weekend 7th/8th March, and also at all Masses on the following weekend 14th/15th March.

These are being sold in aid of the charity Embrace Badjao who are sending a group of volunteers to the Philippines to provide life changing medication, sanitation and Education to under privileged communities there. Link to the charities official website is <https://www.embracebadjao.com>

MYSTERY OF LIFE

*An ancient pathway with many twists and turns
Set me on a journey of exploration
My feet crunching the leaves beneath
Wafting scents of bluebells and wild primrose
Rise like incense to embrace my body
Exuding a pleasantry of comfort
The labyrinthine path leads
To a bright opening of the woodlands
And I arrive at the old cottages
Long since broken down
Fragments of stones remain
Carrying the secrets of long ago
When we would sit and converse and share our stories
The ivy tendrils creep along
Giving their beauty to this place
Then in a moment the swallows soar up and down
Joyfully singing their delight.
The gentle shimmering flow of the stream
Evokes memories of the
Tranquil spaces where heaven and earth embrace
I am unhurried to return home. (Fr. Tony.)*

WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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- SAMARITAN
- JOSEPH
- WATER
- BUCKET
- SYCHAR
- WELL
- DRINK
- CATTLE
- JACOB
- WOMAN
- JEW
- HUSBAND



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" they said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. "How am I to deal with this people?" he said. "A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink." This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2.6-9R.v.8

(R) O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R)

SECOND READING Rom5:1-2.5-8

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

So far then we have seen that, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have

entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 4: 42.15

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL Jn 4:5-15.19-26.39-42

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

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

People: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and is cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty

again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again; the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

Our Parish is looking to organise a "Grandparents Association" with a view to giving both grandchildren and grandparents time to spend together. Time to build memories while keeping alive their faith in God. We plan to arrange events throughout the year, days where grandchildren and grandparents can spend time in an activity together, an activity both can enjoy.

If you are interested please leave your name and contact number with Karen our Sacristan - for my attention - my name is Adrienne Parkes and I will be in touch with you for a meeting.