

St Agnes Parish Weekly Newsletter



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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
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



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



Thought for the Week

"It always seems impossible until it's done" - Nelson Mandela

REFLECTION – 22nd/23rd FEBRUARY 2025

We all like to think that we don't have enemies. OK. Maybe **"enemy"** is too strong a word – but looking at the state of the world around us and listening to political discourse in our own parliament and observing the very distasteful messages posted on blogs of various kinds, it's quite clear that there's a lot of anger, cynicism, distrust and fear in the air. Our country and our world are deeply divided. We may not necessarily be enemies in the worst sense of the word, but we're not all friends, either. We may not proactively hate anyone but there are people we want nothing to do with.

Writer and spiritual guide, Barbara Cawthorne Crafton offers a perspective on **"praying"** for your enemies. In her book, **"LET US BLESS THE LORD"**, she says: **"In praying about any controversy in your life, consider praying first for the one with whom you disagree. Think about praying first for the one who infuriates you. And pray for that person or that group without an agenda of your own – don't pray that they might see the error of their ways or that God might give them a telling off. Don't pray anything specific for them. God doesn't need our madness of judgment. Leave all the details to God. We don't need to tell God things. He knows. Just name them before God. Just lift them up to God for blessing, the same blessing for which you yourself long. You need to do nothing beyond this in prayer."**

The author goes on to suggest that if we do these things will happen that will surprise us. When we let go of hurt, anger and resentments, we free ourselves within. Holding on to negative emotions can be destructive. It can steal our inner peace and harmony and prevent possibilities for healing and reconciliation. Nothing is beyond the power of God to turn what happens in human interactions to possibilities for good and new beginnings.

This is the message of Jesus in the gospel today: to love as God loves, to care with the **"measure"** of God's compassion, to love with his heart. It's hard work. It requires a daily decision. Jesus challenges us to break the cycle of fear, hatred, racism, bigotry and vengeance that ensnare us and our society in dysfunctionality and disunity. Our own self-interested ways diminish God within us and we diminish the dreams and hopes of others. In essence Jesus is saying – hatred can be defeated by love, injury can be healed only by forgiveness, evil can be overturned by goodness, darkness only by light.

When we, as God's people, keep the Gospel of Christ before us as our ethical way of living, it ensures we don't end up living or trapped in destructive behaviour and it enables us to keep our priorities right in his expectation of us. **Let's try living the gospel of today.**

Fr. Tony

Trocaire Boxes are available at all Church exits, please take one home and save over the Lenten period for a worthy cause

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd February

5.30pm

MONTHS MIND

Ann Henderson; Keith Evans

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Putland

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph McGhee 1st; Catherine Kay Doolin 2nd
Carmel Greene 2nd also rem Parents Jack & Lily
Heavy; Pattie O'Keeffe 5th; Brendan Colgan 6th
Patrick Lloyd 16th; Rita Colgan 18th
Ellen (Nellie) Whelan 18th
Baby Michael McDonagh 27th; John Kinsella 28th
Deceased members of Whelan family
Eileen Malone

Sunday 23rd February

9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Cissie, Bella & Jack Fogarty
Paddy & Via Colgan
Patrick Foran also Birthday Rem
Remembering all those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance

11.00am

MONTHS MIND

Christine Byrne

ANNIVERSARIES

Eddie Meehan 1st; Stephen Dowling 1st
Lily Fitzpatrick 2nd; Eileen Kavanagh 2nd
Marguerite Roe 5th; Karen Hughes 11th
Carmel Begley 14th; Tony King 22nd
John Begley 50th; Patrick McGee 76th
Thomas Morton, Tony Ryan, Eric Doyle

12.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Louise Guilfoyle 3rd; Joseph Lynch 4th
Gerald Launder 5th; Sheila Murphy 15th
Paddy Murphy 16th; Gerard & Eva Fitzpatrick
Mary & Christopher Webb; Catherine Kelly
Philomena Edwards; Frank Kennedy
Eileen Webb; Deceased of the Murphy family
Kevin, Dolores & Courtney Norton
Elizabeth Hamilton; James & Molly Phillips

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Anne O'Neill; Gertrude Noblett

Monday 24th February

9.00am Eileen Kavanagh 2nd

Tuesday 25th February

9.00am Kitty Cully 35th

Wednesday 26th February

9.00am Michael O'Brien Remembrance
Christopher McDonagh Birthday Rem

Thursday 27th February

9.00am David Hynes 25th; Tony Driver Get Well
Siobhan Brannigan Get Well

Friday 28th February

9.00am Christopher Higgins 10th; Betty Leonard O'Brien
also deceased of Leonard & O'Brien families
James Hanaphy

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful departed Rest In Peace. Amen

Our Recently Deceased

Michael Mick O'Leary, Moeran Road
George Potts, Dangan Park
Martin Kiely, Lorcan O'Toole Court

Josephine Hardwidge, Kimmage

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

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.



Last Weekends Collections

1st Collection € 2,017

ACCORD Collection: € 2,762

Family Offering: € 945

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 23rd Feb - Saturday 1st March 2025

Sunday	7th Sunday in Ordinary time; Year C
Monday	Of the Day
Tuesday	Ss Versigila & Caravario
Wednesday	Of the Day
Thursday	St Gregory of Narek
Friday	Of the Day
Saturday	St David

Blessed Candles are back in the Repository, cost €2.50 each.

PRAYER CORNER

*For the cycle of life which brings birth and rebirth: **We rejoice in the promise of spring.***

*For lengthening of days and sunlight's warmth upon the soil: **We rejoice in the promise of spring.***

*For the snowdrop's beauty reflecting its Creator's artistry: **we rejoice in the promise of spring.***

*For new born lambs in their joy and exuberance: **we rejoice in the promise of spring.***

*For all of creation and the majesty of its Creator: **we rejoice in the promise of spring.***

*For the stillness of the air and the emerging of colour: **we rejoice in the promise of spring. PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOUR TO OUR GOD. AMEN***

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 Novena of Grace & Parish Retreat 4th - 12th March 2025



Conducted by *Fr. John Walsh OP Dominican Church, Dominick St*

Please note during the Novena of Grace Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 12th March there is no 9.00am Mass, only 10.00am and 7.00pm each day. Also the Church will open at 8:45am daily

Date	Times	Topic
Tuesday 4 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>The Call of Jesus today, Listening and Following</i>
Wednesday 5 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>Talking to Myself or God? Prayer</i>
Thursday 6 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>Carrying our Burdens/Crosses</i>
Friday 7 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>The Perpetual Hunger Within</i>
Saturday 8 th March	10.00am & 5.30pm	<i>Broken Disciples</i>
Sunday 9 th March	11.00am ONLY	<i>Healing not Curing With Special Blessing for the Sick</i>
Monday 10 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>The Black Sheep</i>
Tuesday 11 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>Forgiveness/Mercy (Mass at 10am followed by Confessions, and there will be a reconciliation service with Confessions at 7pm (No Mass at 7pm))</i>
Wednesday 12 th March	10.00am & 7.00pm	<i>Mary, Mother of Mercy and Refuge</i>

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST DURING THE NOVENA

DUBLIN DIOCESAN 2025 JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be held from the 4th to the 9th September 2025 led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers, five nights accommodation, meals, and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout. For further information - info@joewalstours.ie or phone 01 2410800.

Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to Deirdre Daly, the Pilgrimage Office at info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie or call 01 8085557

FAMILY ENVELOPES

The new **FAMILY ENVELOPE BOXES** are being distributed at the moment to parishioners on our data base. The Family Envelope Collection is the main source of income for the upkeep of the Parish and Church apart from the shrine income after expenses, direct debits and once off payments. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to parishioners who are diligent in supporting our Church and Parish. If any parishioner presently not on our data base for making a contribution and would like to do so, please contact myself or Colette at the Parish Office. Again, sincere thanks for your financial support at all times. *Fr. Tony*

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH (Courtesy of Salford Diocese)

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Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

1 Sam. 26:2-7-9.12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear; Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice," David answered Abishai, "Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David then called out, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed." The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 102: 1-4.8.10.12-13. R.v.8

(R) The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings **(R)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R)**

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

(R)

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 15: 45-49

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6; 27-38

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.

Jesus said to his disciples: But I say this to you who are listening; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless

those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks do you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you; a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will be held on Saturday 26th April. It will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick, and the pilgrimage Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. For more details please email

knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie



FAMILY OFFERING

We are deeply grateful to all who faithfully contribute on a regular basis to the family offering. **The Weekly Family Offering Envelopes and monthly Standing Orders are the only collection that goes directly to the Parish**, you will appreciate how important it is to the Parish Finances. It is our main source of income that covers the cost of insurance, heating, lighting and maintenance. If you would like to contribute to this collection by way of weekly envelope or monthly standing order, please call to the Parish Office during the week to complete a form and collect a Family Offering Box or complete a Standing Order form for the Bank.

New Family Offering Boxes for week commencing 2nd March are being distributed to those homes who contribute weekly. If you have not received your box of envelopes, please call to or telephone the office during the week – 455 5368. To Pat Dunn and her team of volunteers who helped distribute the boxes of envelopes we sincerely thank you for your dedication