

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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15th December 2024, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete 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



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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

"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down." - Pope Francis

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel - 15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

- 1) 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?
- 2) John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.
- 3) The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

John Byrne OSA; Email jpbyrneosa@gmail.com

(Courtesy of Intercom)

PRAYER IN ADVENT

This time of prayer concludes this **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.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th December

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Craig Lambert; Stephen Barry

ANNIVERSARIES

Shirley Dickson 1st; Liam Keehan 2nd also

Grandson Dean Byrne 1st

Margaret (Peggie) Clarke 3rd

Patrick Lynch 3rd; Eamonn Dillon 4th

Ellen Jewell 5th; Jack & Agnes Butler & deceased family members

Alice & Joe Coffey

Deceased of Coffey & Collins families

Maureen & Con Quinn

Laurie and Michael Phelan

Mary & Michael Collins

Michael Collins Junior

Alice Langan also remembering husband Bob

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Tommy, Frances, Karl & Leo O'Leary

Esther Kenny O'Leary; Stephen Murphy

Baby Tommy Murphy; Brendan & Noel Kelliher

Marie O'Shaughnessy; Seamus Prior

Elizabeth Byrne

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Noel Kelliher

Sunday 15th December

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Quinn 83rd

Deceased of Kelly & Hyland families

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Kathleen Kelly 100th

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Mary Fox

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridie McDonnell 48th

Vincent & Aileen Gough; Vincent Gough Junior

Michael & Margaret McArdle

12.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Catherine Ward; David Fagan

ANNIVERSARIES

Liam Buckley 2nd

Catherine Kinsella nee Cully 3rd

Josephine Kavanagh 6th also husband

Seamus 9th

Maureen Stokes 10th also husband James

Denis Kavanagh 10th; Margaret O'Byrne 18th

Mary & Jim Kelly; James Cusack

Deceased of Zambra, Stewart, Hanlon, McEvoy & McLoughlin families

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

MASS INTENTIONS Contd.

Wednesday 18th December

9.00am

Mary Healy 1st; Imelda Cullen

Thursday 19th December

9.00am

Bridget McManus

Friday 20th December

9.00am

May Copeland

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

Louise Collins, Dowland Road

John (Sean) Cullen, Cashel Road

Joseph Keegan, Greenhills

Sarah (Sadie) Doyle, Cashel Road

James (Shay) Harris, Cashel Road

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



Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,093

St Vincent DePaul: € 9,775

Family Offering: € 995

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 15th Dec - Saturday 21st Dec. 2024

Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

Monday Of the Day

Tuesday Of the Day

Wednesday Of the Day

Thursday Of the Day

Friday St Fachanan [Kilfenora]

Saturday St Peter Canisius

Padre Pio Prayer Group (St Pio)

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th December. Rosary 6.45pm Mass 7.00pm followed by Benediction & General Blessing.

All Welcome.



THANK YOU

The recent donations from the Charity/Poor Box to charities have been acknowledged. These letters from **ALICE LEAHY TRUST, ALONE, TROCAIRE, FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY** and **LORCAN O'TOOLE DAY CARE CENTRE** are on the notice board at the back of the Church. Thanks to parishioners for your donations which are always appreciated by the charities we support. The Poor Box is on the wall to the left as you enter the Church. **Fr. Tony.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The special indoor collection for the **SOCIETY** at masses last weekend has so far totalled **€9,775**, which was a wonderful response. Some people made a payment through the **TAP** and **GO FACILITY** at the back of the church – which will be forwarded to the Society by Archbishops House. On behalf of the society, sincere thanks for your wonderful generosity. If you missed the collection last weekend, you can leave your donation in the sacristy or in the Parish Office. God bless all of you for your kindness to those in our community who need assistance at this time of the year. **Fr. Tony**

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday 22nd December 2024

11.00am & 12.30pm Mass

A beloved annual tradition at the Basilica in Rome in preparation for Christmas, the Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square.

Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.

Bring your Baby Jesus or Crib to be blessed in St Agnes Church at 11.00am or 12.30pm



CHRISTMAS DUES

Envelopes are available at all the Church exits. Christmas dues help to support the Priests of the parish, and the Diocese including sick and retired priests. They are an important source of income for the Clergy. For those who have the box of family offering envelopes, your Christmas dues envelope is in the box. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity in previous years

Christmas Timetable – Christmas timetable cards and St. Agnes Calendars 2025 are available in the porchways of the Church if you wish to take one. We invite you to join with us for our celebrations

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



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.



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.



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 CORNER

St. Padre Pio said: "Prayer is the best weapon we have. It is the key which opens the door of God's heart." For St. Padre Pio, prayer was a sacred, powerful and healing grace and blessing. Light a candle and pray this prayer: "O God, you gave St. Pio of Pietrelcina the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of your son, grant me through his powerful intercession the grace of - ----- which I ardently desire and above all grant me the grace of living in unity with the death of Jesus, to arrive one day at the **glory of the resurrection.**" (**Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father...**).

"May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother smile always on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing." "My past, O Lord, to your mercy, my present, to your love, my future, to your providence." "Lord God of my heart, You alone know all the troubles of my heart, help me." (Sayings of St. Padre Pio.)

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

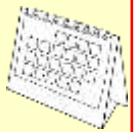
Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January 2025: 9.00am & 10.00am

Christmas Mass Bouquets

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

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



Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Zeph. 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah. Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is. 12;2-6.R.v.6

(R) Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (R)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. (R)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known

to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R)

SECOND READING Phil. 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone; The Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke. 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

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 all the people asked John, "What must we do, then?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share

with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in their turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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