

REPORT ON PARISH MEETING OF 16TH OCTOBER 2003

ie following decisions were taken at the parish meeting:

Irish Radio Link

was decided to go ahead with the installation of the Alltron system for the parish radio link to housebound parishioners.

(More information in next Newsletter.)

Automation System for the Church Bell

It was also agreed that it would be an opportune time to install an automation system of the church bell while installing the Parish Radio Link

It was decided by the meeting that the Copper Coin Collections would go towards the cost of the Parish Radio Link and Automation of Church Bell.

11.00 a.m. Saturday Mass

was decided to transfer the *Our Lady of Fatima prayers* from the 11 a.m. to the 10 a.m. Mass on Saturdays. Due to the declining numbers attending the Saturday 11a.m. Mass it was decided to cancel this Mass from 8th November onwards.

Statement of Parish Finances was presented by Fr. Liam. Fr. Liam is at present setting up a Parish Finance Committee.

Advent and Christmas

Advent Service for Christmas will take place on Saturday 20th December after 11.00 a.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent will be organised by Brother Timothy in Edmund Rice House.

Parish Calendar 2004 & Card to be delivered into every home in the parish.

Radio Masses

The parish have been asked to undertake two RTE Radio Masses over the Christmas period. **Sunday 28th December 2003 and Sunday 4th January 2004.**

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this

NEWSLETTER please give them a copy.

The next issue of the **NEWSLETTER** will be published on 16th November. Items for inclusion must be in the sacristy before 11th November.

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PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

26th October 2003

NOVEMBER

A TIME WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

***'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead'.
(2 Mac 12:46)***

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

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

You are invited to place the names of all those of your family and friends who have died on to the *Altar List of the Dead*.

Those whose names are entered on the *Altar List of the Dead* are prayed for all Masses during the month of November and at the Masses on the First Friday of every month.

An *Altar List of the Dead* envelope is included with this Newsletter.

When completed they can be:

- Placed in the black box at the altar rails;
- put on the collection plate during Mass;
- or handed into the sacristy.

***Lord, remember our families and friends
who have gone to their rest
in the hope of rising again.***

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

27th October Bank Holiday Monday
Monday Masses at 10 and 11 a.m.
No evening Mass

EAST OF ALL SAINTS

Today we celebrate not only the canonised saints but all the dead who are in heaven including our relatives and friends.

Friday 31st October Vigil Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 1st November

Masses at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

EAST OF ALL SOULS

the church asks us : "to help the faithful departed by earnest prayer to God for their entry into the communion of saints in heaven".

Sunday 2nd November Masses - Vigil 7 p.m., 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 noon

Thursday 6th November **Feast of All Saints of Ireland**

Masses at 9 and 10 a.m.

Sunday 23rd November **Feast of Christ the King**

Usual Sunday Mass Times

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

Sr. Rosalie Rendu to be beatified 9th November

Sr. Rosalie Rendu (1786-1856) was a French Daughter of Charity who spent all her religious life in Paris. She worked as a nurse, a justice of the peace, with street children, and working for peace between revolutionaries and military personnel. She was the sister who introduced Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a law student to the poor areas in the streets of Paris. Together they began what is now known as the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*.

Rendu Apartments, a homeless initiative in North William Street, run by the Daughters of Charity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Vincentian priests, is called after her.

A group of volunteers, residents and staff from Rendu Apartments are going to Rome for the beatification of Sr. Rosalie on 9th November 2003.

Letter from Fr. Liam Rigney concerning PARISH FINANCES

25th October 2003

Dear Parishioner,

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for your generosity and continued support. Without this help it would not be possible to run this parish.

During the last year a **number of major projects have been completed:**

- The restoration of the church organ,
- The re-pointing and cleaning of the external walls of the church,
- The improvement of the heating system in the church, and
- The repair of the presbyteries.

I am so grateful to everyone who helped make all this possible.

The **parish now has a debt of over €140,000**. This debt was authorised by Archbishop's House to make it possible to complete the re-pointing of the church walls and the repair of the presbyteries. This debt will be repaid with a subsidy from *Share* and so thankfully it is not a worry to the parish.

What is a worry is the normal running expenses that are involved in the day to day running of the parish. The income of the parish does not cover the cost of running the parish. I enclose in this Newsletter the **audited statement** of parish finances. Last year parish income was €71,385 while parish expenses amounted to €84,702.

Our main source of income in the parish comes from the *Family Offering Envelope Collection*. I am concerned with the number of homes contributing to this collection. The number contributing has fallen from 862 in 1986 to 253 today. What I am asking is **not for people to give more - but for more people to give**.

Many parishioners are not aware of this weekly collection. Others may not appreciate the importance of it to our parish. I appeal to those who do not contribute to this collection to **please** consider doing so by contributing a few euro each week. You can do this by completing the application form which you will find on the enclosed statement of finances.

If you can encourage any other parishioners to take a box please do so. **Every contribution makes a difference**.

I offer a special word of thanks to all our dedicated workers and to all who give of their time to make our parish a better place to live and pray in.

With every blessing,

Fr. Liam Rigney, Administrator.