St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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1st November 2026, Feast of All Saints Year A

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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.

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 into your search or churchmedia.tv (under find your church type 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

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

"A bit of Mercy makes the world less cold and more just"
Pope Francis

NOVEMBER – TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

In the Church's liturgical Calendar, November is the month in which we remember our loved ones who have died. When we survey nature all around us at this time of year we are reminded of our fragility and vulnerability. Like the trees letting go of their colourful leaves, we too will have our letting go of this life. A poet once said, *"Life is a lesson in the art of letting go."* When loss comes our way it brings huge change: our lives are interrupted. *"Letting go"* as an experience is with us every day. Loss in whatever form it comes always takes someone or something from us. Loss changes our lives irrevocably. The *"letting go"* of a loved one which death requires is probably the hardest experience of our lives. The grief that comes with the loss of a loved one casts a long shadow over our lives, leaving us in disbelief, sorrow, depression, anxiety and uncertainty. There is nothing small about the loss of a loved one, irrespective of age. Grief is a journey and we each make that journey differently, going through a myriad of emotions and feelings. Gradually we learn to accept the loss of a loved one but we do not forget them. Grief comes in and out of our lives and it's difficult and painful to navigate our way forward.

Elizabeth Gilbert writes: *"Deep grief sometimes is almost like a specific location, a coordinate on a map of time. When you are standing in that forest of sorrow, you cannot imagine that you could ever find a way to a better place."* Isn't this so true for most of us in grief? We feel lost in a forest without pathways, without light. It's good for us to give words to our grief, either with close, trusted friends, family members or even with a bereavement counsellor. Grief can be like a heavy boulder crushing us to the ground. Let us reach out when necessary and share our sorrow. While we remember our departed loved ones and forever commend them to God's love and mercy, we trust too that God will bless all who grieve and bring inner peace and healing to them. William Shakespeare said, *"To weep is to make less of grief."* When we share our grief with others, the intensity is indeed lessened. But we also have a faith which assures us that God is with us in the loss and grief, in the darkness and the light, in the journey of life. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah God said: *"I have called you by name, you are precious to me: I am your God: I will be with you: I will hold you in the palm of my hand."* In these days of November remembering may we be consoled by these hope-filled words from Isaiah.

Fr Tony

Feast of All Souls - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is on Monday 2nd November

There will be two Masses - 9.00am and 7.00pm

Today we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died that they will rest peacefully with God in Heaven *"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st October

5.30pm **ANNIVERSARIES**
Des McGovern 4th
Thomas Kelly 5th also Birthday Rem
Frances Miller 6th ; Lily Keane 8th
Bridget Keating 8th also rem her husband Denis
Denise Fitzgerald 9th ; Phelim Hamill 25th
Mary Jane Sykes; Tommy Kelly

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Rita Walsh 100th

Sunday 1st November

9.30am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Maureen & Frank Fox; Tom & Rose O'Reilly

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am **ANNIVERSARIES**
Kyle Carass 1st ; Kevin McCarthy 1st
Adrian Tucker 9th; Frank Donohoe 13th
Tommy and Betty Byrne

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Thomas Byrne

12.30pm **MONTHS MIND**
Christopher Drennan also 91st Birthday Rem.

ANNIVERSARIES
Maureen Smith 5th ; Tommy Curran 16th
Thomas Lynam 17th also his wife Caroline 26th & their 3 deceased children Rosemarie 3rd, Pauline 4th and Kieran 13th
John and Annie Murphy also rem their son Shay
Bertie Dunne; Ellen Malone
Kieran, Rory, Anne and Orla O'Connor
Joseph & Josephine Carberry
Bart, Eileen, Josie and John Madden
Eileen Brady

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Maura Bolger 80th

Monday 2nd November

9.00am Vera McGrane 3rd Anniv

Tuesday 3rd November

9.00am Helen Maguire Birthday Rem.
Tommy Blake Anniv

Wednesday 4th November

9.00am Celebrants Intentions

Thursday 5th November

9.00am Larry & Esther Healy Wedding Anniv. Rem

Friday 6th November

9.00am Elizabeth O'Brien Birthday Rem
James Doris 50th Anniv.

Saturday 7th November

9.00am Celebrants 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

Dolores Arnold, John McCormack Avenue
Eamonn Hudson, Captain's Road
Doreen Collins, Armagh Road

We express our deepest sympathies to his family at this sad time

May He Rest in Peace. Amen.

Recent Church Collections

First Collection:	**€ 1,466**
Share:	**€ 1,182**
Family Offering:	**€ 685**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. We wish to thank all who have given donations online 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 1st Nov to Saturday 7th Nov 2026

Sunday	Feast of All Saints
Monday	Feast of All Souls
Tuesday	St Malachy
Wednesday	St Charles Borromeo
Thursday	St Martin De Porres
Friday	All Saints of Ireland
Saturday	St Willibrord

November Altar List of Remembrance

The November Altar List of Remembrance Envelopes are available in the Church porches. All Masses on the First Fridays of the months throughout the year are offered for all whose names you have placed on the Parish Altar List of Remembrance. November is the month which is dedicated to praying for all who have died and to pray too for all who are grieving that they will be blessed and comforted .

CHURCH CHOIR NOTICE

Mass for the deceased members of St Agnes Church Choir will be held on Sunday 8th November at 12.30pm

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

Church art Calendars 2027 are available in the Repository & the Parish Office at €2.00 each

Feast Days This Week

Wed 4th November – St. Charles Borromeo

Born on October 2, 1538, in Arona, Italy, he was a member of a noble family and displayed a profound religious inclination from a young age. Borromeo's ecclesiastical career began early, and he became a cardinal and the archbishop of Milan, where he played a crucial role in the Catholic Counter-Reformation and the Council of Trent. Known for his reformative efforts, he worked diligently to enhance clerical education, establish seminaries, and improve the spiritual life of the laity.

St. Charles Borromeo is celebrated for his commitment to the Church's teachings and his selfless lifestyle. He is the Patron Saint of Bishops, Cardinals, Seminarians and Spiritual Leaders.

Thurs 5th November – St. Martin de Porres

Martin was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579. His father left his family when Martin was eight. This left Martin and his baby sister and their mother very poor.

When he was 12, Martin went to work for a barber. He learned to cut hair and to heal wounds. Later, Martin wanted to join the Dominicans in their work. He was allowed to work with them as a servant who swept floors and answered the door Finally his years of good works and miraculous cures led the Dominicans to allow him to become a lay brother. He eventually founded orphanages for homeless children and cared for lonely African slaves who had been forced to come to Lima.

In 1639, Martin died. Everyone in Lima mourned him, even bishops and members of the royal court in Lima. In 1962, the Church declared that Martin de Porres was a saint. Many statues of St. Martin de Porres show him holding a broom, with a dog, cat, and mouse at his feet. He is the patron saint of persons of mixed race, those who suffer discrimination, and also barbers, hairdressers and social workers.

Friday 6th November – All the Saints of Ireland

Today the Church in Ireland gives thanks for all who have lived the Gospel faithfully in this land. Their lives shaped the faith of the people and their prayers still sustain the Church. Holiness was not rare among them. It was found in the way they prayed, worked, and cared for one another. It is a reminder to us of a rich heritage of Catholic Faith that is rooted in Ireland, that grew across the sea with the many Irish immigrants who travelled across the world. We pray today in particular to the saints who carried the light of faith in the early centuries and whose witness continues to guide us.

Annual Mass for the Deceased

St. Agnes parish Annual Mass for deceased parishioners will take place on Thursday 26th November at 7.00pm.

All families who had a bereavement since November 2025 until end of October this year will receive an invitation. The Mass is always filled to capacity and is a central moment in our Parish Community as we remember our loved ones who have died, pray for them and pray too that God will bring comfort to all bereaved families and relatives.

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service – Dublin

Christchurch Cathedral 14th November 2026 at 7.00pm

A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago. This event if also for those grieving that they have never been able to have a child. For more information see sayinggoodbye.org

St. Vincent De Paul Collection

The monthly St. Vincent De Paul Collection will be held this weekend after all the Masses.

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Lord God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we remember in a special way during the month of November. We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness. We are thankful for all who love and support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and comfort. May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those we have known and loved. May we bring light and hope to one another in our empathy and compassion. ***AMEN.***

Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE HYMN

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art. Be thou my best thought, in the day or by night. Both Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word. Be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord. Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son. Be Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

FIRST READING Apoc. 7:2-4.9-14

A reading from the book of Apocalypse.

I John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God" Then I heard how many were sealed; a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words. "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my Lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb." The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23:1-6.R.v.6

(R) Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

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 1 Jn.3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt. 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt. 5:1-12

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.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them; "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RECESSIONAL

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine.
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace!

Chorus: Angels, saints and nations sing "Praise be Jesus Christ, our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea; King of love on Calvary."

Eucharistic king what love
Draws thee daily from above
Clad in signs of bread and wine
Feed us lead us keep us thine.

Sunday Gospel Wordsearch

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CROWDS HILL HAPPY
POOR SPIRIT GENTLE
HERITAGE HUNGER MERCY
PURE HEART REWARD