

## *Parish Radio Link to Housebound Parishioners*

The *Parish Radio Link* makes it possible for people who are housebound to listen to Mass and other ceremonies in the church on a daily basis. By simply switching on a special Receiver, parishioners will be able to hear Mass and other ceremonies in their own homes and feel part of the parish community.

The *Radio Receivers* are simple to operate and provide a good reception for an average sized room.

The cost of the Receiver is €30.

A number of receivers have been sponsored by parishioners for the benefit of housebound parishioners who may not be able to afford them.

If you would be interested in purchasing a Receiver please complete this form and return it to the sacristy.

*I would be interested in purchasing a Receiver for the Parish Radio Link: -*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this NEWSLETTER please give them a copy. The next NEWSLETTER is 15th February. Items for inclusion to be left in the Sacristy before Tuesday 10th February.

You can visit our parish website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet)

# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> February 2004

*Feast of St. Agatha  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2004*

## *INVITATION*

*You are invited to*

*a Mass to celebrate the  
Feast of St. Agatha*

*on*

*Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2004*

*at 7.30 p.m.*

*in the*

*Church of St. Agatha,  
North William Street*

*and to*

*Light Refreshments afterwards  
in St. Agatha's Hall*

## **Feast of St. Brigid - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

St. Brigid is the Patron of Ireland and is often known as 'Muiré na nGael'. She was born near Dundalk in 454 and died on 1<sup>st</sup> February 524 in Kildare, where she was Abbess of the convent, the first in Ireland.

When Brigid was nursing a dying chieftain, who was not a Christian, she gathered rushes from the floor and wove them into a cross to explain to him the story of the death of Jesus. The chieftain was touched deeply by the story and asked to be baptised before he died.

*St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed and distributed at Saturday evening Mass and at all Sunday Masses.*

## **The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

40 days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfil the Jewish law. This feast is also called 'Candlemas Day' because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon recognised Jesus as 'a light to reveal God to all the nations'.

*Candles will be blessed at the 9.00a.m., 10.00a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Masses. Blessed candles will be available in the repository.*

## **Feast of St. Blaise - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

St. Blaise was martyred on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 316. According to tradition, on his way to prison Blaise healed a little boy who was choking to death on a fishbone. Ever since, people pray to St. Blaise to heal diseases of the throat.

### **Blessing of St. Blaise**

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Throats will be blessed after the 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. Masses.*

### **First Friday - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Masses at 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. The names of those entered on the Altar List of the Dead will be prayed for at all Masses.

## **World Day of Prayer for the Sick - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

# **Welcome Sr Bridget**

We warmly welcome Sr. Bridget O'Connor to our parish. A Corkwoman, born near Millstreet, Sr. Bridget was a teacher before going to Nigeria where she worked as a Daughter of Charity for many years on a variety of missions.

She will be coming to work as a Parish Sister in this parish and will be living with the Sisters in St. Vincent's North William Street.

*We wish her every blessing.*

## **Would you consider becoming a Minister of the Word?**

If you would consider reading at the Masses in the church please contact Fr Liam or Fr. Tony. There will be a course for new and present Ministers of the Word during Lent

## **Fr. Michael Smythe, C.S.Sp., R.I.P. (1924 - 2004)**

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Smythe who died on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2004. Fr. Michael was ordained as a Holy Ghost Father in 1958. He went to Nigeria in 1959 where he worked in a number of secondary schools.

In 1973 he was appointed to St. Agnes's Parish, Crumlin and was later transferred to St. Agatha's North William Street and then to Our Lady of the Rosary, Harold's Cross where he retired in September 2003.

We remember in our prayers his family and friends.

*May he rest in peace*