

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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14th February, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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St Agnes Mass Times

Unfortunately, due to Government Guidelines Our Church is closed for all public masses. Mass will be live streamed as follows

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday: 9.00am

Sunday Masses

Sunday: 11.00am

Masses can be viewed by visiting www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live into your search or churchmedia.tv (under find your church key in Crumlin).

Funerals are strictly 10 people in attendance only.

The Church will be open for private prayer after Funerals Monday to Saturday and will close at **4.00pm**, and on Sunday from **12.00noon until 2.00pm.**

St Agnes Confessions

Saturdays

9.45am—10.15

or anytime on request.



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Thought for the Week

'The Lord will give strength to his people, the Lord will bless his people with peace' Psalm 29

LENTEN REFLECTION 2021

There's a beautiful story of love for a lost one in David Copperfield by Charles Dickens. Emily has run away and Mr. Peggoty announces that he going "through all the weurld" in search of her. "Every night as reg'lar as the night comes, the candle must be stood in its old pane of glass, that if ever she should see it, it may say to her, "Come back, my child, come back."

It's a lovely image of the God of Jesus, a God who waits patiently and gently for our return to him. Much like the father in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father in this story awaits the return of his lost son. He searches the landscape until he sees what he is looking for and when you search relentlessly for something, as this father did – as a mother or any parent would do - you do so because you desperately want what you are searching for. Once he caught sight of his once familiar son, the father ran to meet him. There was no confession. No time for expressions of regret or sorrow from his son, just a warm embrace of a lost one. The Dutch artist, Rembrandt, paints this scene with beautiful movement, emotion, light and colour. In the painting you grasp the depth of the father's loving embrace. The subtlety of colours of red, yellow and grey depict a scene of welcome, forgiveness and hospitality. As if to say, "welcome home, you are mine." And of course there was a huge celebration for the return of a lost one.

Jesus assures us through this unforgettable story that God loves us like that. He is not an austere, disciplining, aloof God, one who remains apart from us. God's love is so strong for us that he even plants within us the longing for him which urges us to reach out for him. God waits gently for our response.

Lent is our time to reach out to God a little bit more, a time to "come home" to God. Our pathways in life may take us away from God and one another. The decisions we make can bring hurt to others, cause wounds, divide us and create chasms. We need every now and then to stop, pray and reflect about our lives, our relationship with God and with one another, to re-evaluate the things that really matter, what is important and essential. Since last March, due to the pandemic difficulties and challenges, I think all of us have been brought to a more reflective place in our hearts. It has been and still is difficult for us to chart a positive way through this pandemic, the painful effects which we are seeing on a daily basis with so much loss and grieving.

But we do not give up nor surrender our hope. Neither do we stop believing in a loving, caring, compassionate and merciful God. Nor do we stop praying or desiring for God in our lives. Our prayer is a great strength for us in these times. Our efforts to keep God within us is a struggle, especially when we cannot gather for the Eucharist. Please God that moment will arrive soon again. This Lent, which begins next Wednesday, 17th February, is a time when we can begin to return to God, to reaffirm the insights, wisdom and renewed values and priorities we have found in this pandemic: a time to practice greater Christian charity and mercy: to give to those who have little: a time to "come back to God" with all our heart, to bring our burdens, anxieties, worries, failures, sinfulness to God and trust that we will encounter a warm, loving, kind God, who desires only what is best for us. Like St. Augustine may we be able to say at the end of Lent, "You O Lord have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.." Every good wish and blessing for the coming week.

Fr. Tony.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th February

11.00am MONTHS MIND
Michael Sinnott

ANNIVERSARIES
Doreen McCaffrey 1st
Patricia McGloughlin 1st
Sean Byrne 2nd
Pauline Duggan 6th
Raymond Burke 7th
Brigid Delaney 7th
Frank Gorman 16th
Joe Kiernan 22nd
Richard Tobin 25th
James Furlong 34th, also Bridget and Patrick Furlong, Michael Hatton
Kathleen McEvoy Joseph Hanlon
Anne Devlin, Husband Jack, son George & Daughter in law Delia
Joe, Esther & Michael Bowden & Monica Hanks, George Kenny
Mary Kenny, Matt McAuley
Kathleen Earley
George & Myra Howard
Ellen and Joe McCarthy
Carmel Quinn, Margaret McSharry
Catherine and John Flynn
Thomas and Mary Byrne

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Michael Byrne, Robert Pimlott
Val Byrne, Margueritte Quinn

Tuesday 16th February

9.00am Josephine O'Mahony 1st Anniv.

Thursday 18th February

9.00am Mary Nolan Months Mind

Friday 19th February

9.00am Tommy Bruce 3rd Anniv.

Saturday 20th February

9.00am John C Kinsella 24th Anniv

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful departed Rest In Peace. Amen

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.

Our Recently Deceased



Joseph Tynan, Durrow Road
Patrick Kavanagh, Rockville Avenue
Mary Murphy, Bangor Road
Frank Coughlan, Celbridge
Joan O'Neill, Brandon Road
Joe Tonge, St. Teresa's Road
George Vince, Somerville Park
John Rooney, John McCormack Avenue
Michael Sinnott, Kimmage Road West
Eamon Byrne, Raphoe Road
Carmel Keogh, Windmill Park
Mary Keegan, Slievemore Road
Anne Pierce, Quarry Drive
Leslie Naughton, Tallaght
Paul Anthony Lee, Windmill Road
Margaret Phelan, Rockmeade Court
Ann Thompson, Stanaway Road
Edward Daly, Windmill Park
Ronnie Cooper, Hillsbrook Grove
Mary Cleal, Captain's Road
James Smyth, Hillsbrook Avenue
Graham Connolly, Clondalkin
Joan Pimlott, Kimmage Court
Ann Kearns, Cromwellsfort Road
Pauline Brophy, Ballyfermot
Paddy Vickers (Sonny) Keeper Road
Katherine Dempsey, Moeran Road
Gerry O'Shea, Windmill Park
Frances O'Shaughnessy, Newbridge
Christopher Byrne, Cashel Road
Daniel Conway, Bunting Road
Phillip Griffith, Sundrive Park
Christina Keenan, Rockmeade Court

*We express our deepest sympathies to their families at this sad time..
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: € 400
Share: € 250
Family Offering: € 1220

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. We wish to thank all those 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

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

As part of our on-going cleaning of our Church for health and safety, it will be professionally disinfected on Saturday, 27th February. It was done likewise last November in preparation for Christmas and we will be doing so again on 27th February. It is a scientifically proven way of professionally cleaning our Church, making it a safe place. Be assured of our efforts to keep our Church a safe environment in these times.

THANK YOU

My sister, Frances on the 1st February as a result of covid pneumonia, totally unexpectedly and only six days after testing positive for the virus. As you can imagine, her death is a total shock to all of us still. Having officiated at so many covid-related deaths here in Crumlin since March, 2020 and more recently, I was very aware of the extra layer of grief for bereaved families because of the restrictions around funerals. This was the most difficult aspects of Frances's funeral mass on Friday, 5th February, not being able to be together before and after her funeral mass and cemetery. All my family and Frances's family are so overwhelmed with the wonderful tributes given to Frances and the sympathy we have each received, (2 brothers and 4 sisters). It is so comforting for all of us at this time. I want to thank all of you in Crumlin Parish for your expressions of sympathy, prayers and kindness to me through emails, text messages, cards and the lovely sentiments on the R. I. P. website. To all of you who have been so full kindness – thank you sincerely. We are touched deeply by your messages. You will be remembered in Masses that God will bless you all at this time of challenge, struggle and uncertainty. May we not lose our hope for a better and safer future. God bless. **Fr. Tony.**

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.45am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to 4.45pm. Please call in to book Masses and to buy Mass cards. Please follow the notices displayed concerning social distancing

CHRISTMAS DUES

We thank you for your Christmas Dues Offerings already received. These, along with the Easter Dues and the First Collection at masses every weekend, form part of the salary of the Priests of the Parish, the Diocese, including sick and retired priests. In accordance with Diocesan guidelines, all offerings are recorded on our Parish Register of Contributors. The Christmas Dues Offerings may be returned at any time through the Parish Office or brought with you to mass on weekdays or at weekends. Spare envelopes are available at all Church exits. We are very grateful for your financial support at all times.

“The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern

Pope Francis, 29th World Day of the Sick

This year, 2021, is dedicated to St. Joseph. To honour him, we will have a package available which contains a candle with an image of St. Joseph, a Way of the Cross booklet and some prayer cards. This too can be purchased any time throughout the season of Lent.

The **Trocaire** boxes are available in our Church so that we can contribute to the welfare of the thousands in poorer countries where Trocaire are present.

For other reflective material for Lent, Google in **“Lenten Reflections”** and you will find plenty of good resourceful, prayerful sites.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday next 17th February is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence.

Bags of Blessed Ashes with a prayer card will be available in the Church from opening time until 6.00pm.

ONE BAG PER HOUSEHOLD

These Blessed Ashes will be placed on our forehead as an outward sign that we want to be renewed in God's love and ways and to live in the way of Jesus and His Gospel.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT? - Here are some suggestions.

- ◆ Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking.
- ◆ Make a special effort at involvement in Family Prayer.
- ◆ Attend Mass online daily at 9.00am weekdays & 11.00am Sundays or daily on RTE News Channel at 10.30am.
- ◆ Make the Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ As an act of Penance; give up something so that we might give to others.
- ◆ Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.
- ◆ Take a TROCAIRE Box

Crosscare express a big 'thank you' for your kind donations of toiletries which were distributed with food parcels for Christmas to those in need

New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week.



The season of Lent gives us a heaven-sent opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the unprecedented events of the last 12 months. We have been challenged, individually and collectively, in ways no-one could have imagined. Successive lockdowns have confronted us with the question of whether we want to go back to how things were, or to 'grow back better'.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, Pray-As-Your Go – in partnership with the global online prayer phenomenon, Sacred Space – offers a Lenten online retreat. 'Growing Back Better' encourages us to reflect on what kind of people we truly desire to become and what kind of world we hope to pass on to future generations. There is a new session for each of the seven weeks of Lent. For this, and for other excellent online Lenten resources visit www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

FAMILY OFFERING

We are deeply grateful to you who faithfully contribute on a regular basis to the family offering. The Weekly Family Offering Envelopes and monthly Standing Orders are the only collection that goes directly to the parish, so you will appreciate how important it is to the Parish Finances. It is our main source of income that covers the cost of insurance, heating, lighting and maintenance. New family offering boxes of envelopes for week commencing 7th March 2021 are now available in the parish office for collection. If you are not a contributor, and are in a position to contribute to the family offering, please call to the parish office to either sign up for a box of envelopes, or complete a form to donate through the bank by monthly standing order.

A 2ft Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been donated to the Parish. If any Parishioner is interested in this for their home, please call to the Parish Office to collect

First and second mass collections

Due to the COVID restrictions since March 2020 with churches not being open for public masses the 1st and 2nd mass collections have suffered greatly. These mass collections go directly to Archdiocese of Dublin with the first collection being allocated to pay all the priests of the Diocese including sick and retired priests. The second collection goes towards poorer parishes and pastoral training and pastoral programmes along with Diocesan administration. Going forward, in order to get a steady income up and running again the Archdiocese of Dublin is asking parishioners to sign up to a standing order for these collections, if they are in a position to do so. The forms for this are available from our parish office. Alternatively first and second collections offerings can be donated directly to Archbishop's House through the donate facility on St Agnes parish website. The Diocese wish to thank all parishioners for their support over the years.

ACCORD ANNUAL COLLECTION

Accord Dublin's Annual Collection **will take place on the weekend of 13th & 14th February.**

With counselling agencies of all sorts anticipating a "tsunami of demand" and Garda sources reporting a large increase in domestic violence ("violence has gone home"), it is clear that there is a great need for Accord's services in our communities.

Counselling continues by phone, and contact can be made via our centres or on our helpline at 01 905 9555. Marriage preparation courses have continued, with smaller courses via zoom, and can be booked on our website.

To enable our services to continue to meet the demand, we need your support.

Your parishioners can donate in the following ways:

- ⇒ **Online** at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button.
- ⇒ **By post** to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.
- ⇒ **By bank transfer** to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. **IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC: BOFIE2D.**

RTE is continuing to broadcast DAILY MASS each day at 10.30am on the RTE News Now channel.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON THE PARISH WEBSITE WWW.CRUMLINPARISH.IE

