

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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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 5.00-5.20pm  
or anytime upon request



## Child Protection

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01 455 5368

## 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

*"Imagination is more important than knowledge"*

*Albert Einstein*

## REFLECTION – LITANY BY SR. JOYCE RUPP

**Holy One, you are the shelter and strength for those in distress.**

**When loved ones experience pain and suffering: when illness, aging or chronic illness diminish our joy: when doubts arise and confusion fills our minds: when others fail us and refuse to forgive our failings: when we stumble and stray from the path of goodness: when death separates us from those we love dearly: when things do not go as planned: when depression and loneliness returns again and again: when broken relationships have not been mended. Be with us O Lord.**

**When our faith strengthens and gives us courage: when the precious gift of life is appreciated: when unexpected kindness and care come our way: when optimism stirs in our hearts and springtime returns: when the peace of Christ calms our anxiety and softens our sadness: when we realise that our loving presence can make a difference: bless O Lord all these moments with your graciousness. **AMEN****

## THE SISTERS OF CHARITY – WALKINSTOWN

The Sisters of Charity have had a long association with Crumlin and Walkinstown parishes for many decades, involved in both primary and secondary education. They were also involved with the social services in Walkinstown. Some years ago the Sisters moved from their convent in Crumlin and their moving was a great loss to our parish community. The Sisters continued to be present in our Community after the closure of the convent and participated in various ministries. Now, the convent in Walkinstown is closing and the Sisters are being moved to various other convents. This closure will be a great loss to Walkinstown parish and community. The Sisters from Walkinstown were a regular presence at our weekday and weekend masses. Sr. Mary was a Minister of the Eucharist and visitor of the sick and housebound for many years in our parish. The move for the Sisters is a very upsetting and difficult time. On behalf of all of us in St. Agnes Parish, I want to thank the Sisters for their prayerful presence at our liturgical celebrations and for the wonderful contribution they made to education in both Crumlin and Walkinstown parishes. Their legacy is immense and honourable. As they leave Walkinstown, we wish them God's blessings and pray for them that they will settle in well in their new communities. They leave with a deep gratitude from many, many parishioners. **Fr. Tony**

**Easter Mass Bouquets are now available for sale in the repository and the parish office.**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March

**5.30pm** **RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Seamus Prior  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Oliver Padden 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Patrick (Paddy) Williams 13<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas Zambra  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Alice Langan

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30am** **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Joan Doyle 5<sup>th</sup>  
Breda Kelly 18<sup>th</sup>  
Christina Farrell 18<sup>th</sup>

**11.00am** **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Catherine Campbell 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mary McGee  
Ann Curran  
James Wilkinson  
Stephanie Bland  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Bernard Byrne

**12.30pm** **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Marie Doyle 1<sup>st</sup>  
Christopher Michael Lawlor 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Diarmuid Flood 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mona Venables 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Tynan 7<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Keogh 15<sup>th</sup>  
James Clancy 40<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Venables 40<sup>th</sup>  
Olive & James Kearns  
Thomas McEnroe also remembering  
wife Mary & son Tommy  
Joe & Bridie Conroy  
Margaret & William Donohoe

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** Patricia Carter Birthday Rem

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**9.30am** Celebrant's Intentions  
**7.00pm** Padre Pio Mass

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**9.00am** Celebrant's Intentions

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**9.00am** Tomo Zambra 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am** Celebrant's Intentions

*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*



Dermot Fahy, Raphoe Rd  
Elizabeth (Lillie) McDaid, Walkinstown Pk  
Desmond (Des) Murray, Beechfield Rd  
Patricia Cunningham, Captain's Rd  
Laurence Fox, Hillsbrook Grove  
Bernadette Meehan, St. Teresa's Lane  
Carmel Greene, Kilnamanagh

*We express our deepest sympathies to their  
families at this sad time.  
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,811  
Share: € 818  
Family Offering: € 1,630

*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, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**5.30pm** Miriam Molan

#### Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**9:30am** Richard McDermott  
**11:00am** Family Mass Group  
**12:30pm** Richard Tobin

### The Week Ahead...

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	4th Sunday of Lent Year A Leatare Sunday
<b>Monday</b>	St Joseph, husband of Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Enda
<b>Wednesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Thursday</b>	St Turibius of Mongrovejo
<b>Friday</b>	St Oscar Romero; St Macartan [Clogher]
<b>Saturday</b>	Annunciation of the Lord

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

### **Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)**

The next meeting will take place on  
Tuesday 21st March. Rosary 6.45pm Mass  
7.00pm followed by Benediction & General  
Blessing. **All Welcome.**



**Please remember to switch  
your mobile phone off or to  
Silent when in the Church**



## Mother's Day



Do you know the origins of Mother's Day? I believe it grew out of the Feast of The Annunciation which is celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup> each year. On that day Mary had the courage to say 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel. By saying 'yes' she became the Mother of Jesus—The Incarnation. It was originally known as 'Mothering Sunday', but was taken over by the commercial world and is known now as Mother's Day.

May all mothers be loved and supported by their families and as the Yanks say "Have a Nice Day"

### THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to our volunteers for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter during the year

## Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall;

I grow nervous while I'm walking and on thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs Let me know that you're beside me; listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination safely every single day,

Help me with each undertaking as the hours pass away.

And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone:

take my hand O Blessed Mother, once again and lead me home. Amen.



## COMMEMORATIVE STATUE and bench

On Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, after the 12.30pm mass we will have an unveiling and blessing of a specially commissioned Statue of Our Lady and Child and a bench, a project undertaken by the Parish Pastoral Council. The statue and seat were made in Italy and of marble. They will be placed in the space presently occupied by a statue beside Fr. Kitt's grave. They are beautiful pieces of art. The commemorative statue and bench are in memory of all parishioners who died from and during the Covid-19 pandemic, all who have been affected by Covid-19 and all who are still grieving. It is essentially in memory of our parishioners who died from covid and for those who are still suffering the consequences of the pandemic. We invite all families who lost a loved one during the pandemic and since to attend this commemoration. We ask parishioners to share news of this event with families in our parish and beyond: Easter Sunday at 12.30pm. We will share more information before the event. Thanks to Father Tom, (SDB) and Gerry Scully who undertook this project on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Tony

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information

## AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

## New Pilgrim Path: Can my Lent be 'rescued'?

What if I'm past the midpoint of Lent and not much is going on? I began with the best of intentions, but I am not sure what I'm doing or what I want to be doing. Can my Lent be 'rescued'? Can a six week journey be completed in the remaining next two or three weeks - waiting for my heart to be open? Of course, the answer is "yes." It doesn't take long for God, when we are ready.

The first step to beginning again has already begun, if I have the desire for something real during Lent. A therapist once said that "we get better when we get tired of not being better." This isn't the same as "guilt." Feeling guilty for not doing much about Lent won't get us very far. What we need is a real desire - a real sense of expectation that God has something for me to hear, to learn, to change, and I want to be ready to listen.

The superb Creighton Online Ministries website offers some very simple guidelines to help give Lent a new start in the days ahead. Visit [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



## TAP AND GO FACILITY

On behalf of Archbishop Farrell, sincere thanks to parishioners and visitors who made contributions to the two collections at weekend masses for the months of January and February. For January, the total was €713 and for February, €673. These donations are divided between the Frist Collection and SHARE collections on a monthly basis. The **TAP and GO FACILITY** are on stands as you enter the main body of the Church, right and left. Sincere thanks again for your support. Fr. Tony.


# GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

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BELIEVE



## Sunday Liturgy of the Word

**FIRST READING 1 Sam. 16:1.6-7.10-13**  
**A reading from the first book of Samuel.**

The Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil and go, I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart."

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes," Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22.Rv.1**  
**(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; With these you give me comfort. **(R)**  
 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R)**

**SECOND READING Eph. 5: 8-14**  
**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret, are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**GOSPEL Jn 9: 1.6-9.13-17.34-38**  
**(Shorter Form)**  
 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.**  
 As Jesus went along, he saw a man who

had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'  
 They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'what have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**