

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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28th February, Second Sunday of Lent



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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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live) into your search or [churchmedia.tv](http://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

*We are born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.*

*St Joseph*

## REFLECTION – 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

In today's gospel Jesus becomes radiant and aglow as he is recognised as **"my son, the beloved, the chosen one"**. This mountain top experience is hugely significant for Jesus. He is called **"in love"**. He is now deeply aware of who he truly is. His identity is affirmed. The deepest part of Jesus is called forth. This mountain top is a sanctuary for Jesus, a moment to get away from his busy life, a time to pray to his Father and to be with his disciples. Such is the beauty of this moment for the disciples that they express the desire to dwell with this experience; **"let's build three tents..."**. It was indeed a special moment for Jesus and his disciples.

Albert Einstein said, **"Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better"**. And the South African poet, Gift Gugu Mona, said, **"Be thankful for every mountain because it is the mountaintop that will give you the best view of the world"**.

Somehow I imagine Jesus had a great respect for nature. Many of his parables were inspired by nature. I believe too that this mountaintop moment for Jesus enabled him to see things differently, to keep going in his mission. In the affirmation that he is the chosen one, Jesus knows he is not alone on the journey he must now make towards Jerusalem.

The gift of nature is a wonderful gift. It draws us beyond ourselves. At this time of year isn't it such a blessing to notice the bursting forth of new life and colour. Soon, we will be able to spend time in our gardens. Whenever I'm close to mountains, walking by a river or the sea, or walking in a forest or simply admiring the tall, elegant willow tree in my back garden, my heart is raised heavenward. The delights of nature can **"transfigure"** our ordinary moments into moments of grace and blessing. Often, just by being in silence before the grandeur of nature we sense something greater than ourselves. For me, I sense the presence of God. I am moved, like the psalmist to pray: **"Come ring out our joy to the Lord. Let us come before him, giving thanks. With songs, we praise the Lord. The heights of the mountains are his, to him belongs the sea and the dry lands, shaped by his hands"**. I can imagine Jesus offering this prayer of gratitude on this mountain top moment.

This transfiguring moment was not the only one for Jesus. Similar moments took place frequently in the mission of Jesus. Jesus transfigured the lives of many people - the lame, the crippled, the sick, the broken, the unloved, the outcast - all were touched and changed by the presence of Jesus' love. Jesus called to the deepest part of people, enabling them to see their inner beauty, dignity and preciousness in the eyes of God. As Jesus was called in love as **"the beloved"** by his Father, so too Jesus calls us **"the beloved of God"**. This truth should give us healing and peace within as we face our own hurdles and challenges in life. We don't have to go to the mountaintop to have this awareness of God's love for us. We can have this moment in quiet prayer, in the silence (if possible), visiting our Church to light a candle and pray, admiring nature, doing a good deed for another. **"Sometimes when we just stand still, the grace finds us"**. (Mary Davis). May we be **"transfigured"** by this grace of God this coming week. **Fr. Tony**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**11.00am RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Catherine McDonnell; Una Farrell

**MONTHS MIND**  
Graham Connolly

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Vera Lee 1<sup>st</sup> also Birthday  
Remembrance  
Joyce Dukes 1<sup>st</sup>  
Patsy (Patrick) O'Reilly 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Seamus Finn 4<sup>th</sup>; Henry McEvoy 5<sup>th</sup>  
Christopher Higgins 6<sup>th</sup>  
Paddy Zambra 7<sup>th</sup>  
Alfie Fogarty 9<sup>th</sup>  
Ellen (Nellie) Whelan 14<sup>th</sup>  
William Grehan 14<sup>th</sup>  
Ann Collier 17<sup>th</sup>  
Peggy Fitzpatrick 40<sup>th</sup>  
Michael McDonnell 50<sup>th</sup>  
Betty O'Brien  
Bridget Watt; William Watt  
David Watt; Harry Watt  
John Coonan; John Cleary

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Stephen Murphy; Sean Fitzpatrick  
Alan Weafer, Kevin Mulvaney

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**9.00am** Billy Tighe 3<sup>rd</sup>; Doris Barrett 4<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick Zambra & deceased members  
of Zambra, Stewart, Hanlon & McEvoy  
families  
Rose & Edward Joyce Birthday  
Remembrance

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**9.00am** Dan Cronin 2<sup>nd</sup>; Patrick Corrigan 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** First Friday

*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.*

### 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.**

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

## Our Recently Deceased



Patrick O'Toole, Stanaway Road  
David Crowley, Clonee  
Tommy Lawless, Bunting Road  
Anthony Lee, Hillsbrook Drive  
Lall Brophy, Windmill Road

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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### Last Weekend's Collections

**1st Collection: € 600**

**Share: € 330**

**Family Offering: € 1030**

*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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)*

## TRÓCAIRE

Lent is an extremely important time of year for Trócaire. The organisation relies heavily on the income that comes in during Lent through the generosity of schools and parishes. The ongoing lockdown presents different challenges especially in relation to the distribution of Lenten Boxes. This year's Lenten Campaign focuses on Awut and Ajak, two women brought together by the horror of war. Their solidarity is an example of what Pope Francis tells us in his recent encyclical, Fratelli. At a time of great uncertainty and fear, it reminds us to always work together to protect the most vulnerable.

This year, cardinal Luis Tagle will deliver the Trócaire and St. Patrick's College Maynooth annual lecture online on 9 March 2021 at 18.30.

[Trócaire | Until Love Conquers Fear \(trocaire.org\)](http://trocaire.org)

**Trócaire Boxes are available at all Church exits,  
please take one home and save over the Lenten  
period for a worthy cause.**

## MASS FOR LENT - 2021

The **9.00am** mass from Monday to Saturday and the **11.00am** on Sunday morning are recorded for parishioners to watch each day at any time. All you need do is go to St. Agnes Parish, Crumlin and press the **"Watch Live"** wording: under **RECORDINGS** the mass for the day will appear and play for you. If you use this facility at any time, please use a lighted candle and choose a quiet time to join prayerfully and spiritually with the Recorded Mass. If you have any difficulty, call the Parish Office.

Also throughout Lent log on to **CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY - LENTEN PRAYERS** and you'll find daily readings, prayers and reflections. Also log on to **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY.COM**. Wonderful resources on both websites.....

## NOVENA OF GRACE



Because of the pandemic, we cannot have the normal Novena of Grace in our Church. However, we will be dedicating the **9.00am mass each morning from 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March as a Novena of Grace Mass**. We will recite the Novena Prayer each morning. The statue of St. Francis Xavier will be placed at foot of the sanctuary. We will also have a special box into which you can place your personal prayers and intentions which will be remembered at all masses for the duration of the Novena Masses.

*The 9.00am mass is now recorded so that you can watch it at any time during the day for your own personal time of prayer and reflection. Go Crumlin Parish Website and under Watch Live, you'll find "recordings": just press on the date of recorded masses and it should play for you.*

### First and second mass collections

Due to the COVID restrictions since March 2020 with churches not being open for public masses the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Saint Francis Xavier Novena Prayer

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here mention the favour to be asked for):

but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.



## Knitted Hearts

One of our parishioners works in hospitals where a lot of people are dying from Covid19 at the moment. They are looking for knitters, to knit small hearts for a Hospital, to give to the patient (who is at end of life) and one for the family – a link.

If anyone can help, please take a pattern and return the hearts to Karen in the Sacristy or the office. Thank you.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Many thanks to Parishioners who contribute to the **Family Envelope Fund** which is essential for the day to day running costs of the Parish and Church. We are grateful for your support in these difficult times. If any parishioner would like to take a Family Box of Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. Donations to Family Offering can also be donated online through the donate button our website or by completing a standing order form which is also available in the parish office. Thanks too to Parishioners who make contributions on Sunday when they call to visit the Church on Sunday between 12.00 – 2.00pm. The Common Fund and Share donations are forwarded to Archbishops House. Also – on our Parish Website there is a Donate facility through which you can make donations. We appreciate your support at all times. **Fr. Tony.**

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 and prayer card. This too can be purchased any time throughout the season of Lent.

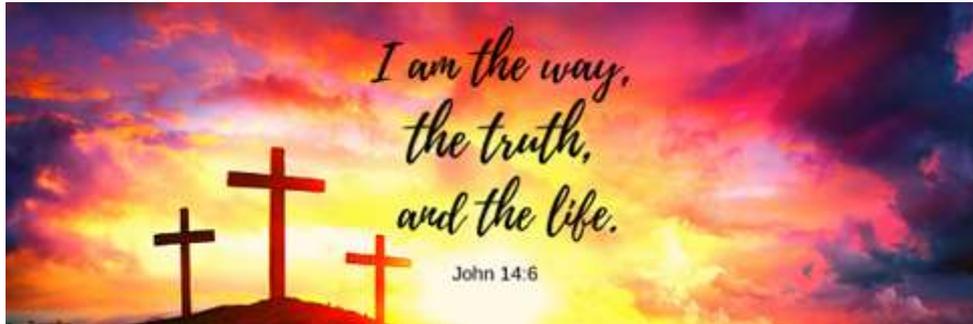
For other reflective material for Lent, Google in "**Lenten Reflections**" and you will find plenty of good resourceful, prayerful sites.

## **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**

## Parish Notices



### **THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL RESOURCE CENTRE**

The approaching season of Lent is described as a joyful season. Despite the difficulties and restrictions we face, Lent gives us an opportunity to rediscover who we are and the life-giving message of the Good News. Please see attached helpful resources which have been prepared by the liturgy office to help you and your parish journey this Lent. Resources can be found on our website [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)

### **LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE**

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **5 Tuesdays starting 16th February @8pm.**

- ⇒ **February 16<sup>th</sup>** - Let it Go
- ⇒ **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Would you listen to Him?
- ⇒ **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Songs of the Sanctuary
- ⇒ **March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Into the Light
- ⇒ **March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email [lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie)

If you know of anyone wishing to explore the possibility of a vocation to priesthood please invite them to email the vocations team at: [enda.cunningham@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:enda.cunningham@dublindiocese.ie) or [seamusmcentee@yahoo.com](mailto:seamusmcentee@yahoo.com)

**FaithFest**  
**ONLINE**

**When**  
Friday 5th March  
6:30 - 8:30 on Zoom

**What to Expect**  
Games, Workshop,  
Music, Chats, Prayer and  
much more.

**For more info**  
[faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](http://faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

### *New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.*



New Pilgrim Path's featured website for the week beginning Sunday next, the 2nd Sunday in Lent, is 'Forty Days', a visual meditation based on 40 great works of art.

Forty is a significant number in the Bible. Rain fell for 40 days during the Flood. The Israelites wandered for 40 years. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days. Jonah preached in Nineveh for 40 days. Christ fasted 40 days in the desert. The Ascension took place 40 days after Easter Sunday.

It seems a cruel coincidence that this Lent coincides with at least 40 more days of lockdown (or quarantine - another 40!) in many countries. Yet, this video reminds us that at the end of every significant 40 days in the Bible, significant transformation occurred. Moses received the 10 Commandments. The Israelites found the Promised Land. Jonah converted Nineveh. Christ began his great redemptive mission. May this Lent transform us, too. Access this – and many other excellent Lent resources, at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)