

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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12th March 2023, 3rd Sunday in Lent Year A

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## St Agnes Mass Times

### Weekday Masses

Mon - Sat: 9.00am

### Sunday Masses

Vigil (Sat): 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00am;  
12.30pm.

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 close at  
5.00pm Monday to Friday,

## St Agnes Confessions

Confessions on Saturdays after  
9.00am Mass and 4.45-5.15pm  
or anytime upon request



## Child Protection

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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.

## NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is also available  
for download from the Parish  
Website [www.crumlinparish.ie](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)



## Thought for the Week

*"I want to be where there are out and out pagans"*

*St Francis Xavier*

## REFLECTION – 11<sup>th</sup>/12 MARCH 2023

One of the great ways to unwind from stress and anxiety is to walk through the woods, sit under a summer tree in all its radiance, look at the flowers in the garden, take to the hills. In these places we can reflect on life in solitude and silence. One of the ways I find inner peace is to listen to the sound of flowing water, videos of which you'll find on YouTube. I love the beauty which a river, stream and waterfalls give to our landscapes. In the small village where I grew up the only place to get fresh water was from the pump at the top of the village. As children we would go frequently to fetch buckets of water for the making of tea, coffee and for drinking. The rain water was collected in barrels for cooking vegetables, potatoes and for the weekly bath and for laundry! The pump was also a place where many lovely conversations and encounters took place. **"All water is holy water."** (Rajiv Joseph). Water is indeed holy and sacred. Rumi, the poet says, **"When you do things from your soul, you feel a river flowing in you, like a new joy."** Water is life giving and refreshment for the soul.

We meet a woman in our gospel today who seems very hurt, wounded and restless. She is full of shame and guilt. Her life is broken. People are very judgmental. She is isolated. Friendless. She needs healing. On one of her many visits to *Jacob's Well* she meets a man who asks her for a cup of water. A conversation begins. As they talk, this woman gradually understands it is Jesus she is speaking with. In this moment of awareness she comes to appreciate Jesus as **The True Living Water** through the words he speaks: **"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."** He (Jesus) is the living water that she needs, the well spring of healing and life. I read somewhere; **"..Words are like bridges: they take us from one place to the next.."** Carefully chosen and gently spoken, words can indeed lead us to new places in our lives. Jesus's words opened up new possibilities and new ways for this woman at the well. In this oasis burdens are lightened, hope renewed, enlightenment weaves through a darkness of mind. In this safe sanctuary In Jesus's presence, protection is given, self-respect is found, confidence and trust restored, a healing begins. This woman is set on a new destiny after her inner thirst was satisfied in a conversation at a well. Her emptiness within is replenished with the nourishing water of God's life, which is everlasting. And Jesus said, **"..Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst: the water I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.."** **The woman was filled within by Jesus. We too can come to the well of Living Water in the Eucharist and be filled with Gods life through Jesus.**

Fr.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**5.30pm ANNIVERSARIES**  
Ann Weafer 2<sup>nd</sup>; Patrick Delaney 3<sup>rd</sup>  
George Devlin 6<sup>th</sup>; Pauline McDonnell 6<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabeth Healy 30<sup>th</sup>  
Gerald Ryan; Philip Healy; Terry Nolan

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Patrick O'Raw

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30am ANNIVERSARIES**  
Nancy Brennan 15<sup>th</sup>; Nora Doyle 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Gibbons 22<sup>nd</sup>

**11.00am ANNIVERSARIES**  
Michael O'Flaherty & deceased of the  
O'Flaherty family

**12.30pm MONTHS MIND**  
Theo Dunne

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Patrick Ward 1<sup>st</sup>; Maura Swords 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Gwen Dunne 2<sup>nd</sup>; James McKenna 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Bernard Coughlan 3<sup>rd</sup>; Tommy Keogh 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bernard Keogh 3<sup>rd</sup>; Maureen Walsh 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Syl O'Connor 5<sup>th</sup>; Helena Christie 5<sup>th</sup>  
Gertrude Noblett 7<sup>th</sup>  
Marie Cruse 13<sup>th</sup> also remembering  
husband Bernard recently deceased  
Frank Murphy 18<sup>th</sup>; Tomás O'Cuilinn 19<sup>th</sup>  
Catherine O'Connor 40<sup>th</sup>  
William Noblett 53<sup>rd</sup>  
John Stephen Coonan 54<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick & Bridget Furlong

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Christine Furlong 94<sup>th</sup>; Patrick Murphy

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** Celebrant's Intentions

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** William Oliver 11<sup>th</sup>

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** Margaret Higgins 12<sup>th</sup>

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** Celebrant's Intentions

**7.00pm** Celebrant's Intentions

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick's Day

**9.30am** Celebrant's Intentions

**11.00am** Mary Daly 1st; Ivan Murphy 6th  
Margaret McManigan

*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



Carol Twamley, St Mary's Road  
Patricia Goldrick, Thomas Moore Road

*We express our deepest sympathies to her  
family at this sad time.*

*May they Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,000

Share: € 1,224

Family Offering: € 1,240

*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)*

### St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

*If you cannot make your scheduled Reading  
please contact John Green*

#### Saturday, 18th March 2023

**5.30pm** A Fanthom & Pat Dunn

#### Sunday, 19th March 2023

**9:30am** Valerie Collins

**11:00am** Family Mass Group

**12:30pm** Marie Donoghue

### The Week Ahead...

#### Sunday 12th Mar. - Saturday 18th Mar 2023

**Sunday** 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

**Monday** Of the Day

**Tuesday** Of the Day

**Wednesday** Of the Day

**Thursday** Of the Day

**Friday** St Patrick

**Saturday** St Cyril of Jerusalem

**TROCAIRE BOXES** are available at all Church  
exits, please take one home and save over the  
Lenten period for a worthy cause

*Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that  
supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly  
Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday  
13th March at 7:15pm 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.*

### PARISH REPOSITORY

We have a selection of Prayer books, Rosary  
beads and Rosettes for Confirmation and First  
Communion as well as various religious books,  
religious objects and the Irish Catholic  
newspaper available in the Repository located at  
the back of the Church.

## ST. PATRICKS DAY



We are fast approaching St Patricks Day. At this time we think a lot about our family and loved ones who are living abroad. As a way of remembering and praying for them, please write their names on the slip of paper provided and place in the box which will be left at the top of the Church. They will all be remembered in our prayers at all the Masses on St. Patricks day.



The times are as follows Vigil Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am and 11.00am. The Church will close after 11.00am Mass on Friday 17th.

The Parish Office and Parish Centre will be closed on Friday 17th and will reopen on Monday 20th March

## St Agnes Parish Novena of Grace & Parish Retreat

### THANK YOU



Sincere thanks to all who attended the Novena of Grace in our Church. It was great to see so many people attend and gather in our Church where we had a lovely sense of community and celebration. Thanks to all who played their part in making it a success: Ministers of the Eucharist: Readers: Collectors: Singers and musicians: Sacristans: Shop Assistants: Church Groundsmen: Monica, who kept our Church immaculately clean: the ladies who organised the tea and coffee in our Centre. Thanks to Colette, parish secretary and Karen, our Sacristan for printing all prayer leaflets and posters. Thanks to Frs. Tom, John and Michael and Jimmy our Deacon for their presence and support. Thanks to all parishioners and visitors who remained faithful to the Novena. Finally, a big thanks to Fr. Bryan Shortall, OFM.Cap, for being with us for the Novena. His easy style, approachability, stories and reflective homilies inspired us all in prayer. We were blessed to have him with us. I hope all who attended our Novena were spiritually nourished. **Fr. Tony**



### *New Pilgrim Path: Online Retreat: The Woman at the Well*



The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Lent describes the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. He invites her to move beyond her current life. She accepts the living water he offers and is transformed from an outcast to an evangelizer. She will bring her joy back to her community and compel them to follow her to Christ. Arts and Faith is a Jesuit initiative that examines Scripture through the lens of sacred visual arts. The series celebrates how faith is revealed and deepened through great masterpieces. This week, we examine this marvellous Gospel episode as depicted in a Byzantine icon, which reveals many layers of meaning in the story. Visit [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

### The prayer of St Patrick for his people:

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil one.  
May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!  
May your Grace, Lord, Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.



### **Where the river is the road - Memories of the Amazon**

This is the title of a new book jointly written by two Salesians - Dom Walter Ivan de Azevedo SDB and Fr. Michael Scott SDB. It tells about life and ministry of being a missionary in northern Brazil - a difficult assignment.

Fr. Michael who has served in St. Agnes is pictured on the back cover. I know he is fondly remembered in St Agnes by those who knew him, his travels are now over but he has not retired. He is now in Maynooth and no doubt still riding his bicycle and devotedly serving the people of the area.

Between two stays in the parish he returned to his beloved Brazil and thanks to Maree Rooney, now deceased, the people of the parish here raised the money to pay for a new youth centre, and as you can guess it is called St Agnes youth centre. Fr. Michael would like me to thank the people of the parish for their generosity. I hope it hasn't blown down in a storm!

There is no price given on the book which is available in the parish office and the sacristy, however, we suggest an offering of €10 or more if you would like to support the missionary work in Brazil.

*Fr. John*

**CASA would like to thank all who donated towards their clothes collection last weekend. The charity shops provide them with the ability to continue to work with adults and children with disabilities and their families, and each donation truly makes a difference. Sincere thanks for your generosity and support.**




# GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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I	S	Y	C	B	S	A	R	A	O
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SAMARITAN  
JOSEPH  
WATER  
BUCKET

SYCHAR  
WELL  
DRINK  
CATTLE

JACOB  
WOMAN  
JEW  
HUSBAND



## Sunday Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING Exodus 17:3-7

#### A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" they said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. "How am I to deal with this people?" he said. "A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink." This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 94:1-2.6-9R.v.8**

**(R) O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R)

### SECOND READING Rom5:1-2.5-8

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 4: 42.15

**Glorify you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

### GOSPEL Jn 4:5-15.19-26.39-42

Priest: The Lord be with you

**People: And with your Spirit**

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

**People: Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and

the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and is cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again; the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**