

# St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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12th January 2025, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year C.



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## Deacon

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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](http://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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)



## Thought for the Week

*"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail"*

*Benjamin Franklin*

## A Time for Parting

I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Dublin, 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1961. It is now time to bid farewell. I have ministered in nine parishes and was chaplain in Saint Columcille's Hospital in Loughlinstown for five years. I also served as a diocesan advisor for religious education to primary schools, and in that role was well known to the teachers of the diocese. I wish to thank the clergy and the schools for their welcome.

I was asked to write an item for the first parish newsletter of 2025. It is my pleasure to do so. In mid-November I noticed a decline in my health and spent 6 days in hospital, before coming to the Holy Family residence. I am settling in nicely and starting to enjoy my retirement and carry with me fond memories of my 25 years in St Agnes Parish.

I wish to thank my fellow clergy past and present. Thinking especially at this time of Fr Paddy Brewster SDB who has passed away last weekend, may he rest in peace.

I thank Fr. Tony, Parish priest who was most kind and supportive since he arrived in the Parish. Thanks also to Father Tom Clowe SDB and all our Salesian friends. Jimmy Fennell, our Parish Deacon, always available to assist. Thank you to the parish volunteers in the different ministries. I wish to thank the staff of the Parish, Parish Centre and the sacristy. Colette, Mary, Teresa, Bernadette, and many more volunteers who have helped to make St Agnes a much-loved Parish.

I wish to thank Karen for long being my PA. I would not have managed without her, bless you Karen and a thousand thanks.

The growing issue of shortage of priests, as priests retire, it is difficult to find replacements which forces pressure on the remaining clergy.

I personally owe my vocation to my family, especially my uncle who was a priest to the Diocese of Glasgow.

Let us pray now for our priests and encourage any way we can for vocations to replace those who are retiring.

Finally let us pray for each other.

*John Deasy.*



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**5.30pm**     **MONTHS MIND**  
Robert Bob Donovan

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
John Rooney 4<sup>th</sup>; Terry McGeown 14<sup>th</sup>

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

**9.30am**     **ANNIVERSARIES**  
Jack & Margaret Madden & Sons Michael,  
Sean & Liam; Eddie & wife Mary O'Sullivan &  
deceased relatives; Craig Winton & deceased  
relatives

*Remembering all those enrolled in our Book  
of Remembrance*

**11.00am**     **RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Bernie Fox

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Bob Rafter 2<sup>nd</sup>; Maria Giovanna Vocella 4<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick Hayes 7<sup>th</sup> also wife Joan  
Mary May Mullally 27<sup>th</sup> also husband Leo, son  
Frank & grandson Stephen  
Mario Patriarca 43<sup>rd</sup>; James Delaney 44<sup>th</sup>  
Michael & Kathleen Synnott & son Michéal  
Andrew Fox

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
David Byrne

**12.30pm**     **MONTHS MIND**  
Louise Collins; Kay O'Leary  
Maura Bolger

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Jim O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>; Margaret O'Brien 7<sup>th</sup>  
Fred Downey 7<sup>th</sup>; Liam McCabe 8<sup>th</sup>  
Teresa McCabe nee Barry 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mai Darragh 10<sup>th</sup>; Mary O'Connor 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ernie Darragh 43<sup>rd</sup>; Chris Gaynor 65<sup>th</sup>  
John Fogarty also Birthday Rem  
Frank, Mary, Kathleen & Michael McGrane  
Matthew, Francis, Vera & Joan McGrane  
Eileen Goodwin; Thomas Daly  
Deceased of Kennedy & Heeney families

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
Pierce McCabe

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

**9.00am**     Patrick Byrne Months Mind;  
Tony Byrne 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Angela Hearst nee English 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jeremiah English 3<sup>rd</sup>

*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

Helen (Ellie) Campbell, Cashel Road  
Joe Curry, Leighlin Road  
Mike Lohan, Galway  
Peggy Kavanagh, Cashel Road  
David Gleeson, Dowland Road  
Olga Lynam, Herberton Road  
Sarah Sadie Carroll, Perrystown  
Finola Watchorn, St. Agnes Road  
Walter Roche, Wellington Park  
Michael Genocchi, Muckcross Park  
Derek Fagan, Cork St  
Irene Cox, Clondalkin  
Bridget Bridie McGrath, Rutland Ave  
Raymond Whelan, Kilnamanagh Road  
Bridget Mulvaney, Crumlin  
Anthony Lowry, Ballyfermot Road  
Nancy Ann Connolly, Esposito Road  
John Carter, Rutland Ave  
Fr. Paddy Brewster, Salesian Priest



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

## Weekend Collections

### Christmas Day

**First Collection:**     € 5,734  
**Share:**                     € 4,560

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

**First Collection:**     € 2,002  
**Share:**                     € 1,636  
**Family Offering:**     €    885

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**First Collection:**     € 2,010  
**Share:**                     € 1,534  
**Family Offering:**     €    675

*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](http://www.crumlinparish.ie)*

## The Week Ahead...

Sunday 12th Jan - Saturday 18th Jan. 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	Baptism of the Lord Year C
<b>Monday</b>	St Hilary of Poitiers
<b>Tuesday</b>	Of the Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bl Luigi Variara; St Ita [Limerick]
<b>Thursday</b>	St Fursey
<b>Friday</b>	St Anthony of Egypt
<b>Saturday</b>	Of the Day

## NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called “tomorrow”. (Pope Saint John XXIII).

## A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

*“May our inner vision be transformed so that we can see more clearly our own journey with all humanity as a journey of peace. May God be someone we can lean on in our weak and painful moments. May we know God as our rock, shelter, strength, our wing of comfort and support. May we have welcome in our smiles and welcome etched in our hearts. May we have the gift of reverence for all creation. May we embrace our responsibilities for the care of the earth. May we be wellsprings of compassion so that we can accompany others with empathy and wipe away their tears. May our friendship with God be strong and healthy. May his love be a comfort in our struggles. May our spirit be open in discovering the will of God for us. May our prayer be our wisdom, guidance and a way to deepening God’s love for us.”*

*(Adapted from Sr. Joyce Rupp’s Prayer for a New Year.)*

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting for the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place this Monday evening at 7.00pm in our Parish Centre. All members to attend if possible.

### **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.



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



### **THANK YOU**

We would like to express our gratitude to our volunteers for their assistance with folding our Parish Newsletter during the year

### THOUGHTS AT A CATHEDRAL

*This medieval cathedral, bells chiming in song  
Invites inner awakenings  
The light accentuating a marvel of architecture.  
The streetscape filled with endless beauty  
revealing the splendour of time  
Within this sacred space heart and soul encounter  
Perceptions of life are changed  
Prayer flows ennobled and inspired.  
Transformed by this moment  
I return to the cobbled streets  
Taking me to new places, new spires and squares.  
The aroma of food, coffee and wine glasses tinkling  
Life is flowing and celebrated  
A bright light visits with joy.*

*(Rouen Cathedral 2023.) Fr. Tony*



### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: “You Are My Beloved”

“God’s words ‘You are my Beloved’”, wrote Henri Nouwen, the late Dutch priest, professor and theologian, “reveal the most intimate truth about all human beings, whether they belong to any particular religious tradition or not. The ultimate spiritual temptation is to doubt this fundamental truth about ourselves and trust in alternative identities... I hope that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being, ‘You are the Beloved!’”

In a powerful recorded talk, he urges that the key task of our spiritual journey is to claim that truth and live a life based upon it. Listen to the talk at : [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



### **Coffee Dock**

St. Agnes parish Coffee Dock reopens this Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 12 noon. The Coffee dock is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, call in for a cup of tea/coffee and a friendly chat. All are welcome



Items to be included in the Newsletter should be left in the Parish Office **no later than noon on the Wednesday** before each weekend in the week of publication.

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

## Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING Is. 40:1-5.9-11

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley, then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God'. Here is the Lord coming with power, his arms subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 103:1-2.3-4.24-25.27-30.R.v.1**

**(R) Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.**

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R)**

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling  
You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the wings of your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **(R)**

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever

### SECOND READING Titus 2: 11-14.3:4-7 A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through

Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life. The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk.3:16

**Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16.21-22

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.**

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. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son the Beloved, my favour rests on you."

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**

## CHRISTMAS DUES

Thank you most sincerely to all parishioners who have donated dues offerings. 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. Acknowledgements will be sent to those who have requested one. Envelopes are still available at the Church exits and can be returned to the sacristy or the parish office.



## 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.

