

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.

In the course of the celebration a new Matt Talbot memorial sculpture will be inaugurated to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Matt's birth. By the Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz, the work encapsulates many aspects of Matt's life and spirituality. Its siting in the Pro-cathedral is appropriate as Matt was baptised in the 'Pro' on 5th May 1856.



All are welcome to attend.

Novena in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



- ◆ In St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street
- ◆ From Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd 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 4th Summer Concert Which took place in St. Vincent's Girls' School on Saturday 17th June



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

18th 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

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

Month's Mind Mass

Monday 19th June
7.30 pm Mass

Margaret Fox
Andrew Dixon
Amy Kinsella
Mary Alicia Guilfoyle

May they rest in peace.

Cemetery Masses

18th June Balgriffin
25th June Fingal and Glasnevin
2nd July Dardistown

All at 3p.m.

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 be 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-floored. The present parquet flooring under the seating will remain unchanged. This new 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 the deceased.
- Providing proper accommodation for wheelchairs and disabled people by removing two seats at the front gap of the church.
- The baptism font - to be relocated to the centre aisle at the first seating gap where you come in the church, similar to Gardiner St. Church. This is to put the baptism font into a more prominent position for the Sacrament of Baptism, the sacrament of welcome.
- To restore full length pews at the altar rails - replacing the present short pews. There will be a greater space between the altar rails and the front pews to improve 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 to 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 Council and are being proposed with the advice of Mr Jimmy Cummins, the architect and of the Dublin Diocesan Liturgy Committee. They will have to be approved by the Art & Architectural Committee of the Dublin Diocese.

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

Would you like to go to Lourdes in September?

The Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage takes place from 7th to 12th September. If you would like to join this pilgrimage there are two ways of going 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

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

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.