

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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26th April 2026, 4th Sunday of Easter Year A; Good Shepherd Sunday

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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

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." — Psalm 23

REFLECTION – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

One of the central truths of our Christian faith is that Jesus came into our world and lived amongst us. He is no stranger to our humanity. Jesus was fully human. He was not an alien visiting this earth. Born and brought up as a member of the chosen people, Jesus was to eventually become the stranger because his own people and the authorities refused to accept who he was. Many people rejected him but those who did accept him and listened to him found him to be truly authentic and real. **Jesus always paid attention to the real needs of the people he encountered. He made a difference unlike no one else. Lives were transformed by his presence. His words brought hope, comfort and meaning.**

In our own lives we have people whose voices we respect. We recognise them as real, true and care only for our good and well-being. They seek nothing but the best for us. They are genuine. Other people speak too much, promise everything but deliver nothing. We know many who express the right sound-bytes simply to impress or who toe the line in case they disappoint the party boss! They often condescend and speak over us. There are people who are very crafty in using words to steal our hopes and aspirations. We tire of such people easily.

Today's gospel gives us an image of Jesus as someone who hopes that people will come to recognise his voice as genuine and real, a voice they can trust, a voice that knows them and speaks to their concerns, hurts and wounds. Yes, there were many who did not accept Jesus and his authority or his message. Why? Because to accept Jesus meant a whole new way of thinking, acting and believing. There would be no place for the language of hatred, threats, denigration, insults. There would be no more intimidating or dividing people or placing unacceptable burdens of judgments on people, crushing them in the process. Jesus had a different vision of life, a vision where everyone had a **God-given dignity** and were of infinite value to Him. No one had the right to destroy that dignity or to dehumanise anyone by words or actions or by deliberately humiliating others. In God's eyes we are all equal. Jesus displays the most authentic way of being fully human – by carrying our sins of our **"inhumanity"** and bringing them to the cross. In doing this, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is willing to die for us. Through this great act of love, we are all saved in God and belong to God and are eternally loved. Jesus, the **GOOD SHEPHERD** teaches all of us how we too are to be Good Shepherds of one another. We do this by imitating Jesus in giving ourselves away in total love, caring, compassion and true goodness of heart, only ever seeking what is truly good.

Fr. Tony

St. Vincent de Paul The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend after all Masses at the Church exits.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th April

5.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Carol Vaughan
ANNIVERSARIES
Eileen Healy 1st; Kathleen Cruise 1st
Alan Murray 10th; Karly Brennan 15th
Ann Hogan 16th also remembering her son
James recently deceased
Peter O'Hara 30th also remembering his son
Peter O'Hara Jnr
Catherine Kavanagh 30th
Tom Bishop 32nd also remembering his wife
Úna 5th
Micheal O'Brien
Deceased of the O'Brien & Leonard families
Kathleen Mulvaney also remembering her
daughter Rachel

Sunday 26th April

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book
of Remembrance*

11.00am Celebrants Intentions

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Ronnie Rooney
ANNIVERSARIES
Margaret (Marge) Doherty 2nd
William Ryan 2nd; Brian Reilly 4th
Phyllis O'Leary 6th; Patrick Reilly 7th
Bill O'Leary 10th; Sheila Coonan 11th
Dennis Bradshaw 15th also remembering his
wife Frances 7th; Catherine Markey 17th
William (Billy) Smyth 26th
Edmund Coonan; Tom McGovern
John Coonan; Joseph and Kathleen Markey
Charles O'Keefe

Monday 27th April

9.00am Patrick Green Months Mind

Tuesday 28th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 29th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 30th April

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 1st May

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



Essie Deans, Clonard Road
Patrick Arthurs, Clonard Road

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

May She Rest in Peace. Amen.

Recent Church Collections

First Collection: € 2,221
Share: € 1,647
Family Offering: € 945

*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 26th April - Saturday 2nd May 2026

Sunday	4th Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd
Monday	St Asicus
Tuesday	St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort
Wednesday	St Catherine of Siena
Thursday	St Pius V
Friday	St Joseph the Worker
Saturday	St Athanasius

Easter Dues

Dues are an important source of income for the Priests of the parish and of the Diocese including sick and retired priests. Spare Dues envelopes are available at the Church exits. **For parishioners who hold family offering envelopes there is an Easter Dues envelope in your envelope box.** We wish to thank you for your continued support to St Agnes' parish.

Lough Derg 2026 Pilgrimage Season

Lough Derg 2026 Pilgrimage Season begins in May, please see noticeboard for details of dates and booking or visit their website www.loughderg.org



Trocaire Boxes which you have at home may be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristy over the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity and support of the work of Trocaire in many parts of the world

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

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: Good Shepherd Sunday – April 26th

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God’s gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God’s call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

PRAYER CORNER

“The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul.” (Psalm 121:7-8.)

Father, I place every new beginning in my life under your protection. Guard my steps, my mind, my spirit. Shield me from harm, confusion, anxiety and fear. As I move forward in my life, may your presence surround me and keep me secure. I trust that you will watch over me in every step of my daily journey. Give me inner healing and restore joy where pain has lingered. I trust you Lord as my healer and help me to rest in the embrace of your faithful care. AMEN

QUOTES FROM POPE LEO XVI

On peace and War: “Let those who have weapons lay them down. Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace.”

On Compassion: “The poor are not a distraction for the Church but our beloved brothers and sisters whom we must embrace.”

On Faith: “God doesn’t shout. God whispers. And sometimes he whispers from the mud from pain..”

On suffering: “Each act of solidarity, care and forgiveness, every good effort, becomes a morsel of bread for humanity in need of care.”

Lay Ministry Sunday Throughout the Diocese **next weekend 2nd and 3rd May** we have the Annual Lay Ministry Sunday Appeal. Thanks to your contributions on Lay Ministry Sunday, the diocese can now offer subsidies to participants of the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, the Pathways into Ministry Programme and the Youth Ministry Leadership Certificate. This year, 1,500 people are participating in formation for voluntary ministries – a great sign of hope to us all. In addition, through the work of the Office of Mission and Ministry, parish ministries such as Lay Funeral Prayer Leaders continue to be supported, formed and resourced. The Lay Ministry Collection will replace the Share collection.

“The soul that sees beauty may sometimes walk alone.” (Goethe)

PATHWAYS TO HOPE

***The dawn of this new day opens possibilities
Hope comes in the glimmer of the early light of day
The golden hue of the rising sun
Invites trust for this day***

***The hidden music of this resplendent landscape
Scattering its melody, replenishes restless hearts.
This great forest with its mosaic of red, russet, green, brown
Pastel, neon and lime are captured among
The lacework of branches, renewed after their winter rest.
This quiet mountain side carries ancient stories
Of those before me***

***The mossy pathway leads to a small brook
Where the trickle of water flows steadily***

***The reflective waters offering
New thresholds to beauty and truth. (Fr. Tony)***

“There is a candle in your heart ready to be kindled, a void in your soul waiting to be filled..” (Rumi.)

St Agnes’ Musical Society presents



Fri 24th, Sat 25th & Sun 26th April 2026

Performance 7pm

SCOIL ÚNA NAOFA, ARMAGH ROAD, CRUMLIN, D12 CY26

**Stage Director Cliona Frost
Musical Director Peter Mullen**

**Tickets: €15 (€10 conc) www.gr8events.ie
Email: hildamilner@stagnescma.ie
Phone: 01 - 4562926**



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Acts 2:14,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent", Peter answered "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 22:1-6. R.v.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 1 Pet. 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die for our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn. 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL 10:1-10

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

People: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews: "I tell you most solemnly; anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers." Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again; "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe; he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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SHEEPFOLD

SHEPHERD

STRANGER

STEAL

THIEF

FLOCK

PARABLE

KILL

BRIGAND

GATEKEEPER

PASTURE

LIFE

