

Welcome to Fr. Brian Lawless

Fr Brian Lawless has been appointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to succeed Fr. Liam Rigney as Administrator of the Parish of St. Agatha, North William Street.

Fr Brian will be saying his first Mass here in the parish on Saturday 28th July at 7.00 p.m. and he will be introducing himself at all the Masses that weekend.

We warmly welcome him to the parish and wish him every blessing.



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

15th July 2007

Month's Mind Mass

Monday 16th July at 7.30 pm

This Mass is being prayed for our parishioners who died during the month of June.

*Edward McCarthy
Christina Preston
John Byrne*

May they rest in peace.



*St. Agatha's Hall/Swan Youth Service
Community Festival Weekend*

Afternoon Tea Dance

- ⇒ On Sunday 15th July
- ⇒ In St. Agatha's Hall
- ⇒ With Eamon Cooke's Quartet
- ⇒ From 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.



Farewell Evening for Fr. Liam and Sr. Eileen

A Farewell Evening is being organised for Fr. Liam and Sr. Eileen as they are being transferred from the parish. This evening is say thank you to them for their years of service to North William Street Parish and to wish them well in their new appointments. Fr. Liam has been twelve years here and Sr. Eileen ten years.

This Farewell Evening will be held on:

- ◆ on Wednesday 18th July 2007
- ◆ at 8.00 p.m.
- ◆ in the C.Y.M.S. Hall, Philipsburgh Ave, Fairview

Transport - Buses will leave at 7.45 p.m. from:

- ◆ Cusacks Pub, North Strand Road
- ◆ St. Agatha's Church, North William Street
- ◆ Annesley Garage, Ballybough Road
- ◆ Clonliffe Road – at the end of Clonliffe Gardens

Everyone is welcome to come along to this evening. If you know of anyone else that might be interested in coming along, please let them know. There is no need to book just come along on the night.

We wish every blessing to Fr. Liam in his new appointment as Parish Priest of Maynooth Parish and to Sr. Eileen in her new appointment as Parish Sister in Knocknaheeny, Cork.

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

You can visit St. Agatha's Parish Website at

www.parishes.dublindiocese.ie/northwilliamstreet/

New Church Lights

New pendant lights have been installed into the church. These old style traditional church lights are more in keeping with the architectural character of the church. The installation of these lights brings to completion the restoration of the church building.

2007 New Church Lights

*Photograph of church
lights taken
14th July 2007*



Compare to lights in 1957

*Photograph of church
lights taken
14th May 1957, on the
day of the Daughters
of Charity Centenary
Celebrations*

Letter of Farewell from Fr. Liam

Dear Parishioners

It is hard to say goodbye. I am deeply moved by the number of people who over the last few weeks have been wishing me well.

Many people have been asking me how I feel about my new appointment to Maynooth Parish. After twelve years it is difficult to uproot myself to move on - as I have been very happy here in North William Street Parish. However my appointment to Maynooth Parish is a new and different challenge - one to which I am looking forward.

What will I miss most about this parish? Without doubt what I will miss most will be the people of the area. I have loved being here and being part of so many people's lives. I have many fond memories which I shall treasure. The Parish of St. Agatha will always have a special place in my heart.

As I always say - it is the people who are the parish. This parish is blessed to have so many people who support and who work voluntarily in making this parish the parish that it is today. To everyone I say a heartfelt thank you.

I wish Sr. Eileen every blessing as she moves to Cork to continue to work as Parish Sister in Knocknaheeny.

As I pass the baton on to Fr. Brian Lawless I hope and pray that he will be as happy and as fulfilled in his ministry in this parish as I was.

I will continue to pray for you and I ask you to keep me in your prayers.

God bless and thank you.

Fr. Liam Rigney.