

# Parish Newsletter



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Crumlin /Mourne  
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### MASS TIMES: SUNDAY:

*Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m.,  
10.30a.m. (Family Mass)  
& 12 noon Choir*

*7.00p.m. Pastoral Area Mass  
St. Agnes, Crumlin  
10.00a.m.*

### MONDAY – SATURDAY

*Morning Prayer: 9.40a.m.  
each morning.*

*Confessions after 10.00a.m.  
Mass Saturdays or on request.*

### PARISH OFFICE

### OPENING HOURS

*Monday - Wednesday  
9.15a.m. to 1.00p.m.  
& 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m.*

*Thursday & Friday  
(Closed both afternoons)  
9.15a.m. to 1.00p.m.*

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While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35



**We remember all those who  
have died recently.**

Anne Duffy, Anne Kelly

Brigid Murphy, Tommy Dennis

John Doyle



We give our loved ones back to  
you, O Lord; and just as you did  
not lose them in the giving,  
so we do not lose them in  
returning them to you.

*Do you have a neighbour who is housebound?*

*Or do you know someone who might like to hear  
what is going on in the Parish*

*We would like you to pass this Newsletter on to  
them*

*Also, if you know someone who would like to have  
Holy Communion brought to them in their home,  
please contact the Parish Office.*

***A copy of the Newsletter  
can also be downloaded  
from the Parish website.  
[www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)***



## **What's on this week:**

**Choir Practise** every Monday evening at 7.30p.m. in the Oratory

**Legion of Mary** Group meet every Tuesday at 2.30p.m. in the Church meeting Room

**Eucharistic Prayer** Every Friday 2.30-3.30p.m. in the Oratory. All are Welcome.



***Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Oratory. Would you like to spend a little time alone with the Lord in quiet prayer? If you have an hour to spare please leave your name into the Parish Office.***



**REFURBISHMENT WORK ON OUR CHURCH STARTED LAST WEEK AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY EARLY JULY. THE MAIN CHURCH IS CLOSED FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EXCEPT FOR FUNERALS AT 10AM MASS ON DAYS AGREED WITH THE FAMILIES AFTER THE PARISH CONSULTS WITH THE BUILDER. WE REGRET WE WILL BE NOT IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE FUNERALS THE EVENING BEFORE THE FUNERAL MASS. OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN CRUMLIN AND CLOHER ROAD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR FUNERALS IF REQUESTED AND ONE OF THE MOURNE ROAD PRIESTS WILL TRAVEL TO CELEBRATE THE FUNERAL. ALL WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE ORATORY. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE TO PARISHIONERS. WE HOPE THE BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED CHURCH WILL MAKE IT WORTH THE DISRUPTION. WE WILL TRY TO KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES THROUGHOUT THE BUILD. DONATIONS LARGE OR SMALL TOWARDS THE COST OF THE REFURBISHMENT WILL BE MOST GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AT THE PARISH OFFICE. SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED.**

## **During Lent candles for "Healing & Renewal"**

**are available at all Masses and from  
the Parish Office. Offering €1.00**



### **w/e 13th/14th January**

#### **Church Collections**

1st Priests: €849.00

2nd ACCORD: €1303.00

#### **Envelope Collection**

**€1543.00**

**TROCAIRE BOXES ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.**



### **PARISH LOTTO**



Development Fund  
There was no winner of last  
week's Jackpot.

2 3 20 27

Congratulations to last week's winners of the  
three €20 Prizes

Next week's Jackpot will be €2200.00

The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning  
after 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Meeting  
Room.

Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be  
put into the safe in the church  
by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.  
All are welcome to attend the draw.

**Q**  
**A**

*Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?*

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team—successful or not—will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Cizek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections and more than one person has commented on how powerful and interesting they are. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

# Second week of Lent



## Gospel Reading:

**Luke 9: 28-36**

"Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory." Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James and John. Often, we think only in terms of what happened to Jesus: "his face changed" and "his clothing became dazzling white" and he began a supernatural conversation with two ancient prophets. But that was only half of the story. The other part is what happened to the men. They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were "fully awake." Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. They would not have had this astonishing insight into the glory of their friend and Master. It's an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we'd care to admit. Of course we have to be "awake" in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we don't always realize we are falling asleep. Just as Peter, James, and John were "overcome" with sleep, we too can slip into this state without necessarily realizing it's happening. Spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent. During these weeks, we strive to purify ourselves by attacking the sins and selfishness that make us spiritual sleepwalkers. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs and to become "fully awake." Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see "his glory" come Eastertide.



**A Benefit Night in Memory of Patricia Travers and Stephen Travers in aid of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the Green Isle Hotel at 8.00p.m. Tickets €15.00 are available from Anna Uí Neachtain, 085-7107065.**

## News from around the Diocese:

### Opening the Door of Mercy -

**A Special One Day Conference:** Join us for a special one day conference to mark Opening the Door of Mercy on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Moran's Red Cow Hotel, Co. Dublin from 10.00am - 5.00pm. Guest speakers on the day are: His Excellency, Archbishop Charles J. Brown (Papal Nuncio) and Professor Michael Conway (Department of Faith & Culture, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and Ms Susan Gately (Journalist & Author of God's Surprise, the New Movements in the Church). For further information please contact Julieann Moran (Council for Pastoral Renewal & Adult Faith Development, Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference) PP €40 advance booking is essential - closing date for bookings: 28<sup>th</sup> February. Tel: 01 5053025 or Email: [pastoralrenewal@iecon.ie](mailto:pastoralrenewal@iecon.ie) All welcome.

**Beginning Experience:** B.E. is a support group of those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through death, separation or divorce. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Next coping programme will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February for another 6 Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2. Tel: 0860877379 or email: [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com) or [www.beginningexperience.ie](http://www.beginningexperience.ie)

### Aware Volunteering Opportunities:

Aware, the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder is now recruiting new volunteers to train on a number of services. See [aware.ie](http://aware.ie) for specific info and requirements for all volunteering opportunities including the Aware Life Skills (Online) programmes. Minimum commitment is 18 months. For further info: Tel: 01 6617211 Or 2374904 - Email: [supportmail@aware.ie](mailto:supportmail@aware.ie) - Support Line: 1890 303302 - [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

## HYMNS



### Sweet Heart of Jesus! Fount of love and mercy

Today we come Thy blessings to implore  
Oh touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful  
And make them Lord, thine own for evermore

*Sweet Heart of Jesus! We implore*

*Oh, make us love thee, more and more*

Sweet Heart of Jesus! Make us pure and gentle  
And teach us how to do thy blessed will  
To follow close the print of thy dear footsteps  
And when we fall, sweet heart oh, love us still

### Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind, but now, I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures



**"Your choir needs you".**

**Calling all would-be choir members. A warm welcome awaits you at Monday night 7:45pm rehearsal and Sunday noon**

**Mass. The only requirements are the ability to stay in tune and a love of singing. For information contact Irene 087-050 4097.**

**The Chair of St. Peter**—This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.







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us a wonderful example of triumph over  
addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong  
reverence for the Holy Sacrament"

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Please Pray for the  
Beatification of

**FRANK DUFF**  
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Mary

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