



St Francis Hospice, Raheny.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of St. Francis Hospice please accept our deepest thanks for the proceeds of €605.00. from your Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice.

Your Support particularly during these very tough economic times is heartening. There are so many people in need of our services and it is vital that we are there for patients and families.

Your generosity makes this possible. It has been and will always be a privilege for staff and volunteers to journey with patients and families during the most important stage of life's journey. Again, thank you for your support of our Coffee Morning.

Yours sincerely

Dee Kinnane,

Fundraising/Projects Manager.



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

16th October 2011

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We welcome Pauline our new Parish Pastoral Worker, to the parishes working together of St. Agatha's, St. Joseph's, East Wall, St. Laurence O'Toole, North Wall and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street



Hi, My name is Pauline. I lived on the North Strand a few years ago and I was really excited when I heard I would be returning to work in the north city centre. Before training as a Parish Pastoral Worker I lived on the Dingle Peninsula in Kerry and worked as a hospital chaplain in Tralee. My formative years were spent in England and I returned home to Ireland eight years ago (my parents are from Kerry and Tipperary). Ballymun was my first home in Dublin, where I lived in the flats for a year as part of a volunteering programme with the Jesuits. Along the way I have studied Psychology, Theology and trained in the ministry of spiritual accompaniment. I have had many interests, from snowboarding and surfing to working in filmmaking. Over the past few years my focus has been on spirituality, faith development and trying to 'find God in all things', in every moment and aspect of our lives. I hope that over the next three years during my time with you we can help each other on this journey and grow in faith, hope and love!



The 50th International Eucharistic Congress takes place from 10th—17th June 2012 in Dublin.

As part of the Eucharistic Congress St. Agatha's parish along with other city parishes have been invited to host pilgrims coming from different parts of the world. St Agatha's church will welcome the pilgrims from Lithuania. As we look forward to the Eucharistic Congress, lets use the coming months to prepare our hearts and our parish so that the Eucharistic Congress will be a time of renewal in faith for all of us.

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

Franciscans of the Renewal
Parish Mission 17th - 22nd March 2012

The Franciscans of the Renewal who are working in Moyross, Limerick and Derry City will give a mission in our parish next March. Their service is very varied with a particular emphasis on youth ministry. We look forward to welcoming them in March.

Family Offering Collection

The new family offering boxes together with the Altar List of the Dead will be distributed during the coming week. Distributors are invited to collect their envelopes from the Parish Office.

If you do not contribute but would like to please contact our parish secretary Maureen in the parish office or your parish envelope collector. Remember even the smallest amount given is of great benefit and is always much appreciated.

Refund Scheme

Just a brief reminder, if you could return your completed forms to the parish office it would be deeply appreciated. Thank you so much for your continued support.

The Annual Mass for deceased Parishioners: takes place on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

A support group reaching out to those bereaved through Suicide will take place **Wednesday 26th October at 7.30 pm** in the **Credit Union Hall, Church Road, East Wall**. Further details see notice board at the back of the church.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Fund

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. The amount collected was **€510** which once again was the highest amount received from any parish in the Dublin Diocese. Fr. John Gilligan, director of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes also expressed his special thanks and congratulations to the promoters of the Lourdes Fund for their hard work and commitment.

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The Eucharistic Congress Bell



Paddy & Olive Tucker, Jean Nizelin & John Kelly carrying the Bell

The Mass and prayer service which accompanied the arrival of the Eucharistic Bell on 20th September was a great success, with all those who attended the Mass taking the opportunity to ring the Bell.

It was also enthusiastically welcomed in the parish schools of St. Vincent's and O'Connell's.

The Bell reflects the invitation to faith, to prayer, to reconciliation and to mission which has always been important in our Christian tradition and is no less so today. The pilgrimage of the Bell throughout the Dioceses of Ireland, and beyond, will continue throughout the coming year.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes
September 22nd - 27th 2011

Parishes Working Together

The recent pilgrimage to Lourdes from the parishes of St. Laurence O'Toole, St Joseph's, Our Lady of Lourdes, and our own parish was great success and the parishioners were remembered in our Masses and prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes