

**Special Collections**  
**JULY 2012 TO JUNE 2013**  
 (collections for outside the Parish)

Share	11151	Accord	427
Peter's Pence	464	Roomkeepers	500
Crosscare	808	St. Francis Hospice	440
Missions	848	Lourdes	3065
Education for Priests	504	St. Vincent de Paul	1054
C.Y.C	451	Trocaire	1104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€21116</b>		



**PARISH OF ST. AGATHA**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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Crosscare has informed us that demand for food from their Food Bank now exceeds supply and are asking every parish in Dublin to give what they can by way of non perishable food, we will begin collecting next Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Reminder**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December is the First Friday of the Month**  
 Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.



Matt Talbot was born on 4th May 1856 in 3 Aldborough Court, off Portland Row. He was the 2nd eldest of twelve children.

Before long he established a pattern of work and heavy drinking and by the age of 16 he was a confirmed alcoholic.

Fortunately for him after his so-called friends abandoned him, he decided that he would give up drink and take the pledge.

With the help of prayer he reformed his life. Until his death in 1925 he lived a life that was radically different, marked by charity, gentleness and serenity.

Matt is seen as a champion of workers and he played a significant role in his union. He experienced unemployment and poverty. World wide today Matt's name is synonymous with fighting addiction of all kinds.

**The Season of Advent begins**  
**Sunday 1st December**

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. 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**



We welcome Christ at Christmas.

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

**Parish of St Agatha**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30 June 2013**  
**Audited by Hayden Brown Chartered Accountants**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>30/06/2013</b>	<b>30/06/2012</b>
	€	€
Family Offering	36837	43670
Tax Refunds	4037	
243		
Shrines	18475	18537
Donations/Bequests	13	7079
Copper Coin Collection	4475	3995
Repository	5521	5092
Common Fund	1688	1250
Other	5208	2311
Share Assistance	84000	91000
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<b>Total</b>	<b>160254</b>	<b>173177</b>
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 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries	34362	33521
Repository	3101	3460
Rent, Rates, Insurance	8731	6442
Repairs and Maintenance	6911	4005
Heat & Light	22039	19270
Cleaning	300	372
Interest & Bank Charges	202	309
Phone, Post, & Stationery	4753	5462
Accounting Services	1476	1573
Parish Mission	0	2000
Alter Supplies and Ceremonies	6439	11349
Other	2866	1878
Term Loan	84936	84936
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<b>Total</b>	<b>176116</b>	<b>174577</b>
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<b>Net (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>(15862)</b>	<b>(1400)</b>
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**Members of Parish Finance Committee**

Christine Corry, Ken Langan, (*Chairman*), Fr. Brian Lawless.

**Report from St. Agatha's Parish Finance Committee**

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the accounts for the year to 30 June 2013. These accounts are extracted from the audited accounts which have

been certified by Hayden Brown, Chartered Accountants and submitted to Archbishop's House.

As you know, in recent years, we have been operating in a deficit, and for the year to 30 June 2013 the deficit is particularly high of €15862. This has placed a great strain on our ability to conduct normal business and it is only due to soft loans that we were able to operate.

The income figure has dropped significantly with a considerable drop in the Family Offering. The Family Offering fall seems to be caused not just by the effects of the recession, but also by the sad loss of some of our strongest contributors and collectors. The tax refund scheme has also improved, these are the taxes that the Church can reclaim from the Revenue Commissioners on contributions that are greater than €250 from parishioners.

The copper coin collection has increased by 12% to €4475. This year we had our 100<sup>th</sup> collection but two of our longest collectors, Christine Corry and Tony Lanigan have retired after great service over the 25 years since we started the collection in 1988.

Overall Expenditure has increased by €1539 which is a rise of less than 1% which could hardly be better. I am also glad to report that our Share balance has decreased from a debt of €212,000 last year to €131,000 at 30 June 2013.

On the positive side we have had the good fortune to sell the house previously occupied by Fr. Paddy Devitt. This was completed in June and will provide much needed finance for many projects that we have neglected in the past few years because of financial constraints.

I want to thank all of those who have helped organise the Parish finances over the past year, particularly the members of the Parish Finance Committee. I want to acknowledge the active participation at all of our meetings of the Parish Secretary, Maureen Grant. We also want to particularly acknowledge the generosity of the Parish which has always been of the highest order. Even in these straightened times you will see from the Special Collections list that €21116 was raised for collections for outside the Parish and these are documented with this newsletter. To you all our sincere thanks.

For the year ahead our finances are healthier thanks to the sale of the house but we are budgeting a loss for the current year of €17000 excluding remedial work which we will be able to take from the house proceeds. As you know the Finance Committee had been looking at introducing a Parish Lottery but this needs very careful planning and management and it has not so far been possible to get this underway. Our view is that the climate is just not right at the moment for a scheme such as a lottery.

If you have any questions in relation to the accounts I will be happy to address them for you at any time and I can be contacted through the Parish Secretary.

Finally behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I want to thank all of you who have contributed to the financial support of the Parish throughout the year and I look forward to your continued support.



Ken Langan,  
Chairman Parish Finance Committee