



St. Agatha's Parish Pastoral Council Update



Hello Everybody,

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 1st September. As part of our ongoing formation the Parish Pastoral Council will take part in an Alpha programme in Whitehall Parish, Alpha is a 10-week course that explores some of the basic truths of the Christian faith. When the Parish Pastoral Council have completed this course, it will then be offered to parishioners who would like to avail of it. Alpha helps to deepen the understanding of our faith and it all takes place in a very friendly and supportive environment.

As we are all aware this is the year of Evangelisation. As St. Paul wrote to the Romans that he not only would come to share his spiritual gift with them but that "we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine" (Romans 1:12). Evangelisation is a two way process, the Sharing of our Faith.

We would like to welcome our new trainee parish pastoral worker Máirín who has been appointed to our parish. We hope she will enjoy her time with us.

Dan Moore,
Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.

Month's Mind Mass

We remember

**Nora Deery Frances McGrath
Clare Gamble**

whose Month's Mind Mass takes place

on

Sunday 27th September 2009 at 10.30 a.m.

R.I.P



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New Parish Pastoral Worker

Hi everyone,

My name is Máirín Keegan and I will be working in your parish until January as part of my training as a Parish Pastoral Worker. I'm originally from Kilmacud and when I married Paul, my husband, we moved to Maynooth in Co. Kildare. I worked in the bank for ten years and I gave up work to stay at home with my daughter Mary when she was born. She's nineteen now and Paul and I are 26 years married. The years fly by. When my daughter started in secondary school I went to college to study theology and psychology in All Hallows College Drumcondra, and I really enjoyed it even though I was very nervous at the beginning. I continued to study and last June I completed my Master's in theology. I have been involved in Church life in many ways over the years. When I was younger I was in a youth club, and I travelled to Lourdes to work with the sick. I've been involved in singing groups and choirs through the years and I've helped out in the parish of Maynooth. I'd like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to learn about parish ministry in St Agatha's. I've already received a great welcome from Father Brian and anyone else I've met and I hope to meet you all in the course of my time here.



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



YEAR OF EVANGELISATION

St Paul An Introduction



The parishes of Gardiner St., Iona Road & North William Street have come together to present an introduction to St. Paul during the month of October.

- ◆ Did you ever wish you knew more about St. Paul.
- ◆ Did you ever wish you knew who the letters were written for?
- ◆ Their content?
- ◆ What was going on in the communities for whom they were written?

.Fr Brendan Comerford SJ
Tuesday Evenings 7.30-9.00pm
October 6, 13, 20, 27

Fr. John Sullivan Room, Gardiner St Church
(Donation for four evenings €20)

Triduum in Honour of Saint Pio

takes place in

**St. Mary of the Angels,
Church Street**

from Monday to Wednesday, 21st to 23rd September 2009.

The preacher for the Triduum is Fr. Bryan Shortall OFM Cap. There will be Confessions from 6:30pm until 7:20pm; Mass 7:30pm

Annual Ecumenical Community Harvest Thanksgiving Service

The annual ecumenical community harvest thanksgiving service takes place in North Strand Church on Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm.

All are Welcome

Best Wishes to Bishop Fiachra O'Ceallaigh on his Retirement

The Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Diarmuid Martin, has paid tribute to Bishop Fiachra O'Ceallaigh whose Episcopal resignation has been accepted by his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop O'Ceallaigh was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese in 1994.

Archbishop Martin said his years of dedicated service and unique charism had enriched the Diocese. "Bishop O'Ceallaigh, particularly as he struggled with illness in recent years, was an outstanding witness to the motto he took on his Episcopal appointment "Dia Ar Misneach" (God is our courage).



Before his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop, Bishop O'Ceallaigh served as provincial of the Franciscan Order in Ireland. He was the first Franciscan to serve as a Bishop in Ireland for over 170 years.

Archbishop Martin said the relationship between the Diocese and religion was deepened with the appointment of Bishop O'Ceallaigh and he brought the insights of the religious to the Diocesan mission. He also singled out Bishop O'Ceallaigh's tireless work promoting the Irish Language in the Diocese in his work with Coiste Treadach, the Diocesan pastoral commission for the promotion of the Irish language. "Bishop Fiachra's warmth and particular personal qualities enriched our work.

Bishop Fiachra has always been very supportive of this parish and we are deeply grateful for his care and concern towards us.

On behalf of the Priests and people of St. Agatha's, we join with the Archbishop in wishing Bishop Fiachra every blessing and many happy years in his retirement