

25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II

Today Sunday 12th October the Dublin Diocese celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Pontificate of His Holiness John Paul II. Cardinal Connell is celebrating Mass in the Pro-Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. Here in the Parish of St. Agatha Pope John Paul II will be remembered and prayed for at all Masses this weekend. We pray in thanksgiving for his ongoing service to the church and the world and we pray that he may experience great joy and inner strength.

“The Wonder of Life”

“The Wonder of Life” is a pastoral letter from the Irish Bishops to mark the Day for Life 2003 and the 25th Anniversary of His Holiness John Paul II.

Please take a copy of this letter which is available (free of charge) at the back of the Church.

“The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus’ message”

Mysteries of Light - CD

Fr. Pat O’Donoghue and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group have produced a CD/Tape on the new *Mysteries of Light*. These are available in the Repository. CD €12 Tape €10

Pope John Paul II has designated 2003 as the Year of the Rosary and traditionally October has been the month we associate with the rosary.

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this **NEWSLETTER** please give them a copy. The next parish newsletter will be issued on Sunday 26th October. Any items for inclusion to be left in the sacristy before Tuesday 20th October.

You can visit our parish website at www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

12th October 2003

Parish Evening in the Mansion House

Friday 24th October 2003

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Royston Brady has offered the Oak Room in the Mansion House to the parishioners of St. Agatha’s free of charge on the evening of 24th October.

This social evening includes a *Fun Table Team Quiz* ending with a *sing-along*. It is not a fund-raising event. Buses will leave from St. Agatha’s Church and from Ballybough Road at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets

Cost of ticket is €7. This is to cover costs including buses and light refreshments. Maximum 100 tickets on a “*first come first served basis*”.

Tickets available in the sacristy.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a period of preparation for adults wishing to be baptised into the Catholic faith. Recently some parishioners, including foreign nationals, have asked for Baptism for themselves and their children.

This programme of preparation will begin in November for those who have expressed interest. It is intended that these adults will be baptised during the Easter Vigil 11th April 2004.

If you are an adult and are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Fr. Liam Rigney at 01- 8556474 for further details.

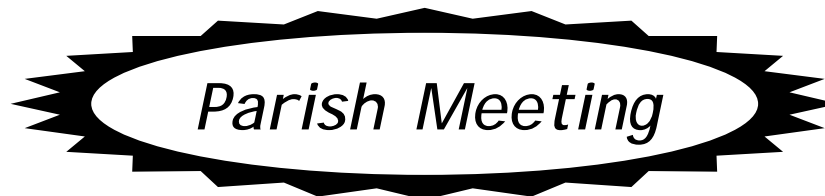
We need some parishioners who are baptised to help prepare adults for baptism by becoming a *faith friend*. This involves one hour per week from November until Easter 2004.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Over the past number of years some parents, whose children attend non-Catholic schools, have asked the parish to prepare their children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and of Confirmation.

This year the preparation for Confirmation will begin the first week in November 2003. The preparation usually takes one hour a week in Sr. Eileen's Centre, North William Street and involves a parent or guardian being present.

If your child is in 5th or 6th Class and you would like him/her to begin preparing *please contact Sr. Eileen at 01- 8783583 before 19th October* for further details.



The Autumn Open Parish Meeting will take place

**On Thursday 16th October 2003 from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m.
In the Prayer Room (*entrance by sacristy door*)**

The Agenda for the evening will include:

- ***Parish Radio Link** to Housebound Parishioners
- ***Parish Evening in the Mansion House** on Friday 24th October 2003
- ***Parish Finances**
 - Presentation of Statement of Parish and Parish Finance Committee
- ***St. Agatha's Organ Scholarship** and development since organ restoration
- ***Mass for Deceased Parishioners** – Monday 24th November at 7.30 p.m.
- ***Celebration of Advent & Christmas**
- ***Parish Calendar 2004 ?**
- ***Feast of St. Agatha** – 5th February 2004 – Suggestions for celebration

You are most welcome to this meeting, especially if you have not attended an Open Parish Meeting before.

If needed transport home will be provided.

Concert in Aid of Friends of Calcutta Featuring Liam Lawton & Lorica

- In Gardiner Street Church
- **Wednesday 15th October**
- At 8 p.m.
- **Tickets €15 Concessions €10**
- Tickets available from
the Sacristy

Thank You to all

The amount raised on the following collections:

- **St Francis Hospice Coffee Morning**
18th September - **€1,055**
- **Crosscare**
21st September - **€858**
- **Copper Coin Collection**
23rd August - **€1,400**