

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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30th April 2023, 4th Sunday of Easter Year A; Good Shepherd Sunday

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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 (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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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



Thought for the Week

*"Vocations aren't the result of planning, but an encounter with God
that changes your life." - Pope Francis*

REFLECTION - 29th/30th APRIL, 2023

In the small village where I grew up all the 9 families knew each other very well. One of the biggest thrills for us as children was to make our way to Kilkea Castle at one end of the large forest (now a five star hotel) and climb the garden walls and grab the pears, apples and other fruits and then run as quickly as we could through the forest enjoying our good fortune. If we were away for a longer time than we had been given, our parents would call our names which echoed through the forest and we knew we had to return home instantly. We were always told before our playtime to never speak to a stranger, to never be on our own, to stay together. Strangers often came and walked through the woodlands and forest, some came to fish at the river. But - we were never to acknowledge or speak with a stranger. Years later we appreciated this sound and wise advice from the parents in the village. We had an idyllic childhood but our parents instinctively knew that we were vulnerable as children and we were to mind one another.

One of the central truths of our faith is that Jesus was no stranger to our humanity. He was fully human. Born and brought up as a member of the chosen people, Jesus was to become a "stranger" because of the way his own people disowned and rejected him. Many did accept him because he spoke with great authority. He lived what he preached. Jesus, unlike others, always listened to the needs of people and responded in a most compassionate and caring way. The voice of Jesus was a voice which carried kindness, mercy and love. His voice was consoling for those who listened to him. His message was different, not one of judgment or condemnation but one of mercy and love. **Jesus was the true and fullest revelation of GOD.** But it is clear that many people did not want to hear the voice of Jesus. It disturbed them too much out of their comfort zones.

In today's world we hear many voices offering quick and ready solutions to all our woes. There are psychics, palm readers, therapists of all sorts for everything, all offering their ready fixes to our problems. As if life's hurts were so easy to mend!! Sadly too, we have all kinds of voices who wish to drown out the message of our Christian faith, who tell us that our faith should be totally private, that Christians or Christian values have no place in public life of any kind. Religious icons and imagery have been removed so as not to offend "others", an argument that's used fallaciously. Who's being offended? It's not the many who have come to live among us from all over the world! We are living in a very secular society where our faith and the voice of **JESUS**, who is the true **WORD OF GOD**, are being ridiculed, attacked and denigrated every day. Let us take courage from the gospel today. **JESUS IS NOT A STRANGER NOR SHOULD WE LET HIM BECOME A STRANGER BY ANYONE.** He is the constant **ONE**, our companion in all the difficult moments of our lives, the **ONE** who offers an inner peace, healing and joy in our times of need and aloneness. Let us not be swayed by the negative, anti-Christian and anti-faith messages which seek only to turn us from a loving, merciful and compassionate God and from being part of the Community of God's people, the Church. The voice of JESUS forever calls us to seek only what is best and stay with him, for he is **THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE.** He alone.

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th April

5.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

William (Bill) O'Malley 15th
Joe & Alice Coffey

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Kathleen Mulvaney

Sunday 30th April

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Kenny 3rd
Charles Coleman 43rd

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Claire Clancy

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard & Alice Byrne
Jimmy & Cissie Minnock

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Christina Flinter

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridie Long 10th
Michael Hand 35th
Alan & James Weafer
Mary & Joan Cleary
Deceased members of the O'Neill &
Ward families
Christopher Rafter
John, Joe, Bridget & Paul Cunningham

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Maura Swords

RECENTLY DECEASED

Marie Field O'Gorman in Canada
Lisa Kenny

Monday 1st May

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 2nd May

9.00am

Lisa McGlynn Recently Deceased

Wednesday 3rd May

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 4th May

9.00am

Bridie Gibney 2nd

Friday 5th May

9.00am

First Friday

*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



Margaret Carey, Tallaght
Carmel Corrigan, Cashel Rd

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

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	€ 1,673
Share:	€ 1,499
Family Offering:	€ 1,090

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

St Agnes Parish Reader's Roster

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

Saturday, 6th May 2023

5.30pm Jemella

Sunday, 7th May 2023

9:30am Ben McDermott

11:00am Family Mass Group & M Finnegan

12:30pm Delecta Fernandes

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 30th April - Saturday 6th May 2023

Sunday	4th Sunday of Easter; Vocation Sunday
Monday	St Joseph the worker [Bank Holiday]
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	Ss Philip & James, Apostles
Thursday	St Conleth [Kildare]
Friday	Bl Edmund Ignatius Rice
Saturday	St Dominic Savio

Easter Dues

*Dues are an important source of income for the
Priests of the parish and of the Diocese including
sick and retired priests. Spare Dues envelopes are
available at the Church exits.*

***For parishioners who hold family offering
envelopes there is an Easter Dues envelope in your
envelope box.***

*We wish to thank you for your continued support to
St. Agnes' parish.*

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

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



St Agnes Parish Office & Church May Bank Holiday

As Monday 1st May is a bank holiday the Parish office and Parish centre will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd at 9.30am
The Church will close after the 9.00am Mass

Where the River is the Road – Memories of the Amazon

Fr. Michael Scott is deeply grateful for €410 which was donated by parishioners for his book, this money will go to the Salesian missions. He has dropped in more of his books to the parish office if anyone would like one

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

MAY ROSARY

We will be saying the Rosary at the Grotto in Cherryfield Drive every Friday at 6.00pm for the month of May. All are most welcome to attend.



Organised by: Legion of Mary, Crumlin.

Alzheimer Coffee Morning

We will be holding the Alzheimer's Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 from 9.30 to 12.00noon. All Are Welcome



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 will take place in early September, please see noticeboard for full details



LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 6th/7th May. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunnyce, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins.

You can follow the conference by:

- 1) Going online at www.radiomaria.ie.
- 2) Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet.
- 3) Listen live via Facebook.
- 4) Call 01 4373277 and listen live
- 5) Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

New Pilgrim Path:

Website of the Week: Christian Poetry

Poetry has been described as capable of making one into a tuning fork of the Divine. 'Journey with Jesus' is an online outreach of the global Presbyterian Church. Its poetry section offers over 300 inspirational poems by writers as diverse as Teresa of Avila, GK Chesterton, John Donne, Thomas Aquinas, Seamus Heaney, Gerard Manley Hopkins, WH Auden, TS Eliot, Mary Oliver, and many, many more. The site also provides poems specific to the Church seasons of Lent, Easter and Advent, and poems related to Celtic spirituality. Access this wonderful resource at www.newpilgrimpath.ie



CHAIR YOGA will resume in the parish centre on Thursday 4th May at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

30th April 2023 - 4th Sunday of Easter; Day of Prayer for Vocations

- 1) In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?
- 2) Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?
- 3) We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?

John Byrne osa; Email jpbyrneosa@gmail.com (Courtesy of Intercom)

Musicians & Singers

Are needed to join our 11.00am family mass group & 12.30pm Church Choir. Please have a chat with Dave o'Connor, our Church Organist or Fr Tony. We would welcome more singers and musicians as soon as possible.

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH *(Courtesy of Salford Diocese)*

E	R	U	T	S	A	P	E	D	R
D	E	E	P	H	H	E	N	L	E
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P	K	S	R	A	E	C	V	E	L
E	E	B	A	P	B	O	K	E	A
H	T	E	E	F	I	L	F	H	E
S	A	F	H	C	E	F	E	S	T
E	G	R	E	G	N	A	R	T	S

SHEEPFOLD	THIEF	BRIGAND
SHEPHERD	FLOCK	GATEKEEPER
STRANGER	PARABLE	PASTURE
STEAL	KILL	LIFE



Sunday Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent", Peter answered "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 22:1-6. R.v.1

(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. 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)**

2. 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 1 Pet. 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die for our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn. 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:1-10

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 said: "I tell you most solemnly; anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers." Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again; "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe; he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.