

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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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

"It doesn't get easier, You just get stronger" - Anonymous

REFLECTION 18th APRIL 2021

Most of us have experienced the death of a loved one and we are familiar with loss and grief. At times our grief happens almost immediately but for most of us it is only after weeks or longer that we really sense the absence of our loved one. Grief is painful. Our lives are changed. We go through days of feeling normal and then we go through tough days of awful grieving, often alone and quietly. Some of us find comfort in the shared memories and stories. Some of us find comfort is talking with a trusted friend. If our grief is profound we may need to find a safe space with an empathetic counsellor to help us navigate our way through. Loss, in whatever form or shape, disturbs our inner calm and we become fragile and more conscious of our own mortality. We cannot always give ourselves the necessary *"self-compassion"* which helps us to unravel the entanglement of emotions. Some days are good, some are difficult and painful.

In today's gospel we see how the disciples cannot make sense of all the events they have witnessed. Nor can they make sense of what's going on when Jesus appears to them. On their own these men cannot make sense of anything. They need the Risen Christ to help them. The two Emmaus disciples have returned back to Jerusalem and share their experience of how they recognised the Risen Christ at the breaking of the bread moment. While the disciples are still talking, Jesus appears among them. They are ashamed of their doubts and believe they are seeing a ghost. Jesus appeals to the disciple's sense of touch, so that they see who it is they are touching. Jesus appeals to their reasoning, *"...a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.."* But it is only when Jesus begins to explain what he meant by all the words he spoke to them before his crucifixion and opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. Only the Risen Christ can take the disciples from darkness to light, from mystery to revelation, from doubt to belief. This is the Easter gift of peace Jesus gives the disciples.

In this new awareness the disciples become witnesses to all that has taken place. They realise the significance of it and are now eager to share this good news with everyone. The understanding of the Church today is based on the unique experience of the first disciples. We are indebted to them and to the many generations of women and men who also gave witness to the life of Christ and who lived his gospel seriously. We are grateful to our parents and grandparents who shared their faith with us, the many whose Christian living was and is an inspiration to us.

Every generation must make the message of Jesus and the gospel its own and we are only too well aware of the challenges we face. We who are baptised in Christ must seek to live with fidelity to Christ and his gospel. There is much that distracts us in this mission but let us not lose sight of what we have been given – our Christian faith – and seek to live it as best we can. What way can you and I live more faithfully and in a more committed, Christian way that we inspire others to catch or re-find faith and the gospel of Christ. I like this quote by Maya Angelou (American poet): *"But when I found that I knew not only that there was God but that I was a child of God, when I understood that, when I comprehended that but more than that, when I internalised that, ingested that, I became courageous."*

May we have courage in living our Christian faith. *Fr. Tony.*

"I believe if you keep your faith, you keep your trust, you keep the right attitude, if you're grateful, you'll see God open new doors." (Joel Osteen).

"Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith."

(St. Matthew: 21:22)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th April

11.00am ANNIVERSARIES
Tommy Rawlins 1st
Dolores Barclay 1st
Patrick Greene 1st
Sarah Carlin 1st
Philomena Hickey 1st
Tom Cushen 4th
Albert Kennedy 8th
Dorothy Rafter 13th
Seamus McNevin 39th
Michael Talbot 45th
Annie Hughes
John Maher
James O'Keefe
Roseanna O'Keefe
James O'Keefe jnr & Joan O'Keefe
Rose O'Keefe
William Maher
Josephine Maher
Mary Keegan
Deceased members of Smith & Connolly families
Patrick & Pauline Gilligan
Frank & Kathleen Whitty
Thanksgiving for all who sympathised on the death of Tommy Rawlins

RECENTLY DECEASED
Mary Donegan
Maggie Seoghe
Gerald Ryan

Monday 19th April

9.00am Speial Intention
Brendan Brady 11th
Herbert Payne

Tuesday 20th April

9.00am Matthew McGrane 1st
Rose Coffey 8th

Wednesday 21st April

9.00am Ted Daly 2nd
James McGowan also Bridie McGowan & deceased of McGowan family

Thursday 22nd April

9.00am Timmy Curran also Sheila Curran & deceased of Curran family

Friday 23rd April

9.00am Mary McGowan & deceased of McGowan family
Sean Curran

Saturday 24th April

9.00am Sr. Philomena Farrell & deceased family members

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



Minnie Byrne, Esposito Road
Brian Roe, Captain's Road
Elizabeth (Lily) O'Brien, Somerville Drive
Mary Norton, Lorcan O'Toole Park
Bridget Ryan, Clonard Road
George Homan, Dangan Park
David Guest, Balfe Avenue

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

THE EASTER GARDEN

Is located at the top right hand side of the church as you face the Altar. Symbols of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus can be seen in our garden. Please visit the garden for a quiet moment to say a prayer.



trócaire

Trocaire Boxes which you have at home may be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristy over the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity in support of the work of Trocaire in many parts of the world. Received to date **€4030.00**

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.

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.

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: € 545.00
Share: € 365.00
Family Offering: € 1695.00

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

EASTER DUES

As you are aware, since the pandemic started with our Church closed for much of the time, the donations normally received at Sunday masses have greatly diminished. We are very grateful for your donations Online and given on Sunday afternoon when the Church is open from 12.00noon - 2.00pm. We are grateful too for the donations given through the parish office and given to myself, Fr. Tony, for the Common Fund, which is the primary fund for the payment of priest's salary. The Easter Dues (and Christmas Dues) are also forwarded to the Diocesan Common Fund for the same purpose. Please be assured of our gratitude to parishioners who have returned Easter Dues Offerings. All donations given are recorded on our Parish Finance Programme, as required by the Charities Act. I would also like to thank parishioners who contribute to the Family Envelope Fund, for Parish and Church expenditure. Donations to our funds can be made by going to our Parish Website through the DONATE section. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office or myself. Fr. Tony

Spare Easter Dues Envelopes are available at all Church exits. For parishioners who hold family offering envelopes there is an Easter Dues envelope in your envelope box this year

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

VACANCY

Part-time (two days per week) Finance Secretary / Bookkeeper required for St Agnes Church.

The commencement date for the role is week commencing 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@crumlinparish.ie

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – ONLINE ADULT & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday **April 24th** with a programme of online workshops from Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road via [webcam](#) commencing at 11.50am. The workshops themes will include Challenge for Families, the Holy Spirit and St Joseph & the apparition. From 2.30pm, we will switch to the Knock Shrine [webcam](#) for the rosary, the Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm and opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.

Last month, Pope Francis elevated Knock to an International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion, placing it at the same level as Lourdes and Fatima. We look forward to welcoming you on our virtual pilgrimage which we hope will be a moment of inspiration and encouragement for our Archdiocese at such challenging year for so many people.

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.

Items to be included in the Newsletter should be left in the Parish Office no later than noon on the Wednesday before each weekend in the week of publication.

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

POOR BOX THANK YOU

Acknowledgement letters have been received from **Alice Leahy TRUST, ALONE and ARC** (Addiction Response Crumlin) for the donations they have received recently out of the Charity Box Fund. They are each deeply grateful for these donations and our support will help them to continue their outreach of much needed support to all who rely on them on a daily basis. The **"Poor Box"** is on the back wall to the left as you enter the main Church. Thanks for your donations.

The Deep End - 'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.' (Joyce Rupp)

Jane Mellett (melletj@gmail.com)

Courtesy of Intercom Magazine

TEEN HOPE CONNECTED

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group.

It takes place every **Wednesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer.

If you are interested in joining, please email:

kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm** for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith.

For more information please email:

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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

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-qK7h5tOjDzUJL5UJ0xUNURQSkdYVvKRQUktIVFIWNzk5R0NTS0U5RS4u>

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

April 22nd is Earth Day. Now the largest secular observance in the world, it is marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behaviour and create global, national and local policy changes. Churches worldwide back this movement wholeheartedly. The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM), created in 2015, was the combination of two transformative events that would shape how the Church and humanity responded to the ecological crisis: the 'Laudato Si' encyclical release and the Paris Climate Agreement. For Earth Day news and resources, visit: www.newpilgrimpath.ie

