



Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, regem angelorum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, the star in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around

2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread, Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind"

3. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease.

4. Once in City.



Royal David's

Candle Care

Just a little reminder to take care when lighting candles. They carry with them a warning of danger. Particularly, you would please supervise children. Our shrines are ablaze with candles on Christmas Day. We would not like you to be ablaze as well!! These rules should also apply when at home, especially at this time of year



1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

6. Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains

Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong? Say what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ our Lord the new born king. **Refrain**

4. See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they

lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

8. O Come All ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain.**

3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning, Jesus to you be glory given, word of the Father now in flesh appearing. **Refrain.**

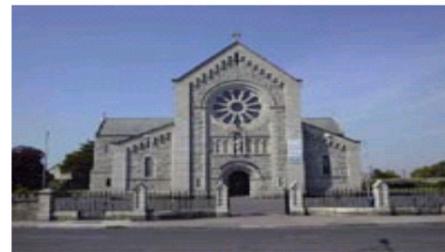
9. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born king, peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, with angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Refrain: Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. **Refrain.**

The Parish Newsletter & WebSite Team would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. We hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter or visiting the Web-Site, and we welcome any comments you have. Don't forget, if there is anything you would like to see as a regular item, please let us know through the Parish Office or email newsletter@crumlinparish.ie



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Priests of the Parish join in wishing you and your family a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and every blessing in the New Year of 2013. The priests of the Parish will offer their Christmas Day Masses for you and your loved ones living and dead.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our Parish Church and especially welcome those home from abroad to join their families and to all who have come to live in Ireland and cannot be in their homeland and among their families this Christmas.

Christmas Blessing

Loving God, on this Christmas Day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace and joy. Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share and help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours and our friends, those who are lonely, sick or away from home. We pray that our departed loved ones may sit now at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. Amen.

Today - Tonight - and Forever

Be thou a bright flame, before me, Be thou a guiding star above me, Be thou a smooth path below me, Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me, Today - Tonight - and Forever

St Columba of Iona

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Parish Office will open on Friday 28th Dec from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Normal Office Hours resume on Wednesday 2nd January

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Thought for the Week

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" - Gospel of John 1:14

Light & Darkness

May I wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Santa has arrived and children are full of wonder and joy. May we welcome home our emigrants who are joining their families for this special occasion. Much of the hustle and bustle is over and the days ahead are restful ones, I hope!!

May we welcome you home to St Agnes Church today. In a sense it is your second home. Many of you celebrated occasions like Baptisms, Confirmation and Marriages here, as well as attending Sunday Mass and during weekdays have dropped in to light a candle and say a prayer or attend daily Mass. May you draw strength and peace from your visits here.

The Crib is central to the meaning of Christmas. The story is old but it is in a sense ever new. God has sent His Son Jesus into the world and into our hearts. The Pope may have said there were no animals in the crib, perhaps he had health and safety issues. But our Crib here in St Agnes follows the traditional crib first given to us by St Francis of Assisi, many centuries ago, much loved by children, and of course there is a child in the heart of us all.



For some families there is a touch of darkness as we remember loved ones who will not be with us this Christmas. Our special thoughts are with those who have lost a young family member who may have died through an accident, violence or suicide. Imagine the anguish of those families in Newtown, Connecticut following the violent deaths of their children and staff members of their local Elementary School. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers this Christmas Day.

Fr John

ST AGNES MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm and 9.00pm Vigil Masses

Christmas Day: 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm.

There is No 7.00pm Evening Mass.

St. Stephen's Day: 10.00am only

Weekday Masses will be at 9.00am & 10.00am only from Thursday 27th until Monday 7th January 2013, when our normal Weekday Mass Schedule resumes with Masses at 9.00am, 10.00am and 7.00pm.



CEREMONY OF FAREWELL

This event has been a feature of New Year's Eve for over a decade. This year there will be no ceremony. However, it is hoped to hold a service during Church Unity Octave which takes place from the 18th to 25th January 2013. Watch this space for more information.