



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

27th November 2005

ADVENT 2005

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.*

Follow the star

The theme of Advent 2005 is *Follow the star*. The three wise men from the east followed the star and it brought them to the Baby Jesus in a stable at Bethlehem. We too follow the star of our faith and it will guide us to the Baby Jesus on Christmas day. It is a journey in faith.

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. It will be first lit on Saturday 26th November at the Mass for the parishioners of the Clonliffe area in the Community Hall, Tivoli Centre. 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.

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Congratulations to the Daughters of Charity on their 150th Anniversary



The Daughters of Charity celebrate 150 years in Ireland. The Mother General Evelyne Franc has travelled to Ireland to join the Sisters and their colleagues at their celebration in St Catherine's Provincial House in Blackrock on Saturday 26th November. She will visit the works associated with the Sisters here in the parish on Monday.

The Sisters arrived in Drogheda in 1855. The Community in this parish was the second house founded by them in 1857.

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Thursday, 8th December

Masses: Vigil Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 9.00, 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 pm

An Advent Journey to Christmas

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday 8th December 7.30 p.m. Mass

Three Choirs join together in St. Agatha's Church... East Wall, Gardiner Street and North William Street parishes to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary and Advent. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Donal Neary, Parish Priest of Gardiner Street. Mass will be followed by music, readings and prayer for the Season of Advent.

Parishioners from the three parishes are invited. The celebration will finish before 9.00 p.m.

Supporting Friends of Calcutta

Christmas carols with Our Lady's Choral Society

***St Francis Xavier's Church,
Gardiner Street***

Monday 5th December at 8 p.m.

Fr. Donal Neary Parish Priest of Gardiner Street invites you to an evening of song in support of the Friends of Calcutta. This is an Irish voluntary organisation which funds several schools in the poorest areas of Calcutta. This Christmas celebration will feature a tribute to St Francis Xavier to celebrate the 500th anniversary of his birth

Tickets €15 (concession €10) Available in St Agatha's Sacristy

A good evening...good cause...good music!!

Mater Dei Institute of Education

Vatican II –Forty Years on

Lecture: The Church in the Modern World

***Speaker: Most Rev Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin***

***Date: Tuesday, 29th November 2005,
8.00 to 9.30 p.m.***

All welcome. Admission free

Two Pub Quizzes

***In aid of St. Vincent's Infant Boys' School
on Tuesday 6th December at 8 p.m.
in the Hogan Stand***

***In aid of The Dublin City Strings School
on Thursday 8th December at 8 p.m.
in the Teachers' Club, Parnell Square.***