

Best wishes to Sr. Andre

We wish Sr. André Murphy of the Daughters of Charity every best wish as she finishes working in St. Louise's Nursery. Sr. Andre has worked as manager of the Nursery for eleven years. She will be doing a course in All Hallows College for a year.

We congratulate Louise Gillick who succeeds her as new manager and wish her every blessing in her new job.

Choirs return after the summer break ...

Children's Mass Group

The Children's Mass Group prepares the 12.00 Mass every Sunday. It will be starting back

- ☉ PRACTICE on Monday,
15th September, 6.15 pm
- ☉ MASS on Sunday,
21st September, 12 noon

The Children's Mass Group is open to boys and girls from Second to Sixth Class. If you are interested in joining please come to the 12.00 Mass and talk to any of the leaders.

The St. Agatha's Adult Choir

The St Agatha's Adult Choir has already started back after the summer. It sings at the 11.00 am Mass every Sunday. The choir practises after the Monday evening Mass until 9.30 pm.

If you are interested in joining you would be very welcome - please contact the Director of Music, Mr Peter O'Driscoll.

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 5th October. Any items for inclusion to be left in the sacristy before Tuesday 30th September.

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

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

14th September 2003

Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning

In aid of St Francis Hospice

Thursday, 18th September 2003

You are invited to a coffee morning

- ▶ in the Prayer Room (in the sacristy)
- ▶ after the 9.00 and 10.00 am on Masses on Thursday, 18th September.

By taking part in *Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning* you will help St Francis Hospice to continue to care for patients and their families on the northside of Dublin. All proceeds will go directly to Hospice care in our area.

By the way please bring a friend!!

Church Calendar

14th September - Sunday, The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross

15th September - Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows.

22nd September - Monday, The Bethany Bereavement Group will meet at 8 p.m. in the Prayer Room

23rd September - Tuesday, Feast of St. Padre Pio

27th September - Saturday, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

1st October - Wednesday, St. Therese of Lisieux and International day for the elderly.

2nd October - Thursday Feast of Guardian Angels

4th October - St. Francis of Assisi

Happy Feast Day to the Daughters of Charity

St Vincent de Paul was born in Pouy, near Lourdes in France in 1581. His real interest was in caring for the poor and in renewing the priesthood. He co-founded the Daughters of Charity with St. Louise de Marillac in 1632 to work with people in need.

One of the first Daughters of Charity houses founded in Ireland was at St. Vincent's, North William Street in 1858. We wish the Daughters of Charity every blessing as they celebrate the feast of their founder.

A Prayer to St. Vincent.

Father, I thank you for what I've got; help me to think of those less fortunate than myself. Many are poor in spirit as well as in pocket. Inspire me to do something for them just as Vincent would have done. This week, let me find at least a kind word, a smile, a handshake for someone who is lonely. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Lourdes Pilgrimage 2003

Lourdes Invalid Fund - thank you

Fr John Gilligan, Director of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has asked that his thanks be given to everyone who supported the Lourdes Invalid Fund. The total amount from the Parish of North William Street was **€5,600**. This money helped send sick pilgrims to Lourdes - including 13 from this parish - during the Dublin Pilgrimage from 7th to 12th September. The intentions of all who contributed were prayed for at the Masses in Lourdes and placed in the Grotto.

St Agatha's in Lourdes

Fr Liam and Sr Eileen travelled as two of the Chaplains to the Sick along with a number of volunteer helpers from the parish. There was also a group from the parish led by Fr Brady.

On the last day of the pilgrimage, a candle was lit at the Grotto for the intentions of all in the parish.

Mr Dan Devitt, R.I.P (1916—2003)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Daniel Devitt who died on Thursday 11th September, the father of Fr. Paddy Devitt.

We include in our prayers Fr. Paddy and his family.

May he rest in peace, Amen.