

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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9th January 2022, Baptism of the Lord; Year C



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## St Agnes Mass Times

### Weekday Masses

Mon - Sat: 9.00am

### Sunday Masses

Vigil (Sat): 5.30pm & 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00am;

12.30pm. **Currently**

**There Is No Evening Mass**

Masses can also be viewed online 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).

The Church will be open after 9.00am Mass for private prayer or after Funerals Monday to Saturday. It will close at 5.00pm Monday to Friday,

## St Agnes Confessions

Confessions on Saturdays after 9.00am Mass and 6.15-6.45pm or anytime upon request



## Child Protection

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## PARISH OFFICE

The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am 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.

## Thought for the Week

*"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope"*

*Martin Luther King Jr*

### **NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS**

The New Year has just begun. May it be for all of us a better, brighter, more promising and healthier year as it unfolds. Usually at this time we have all kinds of advertisements, articles and programmes dedicated to looking after our health and wellbeing. These are worthwhile insofar as they encourage us to **"mind ourselves"** in the best meaning of these words. A sense of realism is helpful when we set out on new adventures. Assessing our life situation is always good even though the effort to make necessary changes are challenging. And so it is with our Christian faith journey.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. A significant moment for Jesus, a time of new beginnings, a new identity, purpose and direction for his life. Through his Baptism (by John) Jesus feels called to mission. He is grasped by the Spirit of God; he is recognised as the chosen one of God. **"And the Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. You are my beloved Son, I am well pleased with you."** (Gospel for today: St. Luke).

Jesus' new beginning is also God's new beginning with his people. From now on in the person of Jesus, God will reach out in a new way. His love, caring, compassionate and merciful presence will be seen in the life of Jesus. God's justice and preference for the poor and broken will be heard through Jesus. Whatever Jesus does will be accomplished by the power of God's Spirit in him.

Mother Angelica of EWTN fame said, **"At baptism we receive grace – the quality that makes us sharers in the very nature of God."** This is a lovely thought as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus because we also recall our own baptism in Christ. We too are called to new beginnings.

The Spirit that filled the life of Jesus at his baptism is the same Spirit we receive at our baptism. Few of us can remember being brought to the Church for baptism. We were carried to the font by our parents, guardians or godparents; promises were made on our behalf; our lives were committed to God. It was the beginning of our faith journey, the beginning of our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. A special moment of grace for us and our families. Baptism is an acknowledgement of our human dignity, of the Divine within us, of being a child of God. This dignity gives an infinite value to our lives. Baptism affirms the preciousness and uniqueness of every new born child. That's why all human life is sacred.

Our baptism in Christ is a calling to live like Christ. If we look at the quality of our lives as Christ-bearers, perhaps we may find that our life in Christ is not what it should be. Maybe we have a lot of catching up to do - all of us in some way. Today, let us be renewed in God's ways: let us be aware of our dignity as a child of God: let us cherish the gift of human life, born and unborn: let us respect the dignity of others: let us treat others with reverence. In the dignity of our own baptism may living like Christ stand before us each day as God's expectation of us. **"Living in the present moment is the recurring baptism of the soul, forever purifying every new day with a new you."** (Alrich Hutchinson). May the fruits of our baptism be renewed on this lovely feast. **Fr. Tony**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January

### 5.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**

Moira O'Riordan 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rachel Moore 6<sup>th</sup>

### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

William Nolan

### 7.00pm **MONTHS MIND**

Matilda Corcoran

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Emer Kelly 4<sup>th</sup>; Maureen Kelly 14<sup>th</sup>  
Liam & Nora French  
Deceased of Waldron & Faherty families  
Mary & Brendan Gleeson

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January

### 9.30am **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Graziano Vello

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary Boylan 21<sup>st</sup>

### 11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**

Michael Dolan 12<sup>th</sup>; Gerry Palmer 16<sup>th</sup>  
Pauline Browne 19<sup>th</sup> also husband Jack  
Browne & deceased of Browne &  
McClelland families  
James J Ryan 26<sup>th</sup>; Kathleen Kelly 29<sup>th</sup>  
Anne Fennell 30<sup>th</sup>; Annie Banim 45<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Cunningham

### 12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**

Patrick McCarthy

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Rita McNamara; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rita Reilly 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Joe Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; Margaret O'Brien 4<sup>th</sup>  
Fred Downey 4<sup>th</sup>  
Carmel McNamara Chambers 4<sup>th</sup>  
Liam McCabe 5<sup>th</sup>  
Teresa McCabe nee Barry 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sylvia McGrane  
Deceased of Kennedy & Henney families  
Frank, Mary, Kathleen, Michael & Matthew  
McGrane  
Eileen Goodwin  
Mary & Christopher McNally  
William Nolan; Alice & Eddie Kohrs

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Celebrants Intentions

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Giovanna Vocella 1st

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Edward Browne Birthday Rem

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Celebrant's Intentions

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am John Jones Birthday Rem

*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

Baby Rian Odlum Dargan, Walkinstown Drive  
Tommy O'Donohue, Kells Road  
Nuala Brown, Cashel Road  
Lily Roe, Kildare Road  
Josephine Brown, Windmill Park  
Yvonne Denieffe, Cashel Road  
Paul Kennedy, Beechfield Rd



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

*May They Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## Christmas Collections

### (Christmas Day & St Stephen's Day)

1st Collection: € 2,258 & € 950

Share: € €1,860 & € 615

Family Offering: €

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. We  
wish to thank all 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)*

## The Week Ahead...

### Sunday 9th Jan - Saturday 15th Jan 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	Baptism of the Lord
<b>Monday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Thursday</b>	St Hilary of Poitiers
<b>Friday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Saturday</b>	Bl Luigi Variara; St Ita [Limerick]

*Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that  
supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly  
Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday  
10th January at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel,  
Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and  
open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age  
your child died, the circumstances of their death, or  
whether their death was recent or not. \*subject to  
change in accordance with government guidelines\**

## 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](http://WWW.CRUMLINPARISH.IE)



The 9.00am Weekday Mass in St Agnes Church is  
recorded most days and can be viewed either live on  
the Webcam or later in the day on the Parish Website

## THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have returned **CHRISTMAS DUES OFFERINGS**. Along with your donations to the **COMMON FUND COLLECTION** every Sunday at masses, the DUES form part of the salary of the priests of the Parish and of the Diocese, including sick and retired priests. On behalf of Archbishop Farrell, thank you for your financial support, more particularly since the pandemic where we have much smaller congregations in our Churches. If any parishioner or visitor would like to make a payment to the Sunday Collections you may do so by using the **TAP and GO SYSTEM** at the back of the Church. It is being used a little more often by parishioners to make donations. Thank you.

## TEA/COFFEE MORNINGS

We will not resume these mornings due to the rising numbers of people testing positive for the Omicron virus. For the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone we will wait until the end of January to assess the situation.

## LIGHTING CANDLES IN OUR CHURCH

There is a wonderful tradition in all Churches of lighting candles. Lighting a candle is very meaningful because we light them **"in prayer"** for many and various intentions. With the increase as from 1<sup>st</sup> January of buying candles from our providers, we would ask if you would contribute **25 cent** towards the small candles and 2.50 towards the larger candles. The increase is due to a new vat rate which is now effective, thus costing more to purchase our candles. The Shrines in our Church enable us to spend money on purchasing and maintaining all necessary materials needed for our Church. (Cleaning materials, sanitising gel, altar cloths, altar wine, flowers, banners, etc..). **Thank you for your support.**

### **Christmas Dues**

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits. Christmas dues help to support the Priests of the parish, and the Diocese including sick and retired priests. They are an important source of income for the Clergy. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity in previous years.

### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository is now restocked and open after all Weekend Masses. We have a credit/debit card terminal for transactions in the parish centre in the event of persons not carrying cash and wish to make a payment by card.

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

**9th January 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord**

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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(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](http://www.aware.ie) If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>

### **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.**




# GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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JESUS  
BAPTISM  
WATER  
DOVE

JORDAN  
FITTING  
HEAVENS  
VOICE

JOHN  
DEMANDS  
SPIRIT  
SON



## LORCAN O'TOOLE DAY CENTRE

Would like to acknowledge and thank all in the parish office and the repository for their support in sales of our Christmas cards this year. Also, to the loyal parishioners who support the day centre every year, it is very much appreciated.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year in 2022.

**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.**

## Church Art Calendars

Church Art Calendars 2022 are available in the Parish Office and the Repository priced at €1.50 each.

## *New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week: Laughing with the Saints*

“Joy, humour and laughter are unappreciated values in spirituality. Joy has a disreputable reputation in the spiritual life. That’s a real tragedy. Not only is joy necessary, but it has a distinguished history among the saints as an essential element for a healthy spirituality. Anyone truly in touch with God is joyful”. These words are from one of Fr James Martin’s effervescent podcasts. Jim is an American Jesuit priest, writer, and editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine America. Access his talk, “Laughing with the Saints” – as informative as it is entertaining – at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



## COVID GUIDELINES

When attending masses in our Church please remember the following:

- ⇒ WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES
- ⇒ SANITISE YOUR HANDS
- ⇒ KEEP A RESPECTFUL DISTANCE
- ⇒ DO NOT STAY UNNECESSARILY LONG IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS AFTER MASSES.

We are each responsible for the health and wellbeing of one another during the pandemic. All parishioners who are involved in Ministry Groups in our Church at weekends are also required to follow the guidelines. Thanks to everyone for your co-operation at all times.

Blessed is he who  
comes in the name  
of the Lord:  
The Lord is God and  
has given us light.

Psalm 117:26

