

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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18th December 2022, Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A.

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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 into your search or
churchmedia.tv (under find your
church key in Crumlin).

The Church 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



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PARISH OFFICE

The office is open Monday to Thursday
9.30am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to
4.45pm. Friday 9.30am to 12.45pm. The
Office will be closed on Friday afternoon.
Please call in to book Masses and to buy
Mass cards.

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.

Thought for the Week

"Whatever is in me is stronger than what is out there to defeat me"

Caroline Myss, Author

REFLECTION – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We're almost there: one week before we celebrate the Great Feast of Christmas. There is still much to be done, especially where there are children and teenagers. Gift giving is such an integral part of Christmas celebrations and we give and receive gifts to express our gratitude to those who love us and whom we ourselves love and care for. Gift giving comes in all sorts of ways - perfumes, vouchers, wines, sweets, clothes, new iPods and smart phones, teddy bears, bicycles, scooters or other such gifts. The gift is an inner expression of gratitude and love. Our gifts can be very affirming of one another.

Throughout the Word of God for Advent we have encountered various readings, the Prophet Isaiah, St. James, St. John and St. Matthew. These writers have prepared our hearts for the fulfilment of the promises of old. A new time is soon to arrive. A new dawn opens up. A light will shine brightly. Darkness will be overcome. Hope will take seed in hearts. The great Prophet, John the Baptist called us to *"prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight."* What poetic words and they ask something profound of all of us. These words point to the arrival of a great gift, *"The Feast of the Great Presence"* as John O Donoghue calls it: **CHRIST BORN AMONG US, GOD BECOMING ONE OF US.** Now, in Christ we will tangibly touch God in all His glory, wonder and love. As St. John tells us: *"The Word became flesh and dwells among us."* DWELLS. PRESENT. FOR ALL TIME.

St. Matthew whose gospel we have for today celebrates Jesus as the ultimate fulfilment of the prophecies of old, the Child born of Mary, will be [God-with-us](#). This child is the **SON OF GOD**.

Today we encounter Mary, the woman of faith, prayer and with fidelity to God in all things. Mary's **YES** to God in complete fullness and trust allows Him to make his home with us. God does great things through Mary's co-operation. Mary who would have been familiar with the Psalms may well have prayed Psalm 126: *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."* This undoubtedly inspired her own prayer of gratitude, The Magnificat: *"The Lord has done great things for me, Holy is his name."* Sister Faustina said: *"To give worthy praise to the Lord's mercy, we unite ourselves with the Immaculate Mother. She is chosen from among men and angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, God's mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, we become pleasing to God. Through Her the streams of grace flow down upon us."* These are beautiful words.

Today on this 4th Sunday of Advent we ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to come into our hearts so that we may have her openness to God at all times, to be trusting in his love for us, to believe that he truly cares. Mary was faithful because she never doubted God's love and care for her.

"Let us turn to Mary, and as her little children cast ourselves into her arms with confidence." (St. Francis de Sales).

"In trials or difficulties I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate my fears." (St. Therese of Lisieux).

I wish all of you God's blessings for the coming week.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th December

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

David McCabe

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Peggy Clarke 1st; Lil Eustace 9th
Kathleen Madden 15th; Frances & Tommy
O'Leary also daughter Esther
Michael Whelan; Robert Doyle
Margaret Doyle; Eddie & Jimmy Doyle
Arthur & Clare Snead

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Elizabeth Ward

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Tomo Zambra; Christopher & Eileen
Zambra & deceased family members
Martin & May McNally & deceased family
members; Michael & Lily Ward & deceased
family members

7.00pm

MONTHS MIND

Patrick Lloyd

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Langan 1st; Phyllis Kane 1st also son
in law John Traynor 10th; Eamon Dillon 2nd
Ellen Jewell 3rd; Helen Jordan 4th
Paddy Heary 13th; James O'Donoghue also
wife Mary; Deceased of Lloyd & Hynes
families

Sunday 18th December

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Kitty Keogh 7th; Teresa Callery
Ann & John Hastings;
Tom & Annie McKenna; Maureen Barry
Antoinette McKenna
Deceased of Kelly & Hyland families
Tommy, Teresa, Michael & Ann Murray
John & Kay McKnight

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Christina Farrell; Kathleen Kelly 98th

11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Keeley 66th
John, Mary & Claire Divilly; Imelda Cullen
Nathan Murphy 15th,
Mary & Matthew Williams
Bridie & Joe Conway; Joe Cleere
Keenan Johnson; Richard Ror & deceased
family members; Vincent & Aileen Gough
Vincent Gough Jnr;
Michael & Margaret McArdle
James, Josephine & Eileen Farren
David Byrne; Ann & David Curran
Mary Grant; Jane Wilkinson
Alan Weafer & deceased family members
John Cleary & deceased family members
Deceased of O'Neill, Miley, Belton & Ward
families

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

James J Ryan; Bridget T Ryan

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Eamon Mulhall

ANNIVERSARIES

Gerald Long 1st; Eoin McCaughey 10th
Michael O'Neill 20th; Lily Lamon
John Devlin also wife Anne, son George &
daughter in law Delia; Kathleen Ahearne
Polly Donovan; Pierce McCabe
Elizabeth Behan; Deceased members of the
McCabe family; Deceased members of the
Connell family relatives & friends
Ann & Thomas Hudson; Michael Walsh
Maureen & James Stokes; James & Teresa
Clancy; Teresa & Anne O'Neill

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Kay Murphy

MASS INTENTIONS (Contd.)

12.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin Quinn

Monday 19th December

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 20th December

9.00am

John Brady; May Copeland
Brendan Murphy

7.00pm

Padre Pio Mass

Wednesday 21st December

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 22nd December

9.00am

Tommy McClean 4th; Karl Hartfiel 11th
Sean Walsh 16th

Christmas Remembrance

Thomas & Sheila Grennan

Friday 23rd December

9.00am

Sheila Burdock 12th

Saturday 24th December

9.00am

Terry Byrne 7th; Edward Crawford 40th &
deceased of Crawford family

*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

William Keehan, Clonard Rd

Liam Buckley, Dowland Rd

Ernie Pimlott, Perrystown



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

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection

€ 1,273

St Vincent De Paul:

€ 7,510

Family Offering:

€ 890

*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*

Christmas Triduum Prayer

*O Divine Jesus, the Heavenly message at your birth
was "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all".*

*Bring your peace, your joy, your happiness into our
home this Christmas.*

*Bless all the members of our family, those at home and
those who will be absent this Christmas.*

Inflame our hearts with your love.

*Keep us close to you and each other, now
and throughout the year ahead. Amen.*



JUST A REMINDER

As mentioned in our Newsletters for the past three weeks, as and from SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY, we will have just one Evening Vigil Mass which will be at 5.30pm. This was discussed at the Parish Council and at Deanery level where all parishes have been asked to look at the mass times in their Churches. We no longer require two masses on a Saturday evening (which happened during the covid restrictions: Sunday mass times remain unchanged). As a result of consultations in all parishes before Easter on the BUILDING HOPE project for the Dublin Diocese, parishes were asked to suggest a partnership of parishes in their district. The Partnership of Parishes we now belong to includes one extra parish, Walkinstown, which now joins St. Agnes' Parish, Mourne Road and Clogher Road. In the New Year representatives of Parish Councils from the 4 parishes will meet and reflect on further documents provided by Archbishop's House as to how we engage constructively with one another as we move into the future. There will be changes but please be assured that our Parish Council will keep you updated after our initial meeting in January 2023. The notice board at the front gates will soon be changed to reflect new times and arrangements. **Fr. Tony**

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION THIS WEEK

CONFESSION – SACRAMENT OF PENANCE will be available at the following times: **MONDAY, 19th Dec.** 5.00 – 6.00pm: **FRIDAY, 23rd Dec:** 12.00 – 1.30pm and **SATURDAY, Christmas Eve:** 11.00am – 1.30pm. These are moments when we can receive the grace and blessing of God's mercy, healing peace and love. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

CHARITY BOX DONATIONS Out of your donations recently to our Charity Box, cheques of **€500** each have been forwarded to **ALICE LEAHY TRUST**, who cares for homeless men and women every day at Bride Street and to the **Columban Sisters Missions Fund**. This money will be of great assistance to them in their great mission work. Thanks for your donations. The Poor Box is on the wall to the left as you approach the book shop.

Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th December. Rosary 6.45pm Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction & General Blessing. **All Welcome.**



ST AGNES' PARISH

Christmas Arrangements 2022



Confessions Times:

Monday 19th December 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 23rd December 12.00pm - 1.30pm

Saturday 24th December 11.00am - 1.30pm

Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve: 5.30pm, and 7.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

St. Stephen's Day: 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 27th to Saturday 31st 9.00am

Weekend Masses (31st /1st January 2023):

Saturday 31st Dec: Vigil Mass 5.30pm & 7.00pm

Sunday 1st Jan: 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Feast of the Epiphany

Thursday 5th January: Vigil at 7.00pm

Friday 6th January: 9.00am & 10.00am

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. **Family Offering boxes contain a white envelope for Christmas dues**

ST AGNES CHOIR

If you like singing, then come and join us for 12.30 Mass each Sunday and practice on a Tuesday night @ 7.30 in the Parish Centre. Join us on the gallery.



St. Agnes's Church Mass Cards,

The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day. Available in the Parish Office & Repository for €5 per pack of 10 cards.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and Repository



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE - Christmas timetable cards and St. Agnes calendars 2023 are available in the porch ways of the Church if you wish to take one. We invite you to join with us for our celebrations

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Last year the response to parishioners donating poinsettias for our Christmas flower decorations was wonderful. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time. We invite parishioners to do likewise again this year. We ask you to bring a poinsettia - red or white and any height - to our Church any day between the 11th and 18th of December. The poinsettias can be left at the oratory door or the sacristy door. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.



GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

H	T	R	I	B	D	R	E	A	R
E	L	E	T	C	E	N	R	U	D
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BETROTHED	CHILD	HUSBAND
HONOUR	DIVORCE	ANGEL
DREAM	WIFE	BIRTH
SON	PROPHET	HOME



PARISH COFFEE DOCK: The Parish Coffee Dock is closed until the new year. Sincere thanks to the volunteers who have kept it going – Deirdre, Kay, Catherine, Eithne, May and Pat, and Margaret at reception, and all who help out in any way. Thanks to all who drop in for a cuppa and a chat. Hope to see you all back in 2023 and bring your friends.

St. Agnes Parish - Family Mass Group

Meets every Wednesday in St. Agnes Parish Centre In the Dodder Room from 6.00pm – 7.00pm New members always welcome



We prepare for Sunday Mass at 11am, through art and music. This is a great way for children to prepare for their First Holy Communion or become involved in a small friendly group of children. Children will be encouraged to read and take part in the Mass. All children welcome from Age 5

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Is. 7: 10- 14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Once again the Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above." "No," Ahaz answered "I will not put the Lord to the test." Then he said: "Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'!"

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23: 1-6.R. cf 7. 10

(R) Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm (R)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING Rom. 1: 1-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and especially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David; it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 1:23.

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and will give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matt. 1: 18-25

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

Priest: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

People: Glory to you O Lord.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us." When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.