# Parish of St. Agatha's Parish Pastoral Council



Dear Parishioner,

I write to you as the newly appointed Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. I thank the members of the Council for electing me and look forward to working with them. I would also like to express a note of thanks to Dan Moore, the previous Chairperson who had to resign due to ill health. Dan gave many years of committed service and dedication to the Parish Pastoral Council and I send him my good wishes and prayers.

I hope that in this the Year of Faith that we as a parish can work together for the good of the parish, to "reach out to gather the people of the parish into a community that is welcoming, caring and centred on the person of Christ." The Parish Pastoral Council would be happy to hear from you with any ideas or suggestions concerning the pastoral life of our parish.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and every good wish and blessing for the New Year.

With best wishes.

**Mary Irwin** 

# Annual Collection St. Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we which wish to thank you for your generous support of last Sunday's collection which amounted to € 1054.

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

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# 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

**NEWSLETTER** 

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### YEAR OF FAITH





October to November 2013 has been designated as the Year of Faith.

During the Year of Faith we will have opportunities to reflect and deepen our faith. In Lent for example there will be a Parish Mission during which we will reflect on our hopes for the future, and the issues that effect us at this present time, We pray that this Year of Faith may be a time of renewal for all of us.

# ADVENT

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, his first coming. It is a time of waiting, of preparing in joyful hope. Advent also reminds us to look forward to the second coming of Christ. We pray in the creed "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end".





#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please support our Christmas Raffle/Coffee Morning.

#### **Prizes include:**

1st Prize Knitted Crib

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Crib

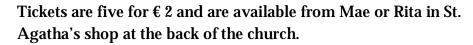
3rd Prize Knitted Mr & Mrs Claus

4th Prize Knitted Mr & Mrs Snowman

5th Prize Princess Isles Books & Disc

6th Prize Angel

7th Prize Box of Chocolates



Raffle will take place at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 19th December

### **1st Communion Preparation**

As part of the parish programme for 1st Communion, Sr. Bernadette and Pauline are visiting the homes of the 1st Communion children and are also holding meetings for their parents which is working out very well.



# Christmas Services at St. Agatha's

Christmas Eve
Monday 24th December
Morning Mass: 10.00 a.m.
Christmas Carols: 8.20 p.m.

Night Mass for Christmas:
9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass Times:
Tuesday 25th December
9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m. (Adult Choir) and
12.00 noon

No Evening Mass

Weds 26th to Fri 28th
Mass Time: 10.00 a.m.
Vigil Mass: 6.00 p.m.

Confessions:
Christmas Penetential Service
takes place in the Pro-Cathedral
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.10 pm & Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.40 am

Christmas Eve: St Agatha's Church
10.30 to 11.00 am. and
from 8.00 pm. to 8.20 pm.