

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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25th April, 4th Sunday of Easter & Vocations 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

"A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of Faithful people" - Pope Francis

REFLECTION FOR 25th APRIL, 2021

Some of the images that stay in my mind are of the many wonderful mountains and hillsides I have travelled close to at home and abroad. The landscape of these places are simply heavenly. Our hearts are brought to mystery, awe and wonder. John Muir, botanist, activist and geologist said, **"The mountains are calling and I must go."** I have a sense that Jesus felt the call of the mountains and to this we can add hillsides and rivers. He used images from these landscapes for his parables. Today is one of them. One of the most popular images of pastoral care is that of the shepherd who leads his large flock and protects them from harm. In the time of Jesus many herds consisted of thousands of sheep requiring highly skilled men to look after them and know how to cure their ailments. Shepherding was a hazardous occupation, outdoor living was rough. In the long dry seasons they had to move their flock in search of new pastures and watering places. They had to be vigilant as many predators waited for their opportunities. Often too, robbers stole the sheep. The shepherd had to be constantly on the watch.

The image of the wandering shepherd keeping watch over his sheep to the point where he is willing to lay down his life for their safety, is the image Jesus uses about himself in today's gospel. That mixture of tenderness and strength, care and self-sacrifice, always giving, always on the watch out for others, is one that best expresses the leadership of Jesus. His is a leadership of self-sacrificial love for the good of others at all times. The authority of Jesus is an authority of love. In his life Jesus sought out the lost and the weary, the stray and the outcast, the least and the most wounded. When he wanted to speak about the tenderness of God's love, he told a parable about a shepherd, who, when he loses one sheep, leaves the rest and searches until he finds the lost one. Jesus refuses to accept the loss of one sheep as just **"one of those things"**. All lives matter to Jesus and to the very end Jesus gave totally of himself in giving, loving and sacrificing. **"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."** (St. John: 10:11.)

It has been over a year since covid-19 led to the world's sudden and prolonged lockdown. The past year has been a time of struggles, trials and difficulties, causing us to see anew the world around us as we have never seen it before. We have often felt isolated, fearful, alone and uncertain. Many are grieving because of the death of loved ones, many are still recovering from covid-19, some still very sick in hospitals. We have felt the loss of normal human touching, being close to others, enjoying life, hobbies, allowing our children and young people live their adventures. Loss and grief in many ways have been the fabric of our lives since March 2020. We hunger and desire to be **'shepherded'** lovingly, caringly and kindly in ways that give encouragement, hope and affirmation that we are loved. We have each made our own journeys differently. Saint Benedict reminds us that we are not alone on our journeys. God is with us. **"See how God's love is with us in trials."** I often use his prayer and I share it with you. **"O God, from Whom we turn, we fall: to Whom to be turned, is to rise and in Whom we stand, is to abide forever with you. Grant us O God, in all our difficulties, your guidance, in all our dangers, your protection, and in all our sorrows, your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."** (From St. Benedict's, O God be with us.)

In Jesus we experience the fullness of God's love for us. In Jesus we see the true shepherding of God, a shepherding never taken away from us, no matter how much we fail, fall or sin. As we are told in Psalm 23, **"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."** Indeed, we belong to God in a beautiful way of deep love, mystery and wonderment. Our Shepherd - God, fully revealed in Jesus, assures us that we are constantly **"shepherded"**. May we be hope-filled on this Good Shepherd Sunday and may we too be good shepherds to one another. I wish all parishioners God's blessings for this week. **Fr. Tony.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th April

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Angela Lohan

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Coonan 6th

Bridie Long 8th

Edmund Coonan 12th

Margaret Dolan 15th

Helen Mooney 21st also remembering
husband Michael Mooney

Catherine Kavanagh 26th

Billy Walsh, 28th

John Coonan 52nd

Rose & Michael Byrne

Richard O'Shaughnessy

Theresa O'Shaughnessy

Patrick Flood

Charles Cusack

James, Catherine & Ciaran O'Toole

Patrick Watts

Rita Walsh 3rd also remembering
husband Paddy

Baby Anthony Walsh 63rd

Peter Gaffney

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Christina Byrne

Thomas KIELTY

Patricia Weldon

Annie Long

Rita Buck

Christopher Daly

Mon 26th

9.00am

Tom & Peter Dempsey, Anniversary

Tues 27th

9.00am

Holy Souls

Wed 28th

9.00am

Thanksgiving intention

Fri 30th

9.00am

John Fitzell Birthday Rem
Mary Behan 2nd

Saturday 1st May

9.00am

Michael (Mick) Hand 33rd

*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.***

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.

Our Recently Deceased



Dermot Devlin, Raleigh Square
Joseph Garland, Captain's Road
Henry O'Brien, Crumlin Road
Olive (Elizabeth) Kearns, Windmill Park
Michael Noel Kavanagh, Beechfield Road
Bernard Doherty, Captain's Road

*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: € 470

Share: € 310

Family Offering: € 1,670

***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

Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, click [here](#) or visit the News section of our website www.vcvolunteers.ie or email info@viatoreschristi.com

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.**

VOCATIONS SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

Pope Francis – Message for Vocations Sunday - Here is Pope Francis' message for the 2021 World Day of Vocations. It's a beautiful message, modelled on St. Joseph. <https://vocations.ie/2021/03/26/message-of-his-holiness-pope-francis-for-the-2021-world-day-of-vocations/>

Patris Corde

Please also check out this short article by Fr Tomás Surlis (Rector of the National Seminary) on *Patris Corde (with a Father's Heart)*, the meditation by Pope Francis on St. Joseph. <https://vocations.ie/2021/04/01/year-of-st-joseph-honours-humble-courageous-father/>



Let us continue to pray through the intercession of St. Joseph for an increase in vocations to Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about priesthood, please ask them to email the vocations team at: enda.cunningham@dublindiocese.ie or seamusmcentee@yahoo.com

PENTECOST PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The parishes of Old Bawn and Bohernabreena will host a home based programme in preparation for Pentecost. It follows the daily inspirational thoughts from LIVING WORDS (<https://www.jesuit.ie/news/inspiration-and-guidance-for-faith-communities/>) A weekly video clip is also available through geraldine.massey@gmail.com. The programme leads to a rich awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. For more information 01 451 0160 or 01 414 1838.



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WEBSITE WWW.CRUMLINPARISH.IE**



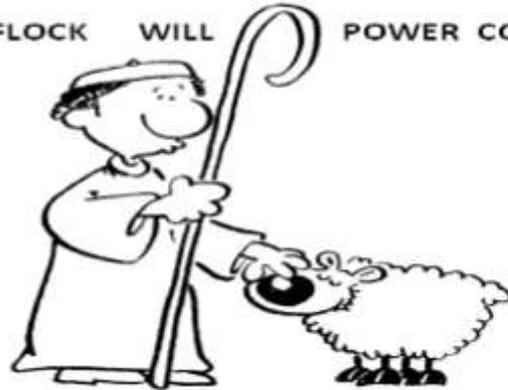
Items to be included in the Newsletter should be left in the Parish Office no later than noon on the Wednesday before each weekend in the week of publication.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR MOBILE TO SILENT OR OFF WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

S	R	L	F	O	W	O	R	D	S
N	P	E	E	H	S	C	E	S	C
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GOOD SHEPHERD SHEEP WOLF
 VOICE ABANDONS FATHER LEAD
 FLOCK WILL POWER COMMAND



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:

kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

THE DEEP END—THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a *genuine* relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told '*I know my own and my own know me*'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

'We think we are feeling from God, but in fact we are running into his arms'. (Meister Eckhart)

Jane Mellett; mellettj@gmail.com. Courtesy of Intercom



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.

The 3-Minute Retreat, an outreach of Ignatian spirituality, is a peaceful online prayer experience that helps the user re-connect with God and re-centre the day. Changing daily, the website and app provide a bite-sized retreat filled with Scripture passages, tranquil music, and questions to prompt reflection. Join the over 40,000 3-Minute Retreat users who return each day to enrich their spirituality and rest in God's loving presence. Access it here: www.newpilgrimpath.ie

