

It was decided at the *Open Meeting of Parishioners* on Monday 16th February to do the following:



◆ **Replace the sound system.**

The present sound system is over 49 years old and has served us well!! The new sound system will cost 10,800 euro and will be installed by P.H.Systems.

◆ **Refurbish the Brasswork in the church**

A parishioner in thanksgiving for a favour to God, has donated a shrine for the Sacred Heart altar and two candlestick holders for the altar. Nearly a hundred years old the candlestick holders are very much in keeping with the church.

Since Monday's meeting of parishioners most of the refurbishment of the brasswork has been sponsored - the high candlesticks on the altar, the thurible, the processional cross, the sanctuary lamps, the baptismal font cover... At present all the brasswork is out being refurbished.

REPOSITORY

Available in the repository at the back of the church:

- * St. Patrick's Day Badges
- * Easter Cards
- * First Holy Communion & Confirmation Cards, medals, rosary beads.
- * *Irish Catholic* Weekly Newspaper
- * Children's Books

Everyone is always welcome to come in



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

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LENT 2004

Repent and Believe

For us, as Christians, Lent is a journey in faith - and for some a return journey to God.

The word '*Lent*' is an old English word which means '*Spring*'. This is a season of grace which gives us the opportunity of '*spring-cleaning*' and '*spring-growing*' - of turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel of Christ.

We use this season to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery at Easter.



Prayer for Lent

*Each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal
mystery with mind and heart renewed.
You give us a spirit of loving reverence
for you, our Father, and of willing service
to our neighbour.*

*As we recall the great events that gave
us a new life in Christ, you bring the
image of your Son to perfection within us.*

Preface of Lent 1

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this NEWSLETTER please give a copy. You can visit our parish website at www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet

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13rd February Monday
Bethany Bereavement Support Group
Open meeting in the Prayer Room from
8.00 to 9.00 p.m. Entrance by sacristy door.

15th February
Ash Wednesday
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses, 9.00 a.m.,
10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

1st to 12th March
Novena of Grace
Novena prayer to
St. Francis Xavier
will be said at all Masses
here in St. Agatha's.

1st March
First Friday
Masses at 9.00 a.m.,
10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

5th March Monday
Feast of
St. Louise de Marillac
Founder of the Daughters
of Charity.

7th March Wednesday
St. Patrick's Day - Principal Patron of Ireland
Shamrock will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
Mass Times: 7.30 p.m. (vigil), 9, 10 and 11 a.m. (sung Mass).
There will be no evening Mass

19th March Feast of St. Joseph,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

21st March Mother's Day
We wish all mothers a very
Happy Mother's Day.

Weekday Masses for Lent
9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Holy Hour

There will be a Holy Hour for the **Tuesday evenings of Lent from 8.00 to 9.00 p.m.** (after the 7.30 p.m. Mass) in the church in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Given the example of Medjugorje, it will be a time of adoration, praise, thanksgiving and petition. It will be done in word, in music, in silence and in song.

All are welcome

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On all Monday afternoons of Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in **Edmund Rice House, North Richmond Street from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.**

*Please feel welcome to come along
for even a few minutes to pray*



Trocaire boxes are normally available through the school.

However, if you wish to collect for Trocaire and do not have a **Trocaire Family Box** you can collect one from the sacristy or repository.

Boxes can be returned to the sacristy at Easter.

***Your support
is working***