

## Work on Church - Update

### Church Organ Restoration

The restoration of the church pipe organ by Trevor Crowe Organ Builders is now complete and was passed by Professor Gerard Gillen the adviser to the project on Friday 21st February 2003.

The grant of €14,400 from the Dublin Docklands Development Authority was presented by Mr Matt Bolton.

A celebration evening is being planned to which all will be invited.

### Work on the exterior of the church

- **New Lightning Protection System** has been installed on the church roof during the past week.
- Work on the **re-pointing and cleaning of the exterior walls** of the church is due to be finished during the next few weeks.
- Work on the repainting of the **church railings** and the **repair of the hazardous** trip areas of the church grounds is at present ongoing.

### Church Heating improvements

Six new quartz heaters have been added to the present system - four at the back of the church and two in the gallery. In the coming weeks ten modern storage heaters will be installed into the church.

### Church lighting

A complete set of new light bulbs was installed into the church during the past week. These bulbs have a limited lifespan of three to four years. Three bulbs went within one week so they all needed to be replaced.

Improved lighting for the gallery and choir will be installed during the coming week.

*Apologies for any inconvenience caused during these works.*

**Next Copper Coin Collection: Saturday 8th March.**

**All money will go towards the church heating improvements.**

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 will be published on 9th March. You can visit our parish website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet)

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# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

## 23rd February 2003

### Cardinal Connell seeks prayers for situation involving Iraq

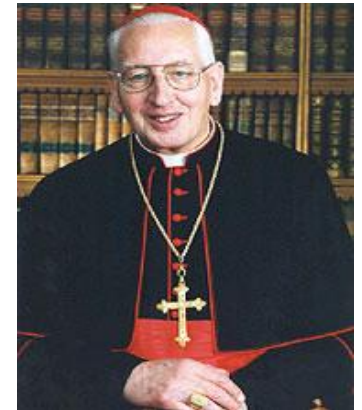


Cardinal Connell is asking the people of the Dublin Diocese to offer “*fervent prayers for the situation involving Iraq and the Middle East, that world leaders and those with influence may do all that they can to work for the avoidance of war.*”

The continuing talk of war in the Middle East is very worrying. As our Holy Father said recently “*War is not always inevitable. It is always a defeat for humanity... war itself is an attack on human life since it brings in its wake suffering and death.*”

The Cardinal says “*Peace cannot be assured by force of weapons alone. This has sadly been our experience here in Ireland. International law, honest dialogue, solidarity and diplomacy between the nations are means of striving for peace worthy of human beings.*”

**“Each and every heart that opens itself in prayer to the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5) makes of the world a place more open to the gift of peace.”**



### Invitation to Prayer for Peace

St. Agatha's Church Mass for Peace Friday 28th February at 10.00 a.m.  
Pro-Cathedral Prayer Service Friday 28th February 12.00 noon.

## Message of Appreciation from the Daughters of Charity Community

We would like to say a very sincere *Thank You* to everyone who sympathised with us on the death of Sr. Louise R.I.P. - we really miss her.

We thank all who helped and supported us on so many days and in so many ways - too numerous to mention individually, but all appreciated so much.

Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Wishing you every blessing,

*Sr. Magdalen, Sr. Andre, Sr. Angela, Sr. Eileen and Sr. Nóra*

**Sr. Louise's Months Mind Mass**  
will be celebrated on  
**Sunday 2nd March at 11.00 a.m.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 9.00, 10.00 a.m.  
and 7.30 p.m.

Ashes will be blessed and  
distributed at all Masses.

*Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow ye diet!*

## OPEN PARISH MEETING

The next open meeting of parishioners will take place:-

- On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2003 from 8.00 to 9.30 p.m.
- In the Prayer Room (in the Sacristy).

The Agenda for the meeting will include

- Opening Prayer
- Brief review of Major Events since the last meeting
- Celebration of Lent and Easter.
- Parish Pastoral & Liturgy Working Group.
- Annual Mass for the Sick
- North City Centre Deanery
- Course for Ministers of the Eucharist
- Parish Pilgrimage
- Ongoing work on the exterior of the church - update
- Church heating improvements
- Church organ
  - Celebration ceremony of completion of work.
- Open Forum for suggestions

*Transport home for those who need it.*