

**WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE
DIED SINCE LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL MASS**



**PARISH OF ST. AGATHA
NEWSLETTER**

21st November 2010

November 2009

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Anne Headd*

December 2009

*Sarah Sheppard
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Teresa Carey
David Hesnan
May Finn
Ellen Mc Cauley*

January 2010

*Anne Halpin
Brendan Molyneux
Maureen O'Toole
James Cullen
Sineád Devitt*

February 2010

*Mary Brigid Gleeson
Eddie Mullen
James Lawless*

April 2010

*Norrie McCann
Anne Hyland*



May 2010

*Mary Buckley
James Ruth*

June 2010

*Edward Sherlock
Mary Mc Guinness*

July 2010

*Marc Ramtano
Ann Murray
Annie Wright
James Staunton*

August 2010

*Alice Doyle
Jane Farrell
Fionnuala O'Driscoll*

September 2010

*George O'Brien
Catherine Gannon
Mathew Ivory
Maureen Lennon
Michael Behan*

October 2010

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Happy  *Birthday*

Bridie

From everybody in St. Agatha's



Bridie Sharkey was born on 23rd November 1910 and at 100 years of age it's still no problem for her to hop on a bus and go into town.

She was born when her family were living on Portland Row, she has always been very active in St Agatha's Parish, so much so that well into her nineties she was still collecting the family offering envelopes and distributing St. Anthony's Messenger.

She remembers the First World War, the 1916 rising, the War of Independence and the Black and Tans. She recalls a young woman being shot on Ballybough Bridge because they thought she was an informer. She also told us she was once asked by the sacristan if she could come to the church, when she arrived there was a couple getting married who had no witnesses and so she became their bridesmaid.!

She told us her family had a piano and their house was always filled with music. Bridie speaks lovingly of her late twin sister Margaret, who passed away in April 2009 Bridie says "It's as if she's still with me to celebrate our Birthday."

Bridie is a life long member of the Legion of Mary and supporter of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, she was very involved in helping with their move from D'Olier Street to Bachelors Walk.

When asked: What's the secret to living a long life, she said "Good plain food and home made scones and bread."

Here's to many more golden moments ahead

Her friends and neighbours are invited to the 10.00 am Mass on Tuesday 23rd of November as part of the Celebrations to mark Bridie's 100th Birthday.



We remember The Venerable Matt Talbot was born in our parish

A Plaque to mark the birthplace of the Ven. Matt Talbot on Aldborough Court beside Centra at the Five Lamps will be unveiled by The Lord Mayor of Dublin Gerry Breen on Tuesday the 30th November 2010 at 12.15pm.

All Are Welcome

The Season of Advent begins Sunday 28th November

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, his first coming. It is a time of waiting, of preparing in joyful hope. Advent also reminds us to look forward to the second coming of Christ. We pray in the creed "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end".

The **Advent Wreath** is full of symbolism.

Circular shape ...

God's love never ends.

Evergreen Leaves ..

Eternal life

Purple Candles...

Sorrow and healing.

Pink Candle ... Joy

White Candle ... Peace

We welcome Christ at Christmas.

