

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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8th December 2024, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C.



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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

"A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord"
Matthew 3:3

REFLECTION - 7th/8th DECEMBER 2024

From the moment we are born we need people who are caring, kind, loving and supportive so that we become the best human being possible. Psychologically, we realise that change is a constant event on our lives. All of us have been changing throughout our lives. Change is never easy as we move from one period of life to another. Isn't it wonderful to observe a new born child change each day; it's such a beautiful gift. The change from childhood to teenage to adult life can only be achieved with the love, care and support of others.

In today's reading we hear three people encouraging people to imagine a better future which God has in store for them. They invite people to believe in the possibility to change and to act accordingly. In the first reading the Prophet asks people to throw away the cloak of despair and sorrow and wrap themselves with the integrity of God's way. St. Paul tells his listeners how much he appreciates their help and support and urges them to continue to work for that day *"when they reach perfect goodness."* In the Gospel St. John the Baptist tells people that soon *"all people will see the salvation of God."* All of these voices are positive, reassuring people to believe that change is possible in every way. A new time is arriving when God will enter into our human history in the birth of Jesus. A new dawn awaits. Rejoice. Good things will happen.

All three readings for the second Sunday of Advent share a marvellous insight: *people begin to change when they are enabled to see the best in themselves.* Simply to tell people what is wrong and leave it at that is to leave them a wreck without hope. People rarely change for the better when left to themselves: it's to leave them enclosed in their weaknesses.

We all need help and encouragement to leave behind familiar mistakes, sins and habits which can be destructive to ourselves and others. We need encouragement to imagine ourselves differently. In our interactions with one another we have to be aware of certain attitudes and habits we need to change to make life more bearable. If we do not reflect occasionally about our behaviour we can bring much pain, hurt and suffering to those closest to us.

We all need to be surrounded by people who see the good we are capable of doing, to see the best within us. Irrespective of our age we never outgrow the need to be supported, loved and cared for.

This second Sunday of Advent challenges us to ask ourselves a question: what kind of person do I imagine God wants me to be? Let us have faith in the power of God working in us, that he will not abandon us at any time and have trust, as St. Paul says, *"that the One who began the good work in us will bring it to completion."* What powerful words of hope for us! In the words of Saint John Cardinal Newman: *"Here below in this life is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."* How true and the good news is that God always waits for us to change, giving us the graces we need. *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."* (St. Paul: Philippians: 4:13).

Fr. Tony

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th December

5.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Harry & Rita Craine 1st; Elizabeth Walsh 1st
Patricia Doyle 2nd; Gerry Dunne 6th
Bernard Kenny 6th; Martin Vahey 7th
Thomas Elders 7th; Fr. Eamonn Whelan 8th
Molly Blayney 11th; Paddy Launder 29th
Helen Mahon Remembrance
Deceased of Mahon & O'Brien families
Myles & Julia O'Dowd;
Stephen & Patricia Cowzer
Michael, Mary, Donald, Joe & Dermot Kinsella,
sister in law Lilly, brother in law Benny & son
Donald; Anthony Duncan
Thomas & Bridget Smith

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Josephine Whelan; Jimmy Duncan

Sunday 8th December

9.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Green

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Byrne 13th & wife Eileen 10th
Margaret Rose McDonnell 46th
Jim & Margaret Lawlor

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Anthony O'Keeffe

ANNIVERSARIES

Breda O'Keeffe 2nd; Dorothy Rafter

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Imelda Cullen; Rita Cunningham

12.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Linda Lynch

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Caffrey 2nd
Philip Hughes 40th & wife Dolores
Manus Brogan; Hughie Brogan
Ann Cooling; Mary Burton O'Sullivan

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Paddy Brogan; Jason Tallon

Monday 9th December

9.00am

Sheila Grennan 10th

Wednesday 11th December

9.00am

Michael Lyons 16th

Friday 13th December

9.00am

Anne McNamara Recently Deceased

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

Jack Stout, Sundrive Road
Nedser (Edward) Daly, Windmill Park
Derek Moore, Keeper Road
Angela McAuley, Perrystown



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

Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,147

Share Collection: € 1,743

Family Offering: € 946

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 8th Dec - Saturday 14th Dec. 2024

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent Year C
Monday	Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday	St Damasus I
Thursday	St Finnian[Meath]; Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday	St Lucy
Saturday	St John of the Cross

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

PRAYER CORNER

A PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed be God: Blessed be his Holy Name: Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man: Blessed be the name of Jesus: Blessed be his most sacred heart: Blessed be his most precious blood: Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar: Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete: Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy: Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception: Blessed be her glorious assumption: Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother: Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse: Blessed be God in his angels and his saints.

AMEN

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - Volunteers are needed to distribute the Christmas Schedule to homes in the parish during the week commencing 9th December. If you have some time to spare and feel like taking a walk in your local area, please call to the parish office, your help would be greatly appreciated.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

This indoor collection for the Society takes place in all Churches in our Diocese this weekend. It's our opportunity to give as generously as we can to St. Vincent DePaul as they reach out to so many individuals and families at this time of the year. This time of year is a very challenging time for many. Many people and the Society has a huge call on their time and resources. When we give to this collection this weekend we are enabling the Society to help many people in our own community for Christmas. If you make a payment through the **TAP and GO FACILITY** at the back of the Church, this will be added to the collection. The local Saint Vincent de Paul Society is very grateful for the wonderful generosity of Crumlin Parishioners .

Annual Deceased Mass Photograph Collection

Photographs from the Annual Deceased Parishioners Mass can be collected from the Sacristy after the weekend Masses or from the Parish Office during the week.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Last year the response to parishioners donating poinsettias for our Christmas flower decorations was wonderful. These flowers add to the beauty, warmth and welcoming spirit in our Church at Christmas time. We invite parishioners to do likewise again this year. We ask you to bring a poinsettia - red or white and any height - to our Church any time after the 9th December. The poinsettias can be left at the oratory door or the sacristy door. They will be stored in a cool space and placed in our sanctuary on Christmas week.



LORCAN O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are on sale in the Repository and Parish Office, €5 per pack of 12, all proceeds go to the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre



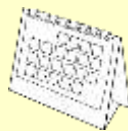
PRAYER IN ADVENT

This time of prayer continues this **THURSDAY, 12th** and the following **THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER** in our



Parish Centre at 7.30pm. The time of prayer consists of reading the Word of God for the Sundays of Advent, reflecting and prayer. ALL are welcome: time duration – about 45 minutes.

Church Art Calendars 2025 are available in the Repository and the Parish Office, price €1.50 each



Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and the Repository

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



St. Agnes's Church Mass Cards,

The Intention of Donor will be remembered in all Masses on Christmas Day. Available in the Parish Office & Church Repository for €5 per pack of 10 cards.



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

NEW LARGE PADDED MASS CARDS

We now have the large padded Mass cards available in the Parish Office and the Sacristy. You can choose from three different pictures . The names will be entered in the Book of Remembrance at St. Agnes Church. Those enrolled will share in a special Mass every Sunday at 9.30am. The cost is €10 each.



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head; since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness."

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east; see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125.R.v.3

(R) What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing;

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

SECOND READING Phil. 1:3-6.8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk. 3: 4-6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

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.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Confessions Times:

Will be available after the 9.00am Mass on Monday 23rd, and on Tuesday 24th December from 12.00pm – 2.00pm



Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve :

Morning Mass at 9.00am.

Vigil Masses at 5.30pm & 7.00pm with blessing of Crib

9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Christmas Day:

St. Stephen's Day to Saturday 28th Dec :

9.00am only

Weekend Masses (Sat 28th / Sun 29th December):

Saturday 28th: *Vigil Mass 5.30pm* **Sunday 29th:** *9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm*

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January 2025:

9.00am & 10.00am

Hallelujah Christmas Concert St. Agnes Church, Friday 13th December @ 7.00pm

Come join "Hallelujah Christmas" for a magical musical evening, filled with all your festive favourites. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and from Karen in the Sacristy.



Seniors and U18: €17.00; Adults:

€20.00