

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

led by
Most Reverend Diarmuid Martin D.D.
Archbishop of Dublin



Eucharistic Congress
75th Anniversary (1932-2007)



CLONLIFFE COLLEGE, DRUMCONDRA
Thursday 7th June 2007 - 7.30 P.M.

All Welcome

It is to be open to the companion who is Jesus as we walk the road together
Benedict XVI - Sacramentum Caritatis

St. Agatha's Parish will be participating in this year's Corpus Christi Procession. You are welcome to process behind the St. Agatha's Parish Banner in the grounds of Clonliffe College.

Cemetery Masses

- 4th May Kilbarrack
 - 1st June St. Fintan's Sutton
 - 4th June Balgriffin
 - 1st June Fingal and Glasnevin
 - 1st July Dardistown
- All at 3p.m.

Month's Mind Mass

Monday 21st May
7.30 pm Mass

Patricia Farrelly
Kathleen O'Brien
Nellie Pidgeon

May they rest in peace.

Monday 4th June
Bank Holiday

One Mass at 10 a.m.
No 9 a.m. or evening Mass

Have a safe and happy weekend!

Church of St Francis Xavier
Gardiner St

NOVENA TO
THE SACRED
HEART
JUNE 7 -15

WEEKDAYS
11.00 & 19.30

SATURDAY
11.00 & 19.00

SUNDAY
11.00 & 15.30



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

20th May 2007

Daughters of Charity Celebrate 150th Anniversary



Invitation

You are welcome to the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Daughters of Charity arrival into North William Street Parish. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Pentecost Sunday 27th May 2007 at 3.00 p.m. in the Church of St. Agatha, North William St. Celebrant - Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Refreshments afterwards in St. Agatha's Hall.

First days of the Daughters of Charity in North William Street

On the 14th of May 1857 Sr. Josephine de Virieu with five Daughters of Charity, Sisters Crawford, Behan, Merve, Boice and Morris arrived in North William Street to found St. Vincent's Community. This was the beginning of 50 years of service in North William Street parish in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac.

Sr. de Virieu came at the invitation of the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Paul Cullen. In November 1855 the Daughters of Charity had founded their first house in Ireland in Drogheda, having come there from Rue du Bac in Paris. The foundation in North William Street was their second in Ireland, the first in the Dublin Diocese. Later that same day Sr. de Virieu founded St. Vincent's Hospital in Richmond Road, Fairview for the care of the sick.



Sr. Josephine de Virieu was born in 1818 in Crecy-sur-Fille, near Dijon in France. In 1850 she entered the Daughters of Charity and was placed in Arras in 1851. When she arrived in North William Street she was 39 years of age. She was to continue to live and serve there for the next 33 years until her death on 12th December 1890 aged 72.

The sisters were asked to take over a small orphanage which had been in existence for over 50 years. This had been founded by the Trinitarian Confraternity and managed successfully by the Religious Sisters of Charity, the Poor Clares and the Carmelite Sisters.

To meet the challenge of the large number of homeless children the Daughters of Charity re-opened the orphanage on 28th December 1858, renaming it after their founder St. Vincent de Paul.

To respond to the need for education of the children in the area the Sisters built two schools – one for infant boys and one for girls. At a time when there was no state funding for the orphanage, for the schools or for the relief of the poor the Daughters were dependent on charitable donations.



They were then particularly supported by the Vincentian Fathers in Phibsborough – a close relationship which was to continue down through the years.

Not long after the Great Famine this was a time of great poverty and destitution in Dublin. The sisters became familiar sights in the local area. They lost no time getting to work. Soon the white cornettes were to be seen moving through the streets, visiting the sick and the poor in their homes.

Marking the occasion

The 14th May 1857 is the date of the beginning of 150 years of service of the Daughters of Charity in North William Street parish. To mark this occasion, on the 27th May 2007 with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin we celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving in the church thanking God for this service and praying God's continued blessing on the Daughters of Charity in the years ahead.

Celebrating 150 Years

There are other celebrations taking place in the different services and in the schools.

Watch out for the release of 150 balloons from the school yard on Thursday 24th May at 1.15 p.m.

