

Mothers' Club sponsor reframing the Stations of the Cross

For decades people have prayed the *Way of the Cross* at the stations in the church. Dr. Eileen Kane recently identified the painter of these stations as **Luigi Morgari**, (1857-1935) a painter from Turin, Italy. A well know artist he specialised in fresco paintings many of which can be seen in Italian cathedrals. The Stations in the Church of St. Agatha are original paintings from the late nineteenth - early twentieth century.

Dr. Kane has recommended that they be reframed into more appropriate framing and has advised plain gold framing. Mr. Jimmy Cummins, the Architect, is taking care of the reframing which is being sponsored by the Mothers' Club.



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

11th March 2007
Third Sunday of Lent

Take some quiet time
out for yourself !

Dates for Diary

**15th March
Thursday** **Feast of St. Louise de Marillac**
Founder of the Daughters of Charity.
*We wish the Daughters of Charity in the parish a
Happy Feast Day.*

**17th March
Saturday** **St. Patrick's Day - Patron of Ireland**
*Shamrock will be blessed and distributed
at all Masses.*

Mass Times: Friday 7.30 p.m. (vigil),
Saturday 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

*There will be the usual Saturday evening
Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.*

**18th March
Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Today is Mother's Day
We wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day

19th March **Feast of St. Joseph,**
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Bank Holiday Monday
Mass at 10.00 a.m. *No evening Mass.*



All are welcome

to a Lenten time of Reflection and Prayer on the
"Journey of God with his people in the bible".

This hour of prayer will be led by
Sr. Eileen and will take place:

- ◆ In the Marillac Centre
*down the lane beside the
nursery and Rendu Apartments*
- ◆ On Wednesday 21st March
- ◆ At 10.45 a.m. and
repeated at 7.30 p.m.
- ◆ It will begin with a cuppa !



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

Interim Report from Parish Finance Committee

PARISH OF SAINT AGATHA ACCOUNTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST December 2006

(This does not include Major Projects of rewiring and painting)

Dear Parishioner,

The accounts for the six months ended 31st December 2006 are presented for your attention, (page 3 of this Newsletter) together with the comparative figures for the same period in 2005. In the right hand column is the budget for the full year to 30th June 2007.

Income generally has been well in line with budget with Family Offering and the Copper Coin collections very good. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Expenditure has been well over budget but our main expenses such as Wages, Rent/Rates and Insurance, Heat and Light and Phone are all performing well. Unfortunately repairs have been high for the period and we have had large interest payments for our loan in relation to the work in the church, thus we made a loss for the 6 months of €18,269.

We also have a number of bills in relation to the ongoing work in the church and have so far spent €107,011 which will be supported by Share.

(This is mainly the remainder of the cost of the re-wiring of the church and does not include the cost of the painting of the church)

Please contact me or any member of the Parish Finance Committee if you have any questions in relation to these accounts.



Ken Langan
Chairman of Finance Committee

Bank Account overdrawn by €443,681
The Bank interest on this amount for 6 months is €9,910

The ESB bill for January and February is €6,171 !!!

This is mainly for heating the church. The heating has been increased to 25 storage heaters in the church and 18 infra red heaters on walls.

	ACTUAL 31/12/2006	ACTUAL 31/12/2005	BUDGETED 30/06/2007
INCOME	€	€	€
FAMILY OFFERING	27,425	27,387	56,000
SHRINES	9,976	11,745	18,500
SPECIAL	7,130	31,819	0
ORGAN	125	390	0
DONATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS	2,784	100	1,000
COPPER COLLECTION	4,605	3,740	9,000
SHARE ASSISTANCE	8,364	8,364	17,000
REPOSITORY	1,765	2,557	5,000
CRIB	1,100	220	
OTHER		360	5,000
TOTAL	€63,274	€86,682	€111,500
EXPENDITURE			
WAGES	23,429	24,212	50,000
CHURCH HELPERS	450		2,000
INSURANCE	7,336	6,736	7,000
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	11,562	536	5,000
HEAT AND LIGHT	4,046	1,317	14,000
CLEANING	150		500
LITURGY/CEREMONIES/SUPPLIES	3,859	558	1,000
MISSALETES	418	607	1,500
INTEREST & BANK CHARGES	6,910		2,500
PHONE/POST & STATIONERY	2,534	1,792	8,500
ACCOUNTS PREPARATION			1,700
TERM LOAN	8,364	8,364	17,000
OTHER	2,462	5,552	
DEANERY CONTRIBUTION	1,443		
REPOSITORY	1,910		
CANDLES	2,090	3,055	4,800
COLLECTIONS	4,780	34,944	
TOTAL	€81,743	€87,673	€115,500
DEFICIT FOR 6 MONTHS	-18,469	-991	-4,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURE	-107,011		
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR 6 MONTHS	-€125,480	-€991	-€4,000