

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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2nd February 2025, Presentation of the Lord .

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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



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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

*"I would like the friends of Heaven to be gathered around us from all
parts" - St Brigid*

THANKSGIVING

This weekend we are commemorating the **50th ANNIVERSARY** of the pastoral ministry of the Salesians in our Parish of Saint Agnes. The Salesians began working in our Parish in 1975 and we, as a Parish Community, are indebted to so many Salesians for their contribution to the pastoral, educational and liturgical life of our Parish. The Salesians were also involved in social outreach programmes in the Crumlin area, the Bru Youth Service being one legacy. Many Parishes in our Diocese are indebted to Religious Orders for the running of Parishes. We would be very lost without their help. Sean McDermot Street is run by the Salesians and in our Parish we have Fr. Tom Clowe (Salesian) who has a Diocesan Appointment to our Parish. On behalf of all of us in St. Agnes Parish Community, I express our gratitude to the many Salesians who, over the years, have ministered among us and who continue to do so. We remember the deceased Salesians today too. I am especially grateful to Fr. Eunan McDonnell, Provincial of the Salesians, who is the main celebrant of the 12.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving this weekend, thanking God for the 50 years of Salesian ministry in our Parish. I would also like to thank Gerry Cully from our Parish Pastoral Council, who, with Fr. Tom worked together on the commissioning of a special stained glass icon of St. John Bosco and which is being blessed and unveiled at the 12.30pm mass. (Over at the St Anthony Shrine). This mass will be followed by a cup of tea/coffee in our Parish Centre. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** May St. John Bosco, patron saint of youth, bless all young people in our Parish Community and continue to inspire all who care for children and young people, particularly in our schools. In celebrating the 50 years of Salesian service and ministry among us today, we pray that they will continue to do so for many, many years to come. *Go dtuga Dia a bheannachtaí duinn inniu.*

Fr. Tony.

FEBRUARY BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

- The Parish office and Parish Centre will be closed on Monday 3rd February due to the bank holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday 4th February at 9.30am.
- The Church will close on 3rd February Bank holiday Monday after the 9.00am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st February

5.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paddy Ormsby

ANNIVERSARIES

Brendan Mulligan 1st; Betty O'Toole 1st
Christopher Donegan 1st; Christy Foley 1st
Kitty Dempsey 4th; Philip Pearson 5th
Frances Somay 7th; Peggy Conroy 11th
Daniel Dempsey 22nd; Sadie O'Hara 22nd
Paddy Conroy; Sheila & Laura Hogan
John & Pauline Brophy

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Terry Byrne; Gabrielle O'Hara
Liam Doyle; Frank Maguire

Sunday 2nd February

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Bolek Wyrembak 28th also remembering his
wife Joanna; Mary Hatton

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Peter Farrell

*Remembering all those enrolled in our
Book of Remembrance*

11.00am

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jimmy McEvoy

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Fay 3rd

12.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann McQuade 1st; Paddy Gilchrist 2nd
Liam Halpin 8th; Kitty & Robert Gannon

Monday 3rd February

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday 4th February

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday 5th February

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday 6th February

9.00am

Celebrant's Intentions

Friday 7th February

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

Jimmy Carter, Dowland Road
Keith Evans, Bluebell
Martin Keeley, Windmill Park
Christine Byrne, Fr. Kitt Court
Ann Conran, Windmill Road
Christy Tynan



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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 1,695

Share: € 1,453

Family Offering: € 840

*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*

The Week Ahead...

Sunday 2nd Feb - Saturday 8th Feb 2025

Sunday	Presentation of the Lord
Monday	St Blaise
Tuesday	Of the Day
Wednesday	St Agatha
Thursday	Ss Paul Miki & companions
Friday	Bl Pius IX; St Mel [Ardagh]
Saturday	St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita

*Anam Cara, the organisation that supports
bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent
Support Evening on Monday 10th February at
7.30pm 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 how
recent their death was. You do not need to register
in advance. We also offer an online support group
meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email
info@anamcara.ie*

Coeliac Hosts.

**For coeliacs who would like to receive
Holy Communion please inform the
sacristan before Mass and let them
know where you are sitting in the church.**



**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**

FEAST DAY OF ST. BRIGID 1st February

On this day we celebrate the feast day of St. Brigid one of our Patron Saints. She was born in the year 454 and was renowned for hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She died in the year 524 and she is honoured in several European countries.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2nd February

It is the custom to bless candles on this day. It is a reminder of Simeon who recognised Christ as 'A light to reveal Jesus to the nations'. Let us walk always as children of the light. Candles will be blessed for usage in homes for prayer and other religious occasions. Blessed candles will be available to buy in the Repository you can also bring your own candles from home to be blessed at the 9.30am & 11.00am Masses. Often those who are sick and housebound like to use blessed candles.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE 3rd February

St. Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred in Armenia in 315. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. **Throats will be blessed at the 9.00am Mass with the blessed candles from the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord.** "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"



PRAYER TO ST. SAINT BRIGID

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. **Amen**



ALFIE LAMBE

Holy Mass for the Beatification of The Servant of God Alfie Lambe - Legion of Mary Envoy to South America 1953 - 1959 will be held on Sunday 9th February at 12.30pm in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin. All are welcome.



Cook (part time) required

For small community of nuns in Harold's Cross area. Duties include preparing and cooking Nutritious midday meal and preparing light evening meal. The suitable candidate will also have responsibility for preparing menus and managing the kitchen.

Hours and salary negotiable.
Enquiries to Carmel at 087-2214738

AN UNWANTED SILENCE

*She sits alone
Head bowed as if in prayer
Torn blanket thrown over her
Whispered sighs of desperation
"I cannot go back"
Her pain etched deeply
The darkness of her trauma visible
"I cannot go back"
A torrent of enveloping
Grief crushing her spirit
"I cannot go back"
Repeated like a chorus line
Uttered in sustained drama
I wondered where she might find
A safe shelter to speak to her heart
That it is time now to seek new life
Free of silent torment.*
(Fr. Tony)

New Pilgrim Path

Website of the Week: "St Brigid of Ireland"

Sunday, 1st February is the feast of St Brigid, one of Ireland's three patron saints, along with Patrick and Colmcille. It marks the first day of Spring in the northern hemisphere.

Born in Dundalk in 450 AD, St Brigid's father was a pagan Irish chieftain and her mother was a Christian. Brigid's contemporary, St Patrick, inspired her to deepen her faith and spread the word of God. She was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that she built her unique double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470,AD. Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed. Her charity was unbounded and sprang from a deep awareness of the Divine presence in everyone and everything. This awareness allowed her to respond with insight, creativity, humour and compassion to the many situations that confronted her.

Click here to watch a 45 minute video on this remarkable woman:
www.newpilgrimpath.ie



Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Mal. 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter the Temple, and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers alkali. He will take his seal as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 23: 7-10.R.v8

(R) Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord.

1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory (R)
2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R)
- 3 O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)
4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (R)

SECOND READING Heb. 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, he too shared equally in

it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk.2:32

Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LK.2:22-40

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your Spirit

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

People: Glory to you O Lord.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man called Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death

until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see this child; he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare."

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eight-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ST. BRIGID'S PSALM

Brigid, you were a woman of peace: you brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness: you brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious. And, through you, may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts.

AMEN

ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell. May she bless every fireside, wall and door. May she bless every heart that beats beneath its roof. May she bless every hand that toils to bring it joy. May Brigid bless the house that shelters you. AMEN.



Lighting Candles - For safety reasons please use tapers or lighters provided when lighting candles.

DANGER:-Children MUST be supervised by a parent, guardian or adult when lighting candles