



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> November 2006



Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'.  
During Advent we prepare to celebrate  
the birthday of Jesus at Christmas.  
It is a time of waiting in joyful hope.

*God Our Father, during this season of Advent  
we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of your Son as Man among us.  
As the Blessed Virgin Mary got ready for the birth of her Son Jesus,  
we pray that we will use this time to reach out to those in need,  
and to be a light in the darkness for others. Come Lord Jesus.*

The theme of Advent 2006 is *Christ is very near.*



## PRE- ADVENT WALK OF LIGHT

An inter-church journey  
on Sunday 26th November 2006  
commencing from St. Ann's Church,  
Lawson Street  
at 6.00 p.m.

## ISLANDS

### *Christmas Service of Remembrance*

In  
St. Nicholas of Myra Church  
Francis Street  
On Sunday 3rd December at 7.30 p.m.

All are welcome

### ***Follow the star around the parish***

*The Liturgy Committee has arranged that a star would travel around the parish and end in the church at the crib on Christmas eve. If you would be willing to host the star for a day - that is to have it lighting in your front window - please contact Dan Moore 0863150719.*

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

## ***Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal***

***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November***

In 1830 Our Blessed Mother appeared to a Daughter of Charity, Catherine Labouré, in the Chapel at Rue du Bac, Paris. One of her messages to St. Catherine was to have a medal made with the following prayer inscribed 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*'.

Miraculous Medal and prayer leaflet are available in the Repository at the back of the church.

***The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be prayed and medals will be blessed during the 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November.***

The Novena Prayers are prayed after the 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Masses every Monday in St. Agatha's Church.

## ***Feast of Immaculate Conception***

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Masses: Vigil Thursday 7.30 p.m.**

**Friday 9.00, 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 pm**