

Preparation for Adult Baptism 2004

At present three adults have begun preparing to join the Catholic Church through the RCIA programme (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*). If there is any other adult wishing to be prepared for Baptism at Easter 2004, the closing date for notifying Archbishop's House is 30th November 2003. Please contact Fr. Liam Rigney - 01-8556474.

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Thursday 27th November

Feast of St. Catherine Labouré
Friday 28th November

1830 Our Blessed Mother appeared to a daughter of Charity, Catherine Labouré, the Chapel at Rue du Bac, Paris. One of her messages to St. Catherine was to give a medal made with the following prayer scribed on it

***O Mary conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee***

Our Lady also gave a promise of great graces to those who wear this blessed medal. Because of the miracles associated with the wearing of this medal the people named it the 'Miraculous medal'.

The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is prayed after the 9 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Masses every Monday in St. Agatha's Church.

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 30th November. Items for inclusion to be left in sacristy before Tuesday 25th November. You can visit our parish website at www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2003

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners **Monday 24th November at 7.30 p.m.**

This Mass will be offered for all our parishioners who have died between December 2002 and November 2003 and for all those whose names are entered on the *Altar List of the Dead*.

The month of November is a special time of the year when we as Christians remember and pray for all those who have died.

Peace at Last

(Cardinal Newman)

***May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy,
may He give us a safe lodging,
a holy rest and peace at last.
Amen.***

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine on them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE
DIED DECEMBER 2002 - NOVEMBER 2003**

DECEMBER 2002	MARCH 2003 cont.	JULY 2003 cont.
Elizabeth Jones	Mary Keogh	Ernie O'Hara
Hannah Barker	James Manning	Rita O'Hara
Patrick Farrell	Rose Moylan	Derek McDermott
Matthew Martin	APRIL 2003	AUGUST 2003
Elizabeth Keogan	Margaret Downey	Frank Farrell
Margarite McKeown	Kathleen Whelan	Greta Dudley
Br. Brendan O'Murchú	Peter Lynch	Thomas McDonnell
Margaret Gill	Kathleen Millerick	SEPTEMBER 2003
Edward Shiels	Robert O'Carroll	Brendan Bellew
JANUARY 2003	MAY 2003	OCTOBER 2003
Edward Stapleton	Deborah Keoghan	Mary Hunter
Elizabeth Casey	Angela McCarthy	Catherine Kelly
Malachy O'Kane	Martin Morrow	Christopher Knowd
Sr. Louise Hallahan	Maureen Boyd	Sheila Murry
Emily Lowry	Charles Burke	Kathleen Leech
FEBRUARY 2003	John Doyle	Kathleen McDonagh
Bridget Fitzsimons	John Mulready	Dolores Murphy
Maria Finlay	JUNE 2003	Rose Hilliard
Bridget Bellew	Maurice McDermott	Peter Grimes
MARCH 2003	Jean Brady	NOVEMBER 2003
Beatrice Lantry	JULY 2003	Doreen Conroy
Nancy Bennett	Paddy Fitzpatrick	Teresa Kenny

***We pray also for our parishioners who died during the year and
who were not buried from this church.***

**St. Agatha's
Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish-based ministry, which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. The name *Bethany* recalls the visit of Jesus to Mary and Martha on the death of their brother, Lazarus.

Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by sympathy and understanding of friends, sometimes one may need support to work through it in a positive way. Many Bethany members have themselves been bereaved. They are trained to listen with understanding. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Members of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group are available in the Prayer Room in St. Agatha's on the third Monday of the month.

***The next date is Monday 15th December
from 8.00 to 9.00 pm.***

If you would like a Bethany Team Member to visit you in your home, simply contact one of the team, who will be very willing to arrange this with you.

Team Member	Contact Number
Brother Christy O'Carroll	8556258
Bernie Dillon	8556375
Phyllis Kelly	8364036
Mary Keane	8560618
Bernie McGuirk	8363374
Fr. Liam Rigney	8556474