

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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21st March, Fifth 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 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

Due to the guidelines we have to adhere to during COVID-19 restrictions Confessions can only be heard on request.



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Thought for the Week

Christ be with me on my journey—St Patrick

REFLECTION – SUNDAY 21st MARCH, 2021

We are approaching the Feast of Easter. Soon we will celebrate the central truths of our Christian faith – the death and resurrection of Christ. In these great events of Christ's life we are given the hope of eternal life with God. We believe that death does not have the last word about our lives. Death was not the last word about Jesus. He was raised to new life by the Father's love. We are reminded of this in the Preface for Christian Funerals, "*Lord, for your faithful people, (in death), life is changed not ended. When the body of our earthly body lies in death, an eternal dwelling place is made ready in heaven.*" We trust and we believe that God will extend his graciousness to us as he did to Jesus and bring us to new life with him. Death, in our Christian vision, is the threshold to new life with God.

In today's gospel, Jesus is nearing the moment when he will be brought to Calvary. Jesus will now face the loss of his freedom, his family, his friends and ultimately the loss of his own life. All of these losses trouble Jesus. The way of the cross which presented itself in his early ministry now becomes a reality. A poet once said, "*Life is a lesson in the art of letting go..*" Jesus learned the art of letting go throughout his life. We all have to let go of many things so that we may find new life, hope, meaning and purpose, to fulfil our dreams. Jesus let go often. The hour is now arriving when he will surrender his whole life to the Father on the Cross at Calvary. He is troubled. He is alone. He is in anguish. But he is able to bear with this agony because he is deeply aware of the Father's solidarity with him. This will enable Jesus to face the cross.

This radical act of Jesus's self-forgetfulness stands at the heart of Christianity. Jesus is the grain of wheat that died in order to bear much fruit. That is why the cross is such a predominant symbol of our Christian faith. The loss of Jesus's life has become in time the source of our hope. It points us beyond death to "*the bright promise of new life to come.*"

In the midst of our own losses, it can be difficult to find hope, peace, comfort and healing. The pain of loss can reduce us to silence. Loss can cast a huge shadow over our lives, not just the death of a loved one, but the many losses we go through in life. Jesus survived his inner turmoils because of his belief in his Father's love for him. The burden of bearing with life's struggles is made that little bit lighter when we too are surrounded by people who love us, who care, who are faithful. We learn from Jesus to trust that God is with us always. Let us take strength in these days in the knowledge that God walks with us in all our trials, as the psalmist says "*...The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want: If I should walk in the valley of darkness, you are there with your crook and your staff: with these you give me comfort...*"

Fr. Tony.

Quotes: "*Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's learning to dance through the rain.*" (Vivian Greene).

"It takes strength to make your way through grief, to grab hold of life and let it pull you forward." (Patti Davis).

"..Do not let your hearts be troubled...trust in God and trust in me.." (Jesus: St. John).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st March

11.00am MONTHS MIND
Tommy Lawless
Christy Duffin also remembering Mary Duffin on her Birthday Remembrance

ANNIVERSARIES
Tomo Zambra 1st
Michael Christopher Lawlor 1st
Rita Fagan 1st
Paddy Whelan 2nd
Diarmuid Flood 3rd
Andrew Roche 7th
Christina Farrell 16th
Breda Kelly 16th
Kay Kavanagh 16th
Dinah Elders 21st, son George 41st & daughter in law Marie Elders 1st
Bernie O'Neill 26th
Thomas McEnroe 36th also remembering Mary McEnroe
Mary McGee
Eddie Doyle
Jimmy Doyle
Noel Long
James Clancy
Catherine & William Cullen Deceased of Cullen Family
Kathleen, Jimmy, Mahl Flynn
Celine & Bill Gerrard
Brendan MacDunphy
Patrick Woodburn

Tuesday 23rd March

9.00am Thomas Zambra 1st Anniv

Wednesday 24th March

9.00am Elizabeth Behan 4th Anniv

Friday 26th March

9.00am Christina Kelty 1st 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

Ann Weafer, Derry Road
Gwen Dunne, Brandon Road
Jim (James) McKenna, Stanaway Avenue
Maura Swords, Dangan Park
Peter Dunne, Bettystown



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

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: € 400.00
Share: € 205.00
Family Offering: € 1120.00

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

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and have implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through the charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in Heaven. Amen.

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.

Easter Mass cards now available.

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.

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.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Unfortunately, we cannot publicly celebrate the lovely ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter this year but we will be live streaming the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Solemn Celebration on Good Friday along with other prayer ceremonies.



For the celebration of the Easter Vigil, Saturday, 3rd April, we invite Parishioners to join the RTE transmission of this Mass. We will have our Easter Sunday Mass at 11.00am during which water will be blessed.

You can collect the Easter Water in the church from 12.00noon – 2.00pm.

Notices with all relevant information will be available in next weekend's Newsletter and on notices on the Church gates and in our porch ways.

PALM SUNDAY

PALMS will be blessed at the 11.00am mass next Sunday, 28th March. These palms will be available after mass on Palm Sunday from 12 – 2.00pm

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks again to Parishioners who make financial donations to our Parish every week with their Family Envelopes, to the Common Fund and Share Collections on Sunday afternoon between 12 noon – 2.00pm. The Common Fund collection is for the salary of the priests of the Parish and Diocese, including sick and retired priests. The Share collection is primarily to help poorer parishes but also helps to finance administration and pastoral works and initiatives. If any parishioner wishes to make a contribution to any of these collections, you can do so by calling to the Parish Office or contacting myself, Fr. Tony.

Alternatively you may wish to go to our Parish Website and under the DONATE BUTTON, you can choose to make your contribution. We appreciate your support at all times. *Fr. Tony.*

HOLY WEEK ONLINE RETREAT

Open Access online retreat reflecting on the Passion of Christ.

FREE!

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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 \(trocaire.org\)](https://trocaire.org)

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

A Legion of Mary Virtual Acies Ceremony, which is a renewal of our **Consecration to Our Lady, will be held at 6pm on Sunday 21st March 2021.** This ceremony will be live streamed from Mount Argus Church webcam at following link: www.mountargusparish.ie.

We invite all active and auxiliary Legion members, our spiritual directors and everybody wishing to make a Consecration to Our Lady in advance of the Feast of the Annunciation to join us virtually for this beautiful Ceremony.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

Self-awareness is a requirement in order to see differently. In a series of five short reflections entitled "Learning How to See", Richard Rohr identifies 13 different types of bias which we can possess without knowing it.

He begins with 'confirmation bias', in which "we judge new ideas based on the ease with which they fit in with and confirm the only standard we have: old ideas, old information, and trusted authorities." As a result, we tend to exclude anything that "doesn't fit". Another bias is 'complexity bias' in which "our brains prefer a simple falsehood to a complex truth". Yet another is 'contact bias', wherein "a lack of personal and ongoing contact with people who are different from us causes us to fail to see them for who they truly are".

The reflections conclude with an exercise developed by Anthony de Mello to expand our self-awareness and to support our ability to see in a new way. Access these challenging reflections, at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie



A 2 part reflection "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" from Avila Carmelite Centre and prepared by our director of Music Mary Louise O'Donnell together with friends is now fully online and can be viewed on the following links.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu8GDvSUZ_Y

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90>

LEGION OF MARY – YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on March 27th from 5:30 - 7:30pm is a chance for young adults (18 – 40) wherever they are to come together online to build up their hope. The theme "Hope Springs Eternal" will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer.

The Conference is free to attend just log in to Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 .

Whatever about an injection for Covid, come and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome."

Knock Youth Pilgrimage

Saturday, 24th April, 12noon -2pm, via Zoom. This will be a great interactive session for teenagers from across our Diocese to experience pilgrimage together through workshops, small group discussions, fun and prayer.

To register for this youth group you will need to complete the online parental consent form with your parents by clicking here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OmwpOQKL0Ua2DW8iFevKayJb-qK7h5tOjDzUJL5UJ0xUNURQSkdYVkrRQUktIVFIWNzk5R0NTS0U5RS4u>

From Monday 29th March The church will remain open until 5.00pm Monday to Saturday for private prayer. There is no change to the Sunday opening times of 12noon to 2.00pm. Please observe all Social Distancing & Sanitising requirements

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.

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