

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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28th March, Palm Sunday



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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 **5.00pm**, 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

"But Palm Sunday tells us that ... it is the cross that is the true tree of life." - Pope Benedict XVI

PALM SUNDAY : 28th March, 2021

For the second year we will not be able to celebrate publicly the central mysteries of our Christian faith. There is a sadness for the loss of contact and belonging, the loss of our togetherness as God's people. We find strength, support, friendship and nourishment in celebrating the Eucharist as a community. This is now denied us. The poet John Donne is right, **"...No one is an island..."** Isn't it so true? We so much need the presence of one another to sustain us in our daily lives. The restrictions placed on us add an extra sadness, especially for those who have lost a loved one. Our days can be filled with the emotional clouds of worry about those who are ill or vulnerable, the loss of a job, the future for our children. We carry in our hearts the weight of anxiety, uncertainty and fears. We are wearied of the lockdown. Yet, let us continue to be resilient and not lose our hope as we wait patiently for brighter day to emerge. We will get through.

Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday and for the next week we will recall the most sacred feasts for us as Christians. We journey with Jesus this Palm Sunday as he enters Jerusalem to loud acclaim as king. This applause is short lived as the days unfold. We remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night: the night when Jesus instituted the Eucharist: **"..Do this in memory of me.."** - which we do at every mass. We also learn the true meaning of service when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. The **"washing of feet"** is a parable about how we must literally get down on our knees (as parents and guardians do so often) to serve one another in kindness, **compassion and love, just as Jesus demonstrated.** After the Mass of the Lord's Supper our Church is silent and empty, symbolising the dark night of the soul which Jesus now enters as he contemplates Calvary. On Good Friday we commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a solemn day. We are caught up in a drama of suffering, hurt, pain and death. Perhaps we can see our own lives and that of others as Jesus walks his way of the cross. We may find comfort knowing Jesus understands our many fallings and failures. We may be inspired to trust him more deeply as we face our struggles.

Holy Saturday leads us to the joy of the Easter Vigil when we celebrate resurrection in all its magnificence. Death does not have the last word about Jesus nor about us. **Jesus is resurrected to new life by the Father's love. So we are filled with hope.** After the dark days of agony and suffering by Jesus we awaken to the surprise of resurrection on Easter Sunday. Henri Matisse, the French artist said, **"There are always flowers for those who want to see them.."** Jesus knew that he would not be left alone or left in darkness. He believed that new life would happen for him. He could see the flower of new life beyond. He held on to the promise of his Father's love to raise him up. Can we too do likewise in these unsettling days of the pandemic: see flowers of hope, light, healing and new beginnings beyond darkness? May the God of Jesus be with us in our inner weariness, distress, illness and griefs. The message of Holy Week is essentially one of God staying with us in our trials and sufferings as he stayed with Jesus. Let this be our hope. Fr. Tony.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles: they will run and not grow weary: walk and not faint." (Isaiah: 40:31).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th March

11.00am MONTHS MIND
Tony Beatty

ANNIVERSARIES
Desmond Bonner 1st
Ann Hudson 1st
Tom Tallon 2nd
Norah Smith 4th
Marie Wickham 4th
Jack Martin 5th
Dessie Dunford 10th
Bertie Dunne 10th
Patrick Daly 12th
Liam Hendley 13th
James Dolan 18th
Danny Collins 25th
Leo Mullally also remembering wife Mary Tilly, Ger & Finola Harrington
Thanksgiving for all who sympathised on the death of Tony Beatty

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Phyllis Irwin
Andy Keeley
Patricia Carter
Andrew Clarke
Michael Kenny

Monday 29th March

9.00am Tom Kavanagh 8th Anniv.

Tuesday 30th March

9.00am Bill Rutherford 10th also remembering wife Maureen

Wednesday 31st March

9.00am Mary O'Donoghue
Tony Burke
Jimmy & Dilly Cullen

Thursday 1st April

Holy Thursday

Friday 2nd April

Good 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.

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.

Our Recently Deceased

Catherine (Kay) Lockhart, Orwell Park Heights
Philomena Cooke, Cashel Road
Philomena Kelly, Cashel 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: € 435
Share: € 290
Family Offering: € 1,190

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

PALM SUNDAY

Palms will be blessed at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 28th March.

These palms will be available after Mass from 12 noon – 2.00pm.



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.**

A REMINDER

This weekend the clocks go forward by one hour. We have reached summer time. This will mean one hour less in bed on Saturday night



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

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

ST AGNES HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2021

As we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus we invite you to join with us in our Easter Services which will be live streamed on our website by logging on via <https://www.crumlinparish.ie/watch-live/> OR <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-agnes-church>

HOLY THURSDAY – 1st April

9.00am Rosary
9.30am – 6.00pm Church open for private prayer
7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by a short period of quiet prayer
8.00pm Gathering at Altar of Repose with music and prayer concluding at 9.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY – 2nd April (A Day of Fast and Abstinence)

9.00am Rosary
9.30am – 11.00am Church open for private prayer
12.00pm Children's Way of the Cross
12.30pm – 2.30pm Church open for private prayer
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4.15pm – 6.30pm Church open for private prayer
7.00pm Stations of the Cross



HOLY SATURDAY – 3rd April

9.00am Rosary
9.30am – 5.00pm Church open for private prayer
1.00pm – 3.00pm Confessions (and available on request)

Easter Vigil Mass – We will not be celebrating the Vigil from St Agnes Church as it requires much participation which would be difficult for one priest to do. We ask you to look at RTÉ One which will televise the Easter Vigil Mass from Knock Basilica. The Chief Celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilica directed by Una Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane. Currently scheduled at 22.40pm on RTÉ One (TBC).

EASTER SUNDAY – 4th April

11.00am Mass of the Resurrection of Jesus
12.00pm – 2.00pm Church open for private prayer

EASTER WEEK

Easter Monday

9.00am Mass
9.30am – 12noon Church open for private prayer

Tuesday – Saturday

9.00am Mass
9.30am – 5.00pm Church open for private prayer (In the case of any funerals being booked it will open after funerals)



We hope that this Easter will bring Light, Peace and Health to you and your family.

The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy, Fr Tom Clowe SDB, Fr John Deasy, Deacon Jimmy Fennell and Fr Michael Browne SDB.

HOLY WEEK ONLINE RETREAT

Open Access online retreat reflecting on the Passion of Christ.

FREE!

Register Now

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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 and to those who donate to these collections on line. 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.

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 guidelines

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm. You may wish to join in the celebration of this important Diocesan liturgy via webcam

www.procathedral.ie.

During the Mass Archbishop Farrell will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and will consecrate the Holy Oil of Chrism for use in the sacraments throughout our Diocese in the coming year.

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-gK7h5tOjDzUJL5UJ0xUNURQSkdYVkrRQUktIVFIWNzk5R0NTS0U5RS4u>

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>

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

"Palm Sunday is a day of high emotions, teetering on the edge between happiness and heartbreak." This is the opening line of a beautiful Ignatian reflection on Giotto's painting, Christ's Entry into Jerusalem. Throughout Holy Week, New Pilgrim Path will provide a host of spiritual resources each day of Holy Week. These will include links to online Stations of the Cross and streamed church services; music ranging from Malcolm Williamson's marvellous Ride On, Ride on in Majesty to Poulenc's sublime Stabat Mater; poems as diverse as Katharine Tynan's All in the April Evening and Mary Oliver's Gethsemane; and much more. Access this at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie



EASTER DUES

Dues are an important source of income for the Priests of the parish. Spare envelopes are available at the church exits. For parishioners who hold family offering envelopes there is an Easter Dues envelope in your envelope box this year. We wish to thank you for your continued support to St. Agnes' parish.

THE SUNSHINE FUND

The annual advocate collection due to take place on Palm Sunday this year has again unfortunately been cancelled in the Church, however, you can donate online at www.sunshinefund.ie

VACANCY

Part-time (two days per week) Finance Secretary / Bookkeeper required for St Agnes Church. The commencement date for the role is 5th July with closing date for return of applications being 23rd April. For further information on job specification please e mail Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy at info@crumlnparish.ie