



St. Agatha's Parish Pastoral Council Update



At the last meeting of the Pastoral Council we discussed the possibility of having an Alpha course in the parish.

Alpha is a worldwide organisation aimed at bringing people back to the Gospel and would be very useful in reaching out to those who are distanced from the Church. Keeping in mind that as we are approaching a year of Evangelisation it is very timely.

A meeting for the Pastoral Council with the National promoter of Alpha has been organised for Wednesday next 13th May.

Dan Moore, Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.

ST VINCENT'S BOY'S SCHOOL



St. Vincent's Boy's School are now accepting enrolments for this coming September.

Enquiries Please telephone : 01 8363074



Trocaire's Lenten Campaign

Trocaire would like to thank you for your support of their Lenten Campaign. Your generous contribution amounted to €2400. Once again thank you for your generosity.

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this **NEWSLETTER** please give them a copy.



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

10th May 2009

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We would like to congratulate the boy's and Girls
from O'Connell and St. Vincent's schools
Who received their First Holy Communion
Yesterday.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on
Wednesday 27th May and will be celebrated by
Most Rev. Bishop Fiachra O'Ceallaigh, D.D.

Sick and Housebound of the Parish

Annual Mass for the Sick

**The Annual Mass for the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday 24th
May at 3.00 p.m.**

Every person who is sick - physically, mentally or emotionally is welcome to be anointed at the Mass for the Sick.

If you require transport to this Mass please contact Parish Office 855 4078.

You are welcome for a cup of tea and light refreshments in St. Agatha's Hall after the Mass.

Parish of St Agatha
Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30 June 2008
Audited by Hayden Brown Chartered Accountants

INCOME	30/06/2008	30/06/2007
	€	€
Family Offering	60,602	55,610
Shrines	14,109	15,251
Fundraising	-	43,309
Donations/Special Events	83,040	5,489
Children's Mass Group	-	6,130
Copper Collection	7,760	9,605
Repository	5,255	4,595
Other	7,000	7,652
Share Assistance	77,184	166,728
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Total	<u>254,950</u>	<u>314,369</u>
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EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	45,545	50,409
Church Helpers	4,222	4,064
Rent, Rates, Insurance	5,310	7,661
Repairs and Maintenance	2,499	14,747
Heat & Light	17,174	18,275
Cleaning	600	950
Altar Supplies	5,606	4,719
Missalettes	3,017	3,199
Interest & Bank Charges	38,020	24,228
Phone, Post, & Stationery	12,014	8,109
Accounts Preparation	1,936	1,821
Ceremonies, Conferences, etc.	10,483	16,601
Other	1,032	746
Formation & Training	-	1,633
Term Loan	77,184	166,728
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Total	<u>224,642</u>	<u>323,890</u>
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Surplus/(Deficit)	30,308	-9,521
Major Projects	-109,305	-507,707
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Net Deficit	<u>-78,997</u>	<u>-517,228</u>
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Members of Parish Finance Committee

Mary Conway, Christine Corry, Maureen Grant (*Secretary*), Ken Langan, (*Chairman*), Fr. Brian Lawless, Norrie McCann, Fr. Tony Scully

Report from St. Agatha's Parish Finance Committee

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I want of first of all apologise for the delay in getting you these accounts, which in normal circumstances we would have issued before Christmas, but delayed doing so because of the continuing celebrations for the Centenary Year.

I now have pleasure in presenting these accounts to you and these are extracted from the au-

dated accounts which have been certified by Hayden Brown, Chartered Accountants and submitted to Archbishop's House.

As you can see, we have shown a surplus on our day to day operations of €30,308, before taking account of Major Projects of €109,305, which means that we end the year with a net deficit of €78,997.

The income has been very good once again, with increases in the Family Offering collection of almost €5,000. The Family Offering collection is crucial to the operation of the Parish and accounts for €1,165 on average per week. Without it we would be unable to maintain the services in the Parish and on behalf of the Committee, I thank you for it and would ask you to continue your support and if possible encourage others to take a box of envelopes, which can be obtained either from the Parish Office or at the back of the church.

The Copper collection also continues to be very successful, although it shows a small drop last year. We would like to enlarge that collection by having collectors in every part of the Parish and would once again appeal for volunteers.

We are particularly grateful for the significant increase in donations and special events during the year and all of these combines to help us significantly during the year.

Under Expenditure we managed to make a number of significant savings under many headings, although we did incur interest on bank charges of €38,000, which will be significantly reduced now that the Share Assist programme is in place.

If you have any questions in relation to the accounts I will be happy to address them for you at any time. You can contact me through the Parish Secretary.

I want to thank all those who have helped organise the finances of the Parish in the past year, all the more so in that many of these took place during the first half of the Centenary Year celebrations. Primary among those who have helped us are the Collectors, whose dedication is terrific and without whom the Family Offering collection would not be as high as it is. I want to particularly thank the members of the Parish Finance Committee and in particular, Mary Conway, who over the past number of months, has not been well. We all wish her well during her recovery. The period June to December 2008 represents the second half of the Centenary Year and there will be additional expenses during that period. We face that period in a relatively healthy situation and in a church the fabric of which has been beautifully displayed during the course of the past year and it is a credit to all of the parishioners and a testament to their support and dedication.

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee thanks to all who have helped to bring this about.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
JULY 2007 TO JUNE 2008
 (collections for outside the Parish)

Share	14,480	Accord	725
Peter's Pence	745	Roomkeepers	625
Crosscare	1,170	St. Francis Hospice	1,085
Missions	1,260	Lourdes	10,875
Education for Priests	910	Vincent de Paul	1,805
C.Y.C	760	Trocaire	1,650
Daughters of Charity, Wells for Kenya	2,020	Donation to Polish Salesian Seminary	2,705
	TOTAL		€40,815