

Month's Mind Mass

Monday 18th September
7.30 pm Mass

Kathleen Hendrick
Teresa Pender
Sheila Leech
Kathleen Courtney

May they rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul



The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul Patron of Works of Charity, is on Wednesday 27th September. St. Vincent co-founded the Daughters of Charity with St. Louise de Marillac. We congratulate the Daughters of Charity in the parish on their feast.



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

17th September 2006

*The Candle lit at Lourdes
for your intentions*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a period of preparation for adults wishing to be baptised into the Catholic faith. In the past some parishioners, including foreign nationals, have asked for Baptism for themselves and their children.

If you are an adult and are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Fr. Liam Rigney at 01- 8556474 or Sr. Eileen Browne at 01-8783583 for further details.



Preparation for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion



Over the past number of years some parents, whose children attend non-Catholic schools, have asked the parish to prepare their children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and of Confirmation.

The preparation usually takes one hour a week, with involvement of the parent or guardian in aspects of the preparation.

If your child is in 2nd or 3rd Class and you would like him/her to begin preparing *please contact Sr. Eileen at 01- 8783583* before the end of September 2006.



Ciara Reilly with Frank Curran and Lisa Marie O'Connor lighting the candle which was lit for the Parishioners of St. Agatha's at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Thanks to all

Fr. John Gilligan, Director of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes thanked all who contributed to the **Lourdes Invalid Fund** which amounted to **€10,100**. The intentions of all were prayed for at the Masses in Lourdes and placed at the Grotto.

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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Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice on Thursday 21st September

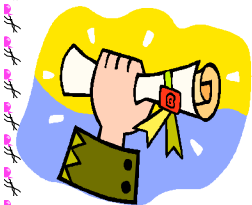
You are invited to a coffee morning

- ▶ in the **Prayer Room** (in the sacristy)
- ▶ after the 9.00 and 10.00 am Masses
- ▶ on **Thursday 21st September.**



By taking part in *Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning* you will help St Francis Hospice, Raheny to continue to care for patients and their families on the northside of Dublin. All proceeds will go directly to Hospice care in our area.

Graduation Success



Mary Keane and Dan Moore both successfully completed the two year part-time course *Exploring Faith in Ministry* in All Hallows College.

Along with 36 participants from all over the Dublin Diocese they were presented with their certificates at a Mass of Celebration in All Hallows last Monday 11th September.

Congratulations to Mary and Dan !

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on:

Thursday September 28th at 7.30 p.m.

If you have any items for the agenda please contact:
Mary Irwin, Chairperson, at 087 7958117
Before Wednesday 20th September.



Launch of Crosscare's Annual Appeal

Crosscare, the social care agency of the Dublin Diocese, held the launch of its annual appeal this year in St. Agatha's Food Centre, Portland Row last Thursday. The Appeal was launched by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

Speaking at the launch Archbishop Martin said: *'Many people do not like using the word "charity". You often hear people saying "I do not want charity, I want my rights, or I want justice". People talk about "going beyond charity". This is because especially in English the word charity has become...associated by many as meaning just handouts, and at times even handouts that are below normal standards.'*

The theme of the appeal is based on the scripture quote from the prophet Micah:

***To act justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God.***



Sr Magdalen McHugh, D.C. in St. Agatha's Food Centre, Portland Row. This centre, run by Crosscare provides dinners and meals-on-wheels daily. The only Food Bank in Ireland is attached to the centre and redistributes up to 600 tonnes of food to over 70 agencies working with disadvantaged groups.