

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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22nd March 2026, 5th Sunday of Lent 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 (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

"Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would
crush us... we are dust in the loving hands of God." - Pope Francis

REFLECTION – 5th SUNDAY OF LENT 2026

All of us are familiar with loss and grief. They can leave a huge shadow over our lives for a long time, weeks, years even. There is nothing small about grief. It can be a breaking moment for us at times and can be very overwhelming, almost unbearable to the point where we may require bereavement counselling. The death of a loved one leaves a void in our lives, an emptiness which can bring much inner anguish and pain, emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually. In times of loss and grief we are strengthened by God but also by the support, prayers and kindness of others. But the time arrives when the reality of our loss is so immense that we feel adrift, alone and fragile.

So it was for Martha and Mary. The death of Lazarus leaves a large absence in their lives. They are in deep shock. Martha expresses this shock in her words to Jesus, "**if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.**" Jesus understands her pain. But strangely the absence of Jesus is necessary for this story. St. John tells us at the beginning of his account that through the death of Lazarus the Son of God will be glorified. Just as the blindness of the man in last week's Gospel showed **JESUS** as **THE LIGHT**, so the death of Lazarus will show **JESUS** as **THE LIFE**.

When Jesus tells Martha that her brother will rise again, he will show her that he means this very moment when he says: "**I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.**" The darkness of the tomb is not too dark for Jesus. In a loud voice Jesus says, "**Lazarus, here, come out!**" The great miracle and wonderment is that while he is still dead, Lazarus hears these words and responds. Hearing the voice of the Son of God, Lazarus will live again. When he comes forth from the tomb he is still bound in the garments of a dead man. Then Jesus turns to the crowd and says, "**Unbind him, let him go free.**" With the power of Jesus and the help of the community Lazarus is enabled to emerge into the light of his new life.

This story demonstrates the great truth that Jesus is the **LORD OF LIFE** for all peoples of all times. We believe that death is not the end of our human story. This hope is expressed in the Preface for a Christian Funeral Mass: "**For God's faithful people, in death, life is changed, not ended.**" We believe that God will extend to each of us in our death the graciousness he gave to Jesus by raising him from the dead. We too will be graced by new life in God.

The **WORD OF GOD** today gives us great hope in God's redeeming, merciful and compassionate love. When Jesus says to the crowd, "**unbind Lazarus and let him go free**", his words are a call for each of us to unbind ourselves and one another from anything that prevents us from hearing the **TRUTH** of God's words and promises as given in Jesus. If we are '**entombed**' in any way for whatever reason, we can be unbound by the mercy and love of God but also by the love and mercy of one another and brought into the light of new life, as Lazarus was. Jesus is always waiting to raise us to new life in this life and in death. This is a consoling truth for us to ponder.

Fr. Tony.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st March

5.30pm MONTHS MIND
Bernie McCabe; Mary Bennett; Helen Maguire

ANNIVERSARIES
Deirdre Murray 2nd; Clare May 3rd
Una Shaw 5th; Marie Elders 6th
Denis Keating 11th also remembering his wife
Bridie; Paddy Williams 16th
Christina Elders 26th also remembering her son
George

Sunday 22nd March

9.30am ANNIVERSARIES
Anne Byrne 4th; Joan Doyle 8th
Christina Farrell 21st
Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am ANNIVERSARIES
Mary McGee 17th; Patricia Byrne 42nd
Nellie Lowry also remembering her son
Anthony

12.30pm ANNIVERSARIES
Nathaniel Noel Filgate 1st
Sheila Glynn 1st; Mick Glynn 2nd
Carmel McGinn 3rd; Teresa Quinn 3rd
Angela Lohan 5th;
Christopher Michael Lawlor 6th
Joan & Pat Taylor 7th; Elizabeth Behan 9th
Andrew Andy Roche 12th; Bertie Dunne 15th
Elizabeth Cox 24th; Esther Hand 26th
Olive and Jim Kearns
Annie and Martin Ennis

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Michael Hand

Monday 23rd March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 24th March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

7.00pm Padre Pio Mass

Wednesday 25th March

9.00am Martin Togher 4th; Anthony Togher 4th
Martin O'Malley 4th

Thursday 26th March

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 27th March

9.00am Anne Byrne 4th Anniv

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



Teresa Cregg, Dangan Park
Madeline Quinn, Drimnagh

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Recent Church Collections

First Collection: € 2,368

Share: € 1,651

Family Offering: € 650

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

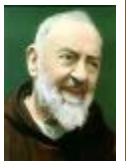
The Week Ahead...

Sunday 22nd Mar - Saturday 28th Mar 2026

Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday	Of the Day
Tuesday	St Macartan; St Oscar Romero's Assassination 1980
Wednesday	Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday	Of the Day
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	Of the Day

Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)

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.**



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

PARISH INCOME

The only source of income for the running of the Church and Parish derives from the contributions made through the **FAMILY ENVELOPE FUND**, by **DIRECT DEBIT** or by A **YEARLY DONATION**. Over the past three years the amount contributed has fallen a little for various reasons. So, I'm asking parishioners once again who may not have a **BOX of ENVELOPES** to consider taking one to help with the contributions. *You may also consider a DIRECT DEBIT or YEARLY ARRANGEMENT by way of your support.* The other source of donations is through the lighting of candles at our shrines. Presently work is being done on the roof of our church and other areas to prevent leakages of water coming through and to ensure the protection of our Church. We've also had a health, safety and security audit completed on the Church and Parish Centre and to comply with Diocesan requirements we have to install further cameras, security electronics, all at a considerable cost. As Administrator it is my responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of all staff and of all who regularly visit and attend our Church and Parish Centre. **Sincere thanks** to all parishioners who make contributions for the upkeep of our Parish, Church and Centre. If you have any queries please contact myself, Bernadette (Finance Secretary) or Colette (Parish Secretary): (01-4555368).

Fr. Tony

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall;

I grow nervous while I'm walking and on thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs

Let me know that you're beside me; listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination safely every single day, Help me with each undertaking as the hours pass away.

And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone:

Take my hand O Blessed Mother, once again and lead me home. Amen.



Scoil Eoin Confirmation

Congratulations to the girls and boys from Scoil Eoin who were confirmed last Friday. We hope and pray that they will live up to the promises they made when they received the Sacrament. We would like to thank the teachers, and all involved in preparing the children for this special day in their lives.



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

PRAYER OF SAINT ANSLEM

O Lord, teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you. Lord, you are my Lord and my God, and I have never seen you. You have created and recreated me: all the good I have comes from you and still I do not know you. I have not yet accomplished that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you and as I seek you, show yourself to me for I cannot seek you unless you show me how to do so. Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you. Let me find you by loving you and love you in finding you. AMEN.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Community Connect wishes to thank most sincerely all those who donated to our Drive & Drop appeal on March 8th. The support from the St Agnes parish was fantastic. All donations have been brought to our local hub in Tallaght, and will be distributed to many mothers and babies in need over the coming weeks and months. Your kindness will make a real difference to families in need, so we thank you for your wonderful generosity.

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.

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 be interested in volunteering, please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email: teamvolunteer@stjames.ie

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Ezek 37: 12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord God who speaks. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129;.R.v.7

(R) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness, for this we revere you. **(R)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. **(R)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R)**

SECOND READING Rom: 8: 8-11

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in

you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11:25-26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL Jn 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45

(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.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant

you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'he opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I know indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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- LAZARUS
- BETHANY
- SISTERS
- MARTHA
- MARY
- OINTMENT
- FEET
- BROTHER
- JUDAEA
- TOMB
- STONE
- PRAYER

