

# Pilgrimage to Lourdes - September 2008

*This year is the  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions at Lourdes*

## Sick Pilgrims Section

The Dublin Diocese is bringing approx 180 Sick Pilgrims to Lourdes from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The Sick Pilgrims will be staying in the Accueil, which is close to the Grotto. They are cared for by voluntary doctors, nurses and helpers from all over Dublin. There are some helpers traveling from the Parish of St. Agatha to care for the Sick Pilgrims.

If some pilgrims are unable to afford some or most of the fare they are paid for by the *Lourdes Invalid Fund*. All applications are subject to consideration by the Pilgrimage Medical Board.



## Parish Group

There is also a group of pilgrims from the Parish of St. Agatha travelling to Lourdes with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September. The group will be traveling with Joe Walsh Tours and staying at the Agena Hotel. The cost is **€685 per person** (based on sharing). Deposit of €100 is required to secure booking. The group leader is Sr. Bridget O'Connor.

***Limited number of places available.  
So book early to avoid disappointment!***

*If interested in travelling either as a Sick Pilgrim or with the Parish Group  
contact Sr. Bridget at 087 2389247.*

## ACCORD - Annual Collection

ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships.

The Annual church collection for ACCORD takes place during all Masses on **Saturday & Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January**.

It replaces the second (*Share*) collection.



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*Remembering the past  
Celebrating the present  
Believing in the future*

## Invitation

*You are invited*

*to a Mass to Celebrate  
the Opening of the Centenary Year*

*in St. Agatha's Church,  
on Sunday 3rd February 2008  
at 3.00 p.m.*

*and to refreshments afterwards  
in St. Agatha's Hall*

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

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## Anniversary Mass for Sr. Louise

The fifth anniversary Mass for Sr. Louise will be celebrated in the church on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00 a.m.**

*May she rest in peace. Amen*

## Feast of St. Brigid - First Friday

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

St. Brigid is the Patron of Ireland and is often known as 'Muiré na nGael'.

*St. Brigid's Crosses  
will be blessed and distributed  
at the 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. Masses*



The names of those entered on the Altar List of the Dead will be prayed for at all Masses.

## The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

This feast is also called 'Candlemas Day' because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon recognised Jesus as 'a light to reveal God to all the nations'.

*Candles will be blessed at the 10.00a.m. Masses.  
Blessed candles will be available in the repository.*

## Feast of St. Blaise - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

*Throats will be blessed after the 9.00, 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon Masses.*



## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions at Lourdes

- ◆ Service of Prayer and Music
- ◆ Church of Holy Cross College, Clonliffe
- ◆ On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- ◆ at 8.00 p.m.



## Vacancy – Parish Secretary Parish of St. Agatha, North William Street, Dublin

**Applications are invited for the post of Parish Secretary, Parish of St. Agatha, North William Street.**

- ◆ The role is to manage the parish office under supervised delegation by the Parish Administrator.
- ◆ The post will involve dealing with members of the public and the administration of the parish.
- ◆ The post is permanent, part-time, Monday – Friday.
- ◆ The ideal candidate should have excellent clerical/administrative skills and be computer literate, particularly in the area of word-processing and database management.
- ◆ Ability to communicate effectively and work as a team member are requirements of the post.
- ◆ The location of the Parish Office is in the Sacristy of St. Agatha's Church.
- ◆ Remuneration is commensurate to the post.

**Application forms and a Job Description are available from Fr. Brian Lawless, Adm. The Presbytery, 46, North William Street, Dublin 1.**

*The closing date for completed applications is  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00 pm.*

## Centenary Candle

Our Mother Parish is the Pro-Cathedral. To celebrate this link, the light for our centenary candle will be taken from the paschal candle in the Pro-Cathedral at the 11.00 a.m. Mass today, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January. During the following week this light will journey through our parish and on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February it will be used to light our centenary candle, which will mark the opening of this Centenary Year, celebrating 100 years of faith.

A small candle will be lit from the Centenary Candle on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. During the coming months this candle will travel throughout the parish.

*If you would like to have this candle in your home for one week please leave your name and contact number in the sacristy.*

