

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

*"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your
whole day" - Dalai Lama*

REFLECTION – 4th SUNDAY OF LENT 2026

The Sunday Lenten Gospels give us much for reflection and guidance. Yet again, in this week's Gospel we see another example of God's choice, one which confuses the leaders of the day. A blind beggar literally becomes a theologian. Out of his experience with Jesus, he recognises Jesus as the light of God's love and presence. At the end of the Gospel this once blind man can say of Jesus, *"I do believe who you are."* And he worshipped him and more than likely became a disciple.

This is a beautifully crafted story by St. John telling how this blind man comes to see *the light* in Jesus, both spiritually and morally. This man's life is irrevocably changed. This road side beggar who has always inhabited a world of darkness and affliction will be the one to reveal a marvellous truth about Jesus. He will be the person to point to the work and presence of God in Jesus. He will manifest who Jesus really is: **THE LIGHT OF GOD.**

When the blind man is healed he returns home a new person. He is made whole again. He is given a sense of purpose. He feels he belongs to the human family in a way he never felt before. Despite the judgments of his neighbours and their doubting of his experience, this man is determined to prove that the *One* who healed him truly is *JESUS*. This once rejected man is now the one to reveal the truth about **JESUS: He is THE SON OF GOD.**

Because God always sees the heart of people he surprises us with the choices he makes. It's amazing the people God chooses to use to reveal himself to us, people we easily dismiss as unimportant and insignificant are often the people God chooses to reveal himself to us.

We each receive the light of God at our Baptism and we are called to validate that light daily by the decisions we make to show that we walk in God's ways, that we belong to Christ and seek to emulate his virtues and qualities as seen in the gospels. In our Baptism we have been chosen to point to Jesus by the witness of our Christian lives. Perhaps in our minds and hearts we might feel unworthy of this but our greatness lies in the fact that God has chosen us, chosen in Christ to be his very presence in our world. In the scriptures light represents everything that is good, noble, worthwhile, everything that enables us to grow to the best of our humanity, all that is God-like. As we travel on towards Holy Week and Easter, may we be the true light God calls us to be, evidenced by the way we live our lives. *"Be the still flame in the storm, the gentle word in the noise, the open hand where walls once stood. Every breath you take can soften the world. Every smile can mend a fracture in the field. You are made of light. You are woven of love. Let it shine through your eyes, and the world will remember you passed through."* (Anon.)

Fr. Tony

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th March

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Julia Mulvey; Graham Fitzgerald;
Jennifer Maguire

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Maxwell 1st; Peter Farrelly 2nd
Laurence Fox 3rd; Patricia Cunningham 3rd also
rem her husband Jimmy 25th
Oliver Padded 6th also rem his parents Jodie
and Kathleen; William Oliver 14th

Sunday 15th March

9.30am

MONTHS MIND

John Higgins also his wife Teresa 15th

ANNIVERSARIES

Breda Kelly 21st; Mary Gibbons 25th also rem
her husband William and the twins
Simon Weafer 29th

*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of
Remembrance*

11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Lee 3rd; May Tynan 10th
Kathleen & Thomas Kiely

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Larry Morris

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul O'Connor; Sonya Delaney

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Cruise 4th; Bernard Keogh 6th
Tommy Keogh 6th; Gertrude Noblett 10th also
her husband William 56th; Marie Cruise 16th
Daniel Venables 43rd also his wife Mona 10th

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Christine Furlong 97th; Joe Keegan

MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE

Ann McQuade; Dorothy Rafter
Peggy Keegan; Jane Moody

Monday 16th March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 17th March St Patrick's Day

9.30am Celebrant's Intentions

11.00am George Prior 11th; Kay Kavanagh 20th
Lil Grey also rem husband Paddy
Margaret McManigan; Leo Ryan
Eric Doyle Remembrance

Wednesday 18th March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 19th March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 20th March

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



Ann Devereux, Derry Drive
Therese (Terry) Walsh, Cherryfield Rd
Monika Fitzgerald, Rutland Grove

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Recent Church Collections

First Collection: € 2,100

Share: € 1,600

Family Offering: € 1,430

*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 15th Mar - Saturday 21st Mar 2026

Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday Of the Day

Tuesday St Patrick's Day

Wednesday St Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday St Joseph

Friday Of the Day

Saturday St Enda

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*



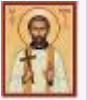
Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)

Due to St. Patrick's Day being on the third Tuesday of March, the monthly Padre Pio Mass will take place on Tuesday 24th March, Rosary at 6.45pm, Mass at 7.00pm followed by Benediction and Blessing with the 1st class relic. **All are welcome.**



NOVENA OF GRACE

Sincere thanks to all parishioners and visitors who attended and supported our Annual Novena of Grace which finished last Thursday. My sincere thanks to Fr. Maurice Colgan, Dominican and his three colleagues who facilitated our Novena this year. They gave us much to think about and their presence with us was very much appreciated. Thanks to Colette, our Secretary, to Karen, our Sacristan for organising much in the background and for their assistance with the printing and communications. Thanks to Kathleen and Carmel for their sacristy work along with Karen. Thanks to Fr. Tom SDB, to Fr. Peter and our Deacon Jimmy for all their assistance. Thanks to Monika for always having the Church looking so welcoming and gleaming. Thanks to David, our caretaker who kept the traffic flowing throughout, especially when we had a funeral almost everyday of the Novena. Thanks to Dave, our organist and the choir, to Margo and Pat for the lovely singing every day. Thanks to our collectors and stewards. Thanks to the Hospitality Team at the Parish Centre who provided tea and coffee each day. Thanks to the readers and ministers of the Eucharist for their participation. To all who helped out in any way, please accept my sincere gratitude. May the "words" shared and the many "prayers" offered during the Novena bear much joyful fruit in our lives.



Fr. Tony

Shamrock Pots

Pots of shamrock will be available for sale at all Masses on this 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>

St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday Closures

- The Parish Office and Parish Centre will be closed on Tuesday 17th March and will reopen on Wednesday 18th March at 9.30am.
- The Church will close after the 11.00am Mass on Tuesday 17th March St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



Easter Mass Bouquets are now available for sale in the Parish Office and the Repository

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Do you know the origins of Mother's Day? It grew out of the Feast of the Annunciation which is celebrated on March 25th each year. On that day Mary had the courage to say 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel. By saying 'yes' she became the mother of Jesus - the Incarnation. It was originally known as 'Mothering Sunday' but was taken over by the commercial world and is known now as Mother's Day. May all mothers be loved and supported by their families.

A Prayer for Mothers

*Mother Mary, you are the heavenly Mother of us all.
Today we pray and celebrate our earthly mothers,
Those who are about to become mothers,
Those who are grieving for the loss of a child or those who cannot have a child,
The foster and adoptive mothers who give so much love,
Aunts who are always there for us,
Grandmothers who spoil us and share their experience,
These are the ones who raised us from birth,
Who taught us love and respect!
Who guided us when uncertain of ourselves!
Who showed us right from wrong and shared their Faith with us!
These are the ones who cared for us through sickness,
And stayed up late at night waiting on us to return home,
Who gave all, to give us the best!
Today we honour them, we thank them.
For everything they sacrificed,
The tears they cried, The Love they gave. Amen*



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING 1 Sam. 16:1.6-7.10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil and go, I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart."

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes," Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22.Rv.1

(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your

staff; With these you give me comfort. **(R)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING Eph. 5: 8-14

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret, are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL Jn 9: 1.6-9.13-17.34-38 (Shorter Form)

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.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'what have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed be God, Blessed be his Holy Name: Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man: Blessed be the name of Jesus: Blessed be his most Sacred Heart: Blessed be his most Precious Blood: Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar: Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete: Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy: Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception: Blessed be her glorious Assumption into heaven: Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother: Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse: Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. **AMEN**



PATIENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE ST. JAMES HOSPITAL

- The Patient Volunteer Service commenced in September 2024. The service has been tremendously positive and has had a huge impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital. The Service provides personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James's Hospital. From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment or guiding/walking with a patient to their clinic destination. We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the service. If you know anyone who would interested in volunteering, please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email: teamvolunteer@stjames.ie