

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during the month of November 2013 takes place today
Sunday 29th December at 10.30 a.m.

We pray for the repose of the souls of :

*John Lennon , Kathleen Kelly , Charlotte Kelly ,
Imelda O'Brien , Anthony Whelan, & Kathleen Clifford*

R.I.P

Reminder

3rd January is the First Friday of the Month

Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.



Matt Talbot was born on 4th May 1856 in 3 Aldborough Court, off Portland Row. He was the 2nd eldest of twelve children.

Before long he established a pattern of work and heavy drinking and by the age of 16 he was a confirmed alcoholic.

Fortunately for him after his so-called friends abandoned him, he decided that he would give up drink and take the pledge.

With the help of prayer he reformed his life. Until his death in 1925 he lived a life that was radically different, marked by charity, gentleness and serenity.

Matt is seen as a champion of workers and he played a significant role in his union. He experienced unemployment and poverty. World wide today Matt's name is synonymous with fighting addiction of all kinds.

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

15th December 2013

A Festival of Carols



**In Aid of
St. Francis Hospice**

**Monday 16th December 2013
at 7.30 p.m.**

with

**Dublin City Council Choir,
East Wall, Gardiner Street,
North Strand Church of Ireland
& Our own Parish Choir**

All Welcome

During our service there will be
A Time to Remember
our loved ones by placing their name on our
Christmas Tree of Life.
Collection in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please support our Christmas Raffle/Coffee Morning.

Prizes include:

- 1st Prize Crib
- 2nd Prize Snow Scene with Music & Light
- 3rd Prize Knitted Mr & Mrs Frosty
- 4th Prize White Teddy Bear
- 5th Prize Poodle
- 6th Prize Doll & Pram
- 7th Prize Angel



There are tickets still available at five for € 2 from Mae or Rita in St. Agatha's shop at the back of the church.

Raffle will take place at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 18th December



Congratulations to Sr. Bridget

Congratulations to Sr. Bridget who returned to Nigeria at the end of November to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Presence and Mission of the Daughters of Charity in Nigeria.

The Daughters of Charity began their mission on September 29th 1963 with three sisters who were sent from the province of Great Britain/Ireland. The sister quickly involved themselves in a wide verity of services to the locals community, (visitation of the sick and elderly in their homes; distribution of food to the needy, pastoral activities within the parish and prison visitation).

Sr. Bridget tells us she had a wonderful time visiting the areas she had worked in during her time there. Catching up the people she had lived among for thirty three years and seeing the progress made since her return home ten years ago.

We thank God for the Mission which has borne fruit a hundred fold supported by the missionary contributions of the Irish people.

Gaudete Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis speaks about the Joy of the Gospel, on this Joyful Sunday of Advent as we await the coming of the Lord we pray.

*O Come God of our Joy
 In gratitude we remember that
 You created the whole world,
 Yet still you hold each of us
 In your gentle embrace.
 Grant us the patience
 To live in Joyful hope,
 To trust in your abiding presence.
 Open our eyes to see your healing
 At work in our lives
 That we might touch the world
 With tender compassionate care.
 Give us the wisdom, courage and strength
 To bring the joy of your love to the whole earth
 Amen*



Annual Collection St. Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we would like to thank you for your generous support of last Sunday's collection which amounted to € 1883.



There has been a great response from you to the Crosscare Christmas Food Appeal which continues for the next two Sunday's of Advent. Crosscare say: "We are simply overwhelmed with the support for our Food Appeal. Our thanks go to everyone who has contributed to this appeal so far."