

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter

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22nd / 29th December 2024, 4th Sunday of Advent / Feast of



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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

"Wait for the Lord, his day is near; Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart" - Taizé

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION 2024

Each year we gather to retell the ancient story of God entering into humanity in the birth of Christ. In Christ we can "touch" God. He chose to reveal himself to us in a fragile bundle of new life. We will come to know this child as the true presence of God with us. The world stops in silence before a child born in a stable. We are caught up in the mystery of God's love. A sublime mystery. We all hunger for hope, meaning and good news. We all hunger for a love that's faithful, a love that's there despite our own infidelities, a love that gives us new beginnings and fills our lives with light and hope, a love that brings healing, a love that's always for our good and well-being. We may not find them in our human relationships but we have the fullness of this kind of love in the birth of Christ.

The prophet Zephaniah speaks about *"the tender compassion of the heart of our God, visiting us like the dawn from on high, giving light to those in darkness and guiding us in the way of peace"*. What a lovely thought! The *tender compassion* of the heart of our God is revealed in the person of Jesus. The prayers of Christmas are full of light and hope. St. John says, *"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it"*. At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God is true to his word, that he is a faithful God, that we can meet him in Jesus, his Son. The birth of Christ speaks about the extravagance of a God who loves us unconditionally and eternally. We come to him through Jesus. This is the bright, assured hope and light of Christmas.

The poet, John O' Donoghue speaks of Christmas as "The feast of the great presence where the healing of heaven flows unto a wounded earth". Whatever words we use – light, hope, grace, reconciliation, new vision, meaning, purpose – they all express the "healing of heaven" falling upon our wounded world. Let us allow the "little ones" invite us into the landscape of mystery, awe and wonder. They can lead us into the depth of the mystery of God-with-Us. Just look at their faces on Christmas morning!! I offer all of you this prayer from Sr. Joyce Rupp: "May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul: may the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children awaken in you an appreciation for what is often taken for granted; may the bonds of love be strengthened as you gather for festivity and nourishment. May your eyes be fixed on the star within you and may you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and find the One who offers peace". On behalf of Fr. Tom, Fr. John, Deacon Jimmy and our Parish Team.

Fr. Tony.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st December

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

John Green

ANNIVERSARIES

Philip Bissett 2nd also parents Thomas & Esther Bissett; Fiona O'Byrne 2nd; Seamus Kavanagh 5th Helen Scott Jordan 6th; Esther Power 7th Terry Byrne 9th; Lil Eustace 11th; Carmel Fox 13th Charlie Delaney 14th also wife Annie Tommy Brady 38th; Deceased of Byrne, Ervine, McGlynn & Lamb families

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Jimmy Fogarty; Paddy Douglas; James, Phyllis, Eamonn, Maureen and Daire Gildea Deceased members of McNally & Zambra families; Mary & John Cosgrave & deceased sons and daughters; Charles Cosgrave & daughter Elaine; Peter Dolan; Bernie & Paddy Kelly Get Well; Special Intention

Sunday 22nd December

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Kitty Keogh 9th; Mary Quinn 83rd John Brady; Tess Callery Deceased of Bennett & O'Grady families

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Christina Fennell; Steve & Karl McGlynn

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Jimmy Fogarty; Deceased members of the McDonnell family

Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Healy 1st; Ken Hession 2nd Gerard Hession 10th; Mary Williamson & deceased family members

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Deceased of the Lynch, Keogh, Dorrington & Killeen families; Laurence Lynch Larry & Noreen Flynn; Mary & John Cosgrave Richard Orr & deceased family members Andy Hughes; Joe MacBrien Deceased of Hughes & Thomas families Deceased of McGee family

12.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

John Fitzpatrick 1st; John Devlin 2nd, wife Ann, son George, daughter in law Delia & grandson Mark; Joe Tynan 4th & wife May Lily Lamon 5th; Catherine Grennan 20th & deceased of Griffen family

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Sheila & Thomas Grennan; Pamela, Tom & John Esmonde; Tony Bourke; Earl Foreman Jimmy & Dilly Cullen; John McGowan Pauline Esmonde & deceased family members Donald Moore; James & Teresa Clancy Teresa O'Neill; Pierce McCabe Elizabeth Fehan & deceased family members

MASS INTENTIONS (contd.)

12.30pm

Bridget & James Ryan; John & Mary Norton Mary & James O'Donoghue; Rose & Paddy Dowling; Larry & Joanie Harmon Christopher Dowling; William & Anna Hamilton & deceased family members; Sean Coyle Gertrude & William Noblett

Monday 23rd December

9.00am

Tom Zambra Christmas Rem Sean & Nancy Dunning Anniv

Tuesday 24th December

9.00am

Gerry Gaynor 1st

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Christmas Day

Thursday 26th December (St Stephen's Day)

9.00am

Jim Fitzpatrick 1st

Friday 27th December

9.00am

Patrick Kavanagh; Liam Doyle

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

John O'Brien, Somerville Avenue
Kathleen (Kay) O'Leary, Cashel Road
Robert (Bob) Donovan, Stannaway Avenue
Maura Bolger, Drimnagh
James Campbell, Cashel Road
Leisha (Marie) Williams, Somerville Avenue
Peter Bruce, John McCormack Avenue
Rosalie Roburtan, Walkinstown
Brendan Jordan, John McCormack Avenue

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.



Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection	€ 2,181
Share:	€ 1,688
Family Offering:	€ 1,225

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 Parish Newsletter Team wish all Parishioners and Visitors a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas and every Blessing for 2025.

Please note that the Newsletter will resume on Sunday 12th January 2025

THANKS

Our Parish is fortunate to have many groups and personnel who ensure that all runs well and smoothly throughout the year. Our sincere thanks to the following for your dedication and commitment during 2024: Pastoral Council: Finance Committee: Parish Centre Committee: Karen, our Sacristan along with Willie, Shay and Kathleen: Dave, our groundsman: Collectors: Counters: Stewards: Distributors of Parish Correspondence: Newsletter Team, along with the ladies who fold them on Friday mornings: Parish Centre and Parish Hospitality Teams: Readers Group: Eucharistic Ministers: Baptism Team: Monika for keeping the Church and Parish Centre so clean and presentable: Dave and our 12.30pm Choir: Margo and Eoin, cantors: The Order of Malta: The Lamb of God, Divine Mercy and St. Padre Pio Prayer Groups: Eucharistic Adorers: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parent & Toddler Group, Cheeverstown Ladies: Parish Shop Group: Parish Secretary, Colette and Finance Secretary, Bernadette. Thanks also to the Columban Sisters, Franciscans of St. Joseph, the Salesians and Sr. Bernadette for their presence in our Parish. Finally, thanks to you, our parishioners for your prayerful support and your generosity and kindness to us throughout 2024. The intentions of all parishioners and families will be remembered at masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. *May you experience the closeness of God's love and protection this Christmas.*

Fr. Tony

CHRISTMAS CRIB and CHURCH DECORATIONS

What a joy to behold when you enter our Church! It's warm, welcoming and beautiful and fittingly so as we celebrate Christmas. Thanks to Karen, Colette, Gemma, Barney, Eddie, Ger, Brian and Barry for all the work in the past couple of weeks but especially last Monday afternoon. Your display of the crib, the children's table at the back of the Church and the floral arrangements are exceptional. Be assured of our gratitude and that of all visitors. Sincere thanks to parishioners who donated poinsettias and to Brian McElroy for his generous donation towards the flowers.

Christmas Triduum Prayer

O Divine Jesus, the Heavenly message at your birth was "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all".

Bring your peace, your joy, your happiness into our home this Christmas.

Bless all the members of our family, those at home and those who will be absent this Christmas.

Inflame our hearts with your love.

Keep us close to you and each other, now and throughout the year ahead. Amen.



JUST A LITTLE DONKEY



Just a little donkey, but on my back I bore

The one and only Saviour the world was waiting for.

Just a little donkey, but I was strong and proud

I gladly carried Mary through the chaos of the crowd.

I brought her to a stable where she made a tiny bed...

A place for Baby Jesus to lay His little head.

I pray the world remembers that special Christmas night,

When just a little donkey carried Heaven's Precious Light.

By Rita S. Beer

The HALLELUJAH CONCERT in our Church on Friday 13th December, raised €1400 for two Charities: **The Little Flower Penny Dinners, Meath Street and the Tallaght Outreach Group: both charities were given €700 each for their work of giving hot meals to many homeless and needy people at this time of the year. Thank you so much for supporting the raffle at the concert. The concert itself was a lovely occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended it.**

PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

- √ The Parish Office will close on Monday 23rd December at 12.45pm and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January at 9.30am. For any urgent enquiries please contact Fr. Tony.
- √ The Parish Centre is now closed and will reopen on Monday 6th January
- √ The Coffee Dock will reopen on Tuesday 14th January at 10.00am

Church Closing Times

St. Stephens Day - after 9.00am Mass;

Friday 27th - 3.00pm;

Monday 30th - 3.00pm; Tuesday 31st - 3.00pm

Wednesday 1st January - after 9.00am Mass;

Thursday 2nd - 3.00pm; Friday 3rd - 3.00pm

TAP and GO FACILITY

Some parishioners and visitors use this facility to make donations to the **FIRST COLLECTION** and the **SHARE Collection** at masses at the weekend.

For the month of November, the donations totaled €780 and is divided between the two collections.

Thank you sincerely for these donations. The two TAP and GO FACILITY machines are at the back of the Church. Fr. Tony

Christmas Correspondence - Sincere thanks to all who organised and delivered our Christmas correspondence to the homes in the parish.

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

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 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

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

Liturgy of the Word - 4th Sunday of Advent (22/12/24)

FIRST READING Mic. 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

The Lord says this: You, (Bethlehem) Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19.R.v.4

(R) God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

SECOND READING Heb. 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

This is what Christ said on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, "God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will. "Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is; the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. and this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-44

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.

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zachariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said. "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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