

**Parish of St. Agatha's
Parish Pastoral Council**



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NEWSLETTER**

16th December 2012

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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YEAR OF FAITH

October 2012 – November 2012



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
- 2nd 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



Tickets are five for € 2 and are available 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 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.

Saturday 29th

Mass time: 10.00 a.m.
Vigil Mass: 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m. (Adult Choir) and
12.00 noon

New Year's Eve

Monday 31st
Mass Time: 10.00a.m.

No Evening Mass

New Year's Day:

Tuesday 1st January
**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**
World Day of Peace
Mass Times: 10.00 am

Confessions:

Christmas Penitential Service
takes place in the **Pro-Cathedral**
Wed 19th at 1.10 pm & Sat 22nd 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.