### Matt Talbot Sunday 25th June 2006

- celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Matt Talbot's birth

archbishop Diarmuid Martin will lead the main Diocesan celebration of Matt Talbot Sunday In the Pro-Cathedral with the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 24th June.

n the course of the celebration a new Matt Talbot nemorial sculpture will be inaugurated to ommemorate the 150th anniversary of Matt's birth. By the Canadain sculptor Timothy Schmalz, the vork encapsulates many aspects of Matt's life and pirituality. It's siting in the Pro-cathedral is ppropriate as Matt was baptised in the 'Pro' on 5th May 1856.







- In St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street
- ◆ From Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ♦ Weekdays 11a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Masses
- Preacher Fr. Liam Connell, S.J.
- This is being broadcast on the Gardiner Street Radio link - you can tune in if you have a parish radio link.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus we place all our trust in thee.

### **Dublin City String School**

Congratulations to all the Violinists and Cellists on their 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Concert Which took place in St. Vincent's Girls' School on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June



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

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# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

## 18<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Feast of Corpus Christi

Thank You

Many, Many thanks to all who celebrated with me my recent Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. It was a very enjoyable day for me and especially for my family and friends to meet so many in the parish. They were made especially welcome.

Sincere thanks to all who made the day possible and worked to ensure everything went smoothly.

Thanks to each one of you who sent greetings and good wishes...

Goodwill



"I give thanks to Christ Jesus Our Lord who counted me trustworthy in making me His minister."

1 Tim. 1:12

#### **Month's Mind Mass**

Monday 19th June 7.30 pm Mass

**Margaret Fox Andrew Dixon Amv Kinsella** Mary Alicia Guilfoyle

May they rest in peace.

### **Cemetery Masses**

18<sup>th</sup> June **Balgriffin** 

25<sup>th</sup> June Fingal and

Glasnevin

2<sup>nd</sup> July **Dardistown** 

All at 3p.m.

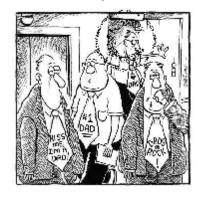
### Would you like to go to Lourdes in September?

The Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage takes place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like o join this pilgrimage there are two ways of loing so:

- With the Parish Group from St. Agatha's
- Or as a sick pilgrim with the special section for sick pilgrims

If interested please contact Fr. Liam '8556474) or Sr. Bridget (087 2389247).

### Happy Father's Day today!



The day after Father's Day!!

**Copper Coin Collection - Thanks** 

#### Lourdes Invalid Fund

continues at the back of the church at all Masses during the summer. The intentions of all contributors will be prayed for during the Pilgrimage Masses and placed at the Grotto.

If your copper coins are not collected please contact sacristy 8554078.

## News to date on work in the Church Building

The good news is that the rewiring and restoration of the church is due to be completed by the end of July. Thankfully after that the last major piece of work will b the painting.

The Church Restoration Fund is now €78,400. A huge thanks to all who contribute. Thanks to this support and to the help we receive from SHARE Dublin Diocesan Development Fund this work is possible. Our parish is blessed to have inherited such a beautiful and prayerful church.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding.

#### **Proposed Improvements**

The wiring of the church is now under the aisles of the church. This means that the aisles of the church and the St. Agatha's Mortuary Chapel need to be re-floore The present parquet flooring under the seating will remain unchanged. This ne flooring for the aisles means there is an opportunity to make some improvements:

- St. Agatha's Mortuary Chapel to enhance the prayerfulness of St. Agatha Shrine and to make the mortuary a more respectful and dignified place for th deceased.
- Providing proper accommodation for wheelchairs and disabled people by remov ing two seats at the front gap of the church.
- The baptism font to be relocated to the centre aisle at the first seating gap whe you come in the church, similar to Gardiner St. Church. This is to put the bal tism font into a more prominent position for the Sacrament of Baptism, the sarament of welcome.
- To restore full length pews at the altar rails replacing the present short pew There will be a greater space between the altar rails and the front pews to in prove access and to allow ample space for a coffin.
- To move the ambo and lectern on the altar either side of the marble steps so as enhance to main altar and make better use of the sanctuary area.

These changes were discussed at the meeting of St Agatha's Parish Pastoral Cou cil and are being proposed with the advice of Mr Jimmy Cummins, the archite and of the Dublin Diocesan Liturgy Committee. They will have to be approve by the Art & Architectural Committee of the Dublin Diocese.

No final decision has been made vet. They will be confirmed at the next meetir of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 21st June. If you have any suggestion

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