

St Francis Xavier
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NOVENA OF GRACE AND MERCY

4th -12th March 2016

Preacher: Fr Philip Chircop SJ



Weekdays

11:00am

1:00pm

5:30pm

7:30pm

Sat

11am

1:00pm

6:00pm

Sun

11:00am

12:30pm

3:30pm

Note:

Lunchtime Masses are shorter to facilitate people coming from work



4th March is the First Friday of the Month

Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.

At 7.30 pm



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

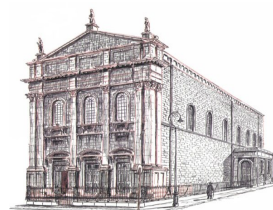
Before long he established a pattern of work and heavy drinking and by the age of 16 he was a confirmed alcoholic.

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.

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 NEWSLETTER

28th February 2016

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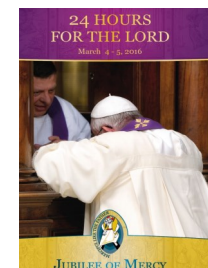
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Pope Francis has asked that every diocese participate in “**24 Hours for the Lord**” as part of the Jubilee of Mercy on this coming **weekend of 4th-5th March 2016**. The following will take place here in St. Agatha's:

Friday 4th March

Mass	10.00 am
Eucharistic Adoration	11.00 to 1.00 pm
Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.	7.30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	All night

Parish Mission

The Theme of our mission this year is
'From Brokenness to Wholeness'

Our Parish Mission takes place from 7th to 10th March

THE LOGO FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

by Fr Marko Ivan Rupnik, (a Slovenian Jesuit)

The logo shows Jesus, the merciful face of the Father. Fr Rupnik draws on many sources of ancient Christian symbolism and shows us an image quite important to the early Church: that of **the Son having taken upon his shoulders, Adam, the lost soul** demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption.



The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which **the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity** and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own true humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

To paraphrase Fr Rupnik: **God looks at humanity in a way which we must be able to understand and receive.** God communicates himself in a way that humanity can see. And what we see, God also sees and we can begin to see ourselves through God's eyes in and through the Divine humanity of Jesus. Here we see how Jesus has drawn and assumed all humanity to himself.

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during the month of January takes place today **Sunday 28th February at 10.30 a.m.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Margaret Maguire R.I.P

Holy Door of Mercy

During this weekend we also invite you to cross the threshold of mercy and experience the tender compassion of God who invites you to be merciful.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, where the door chosen by Archbishop Martin [an entrance to the left of the main door on Marlborough Street] leads into an area of the Pro-Cathedral that has two confessionals, a statue memorial to Venerable Matt Talbot, whose life was healed from addiction when he encountered God's mercy.

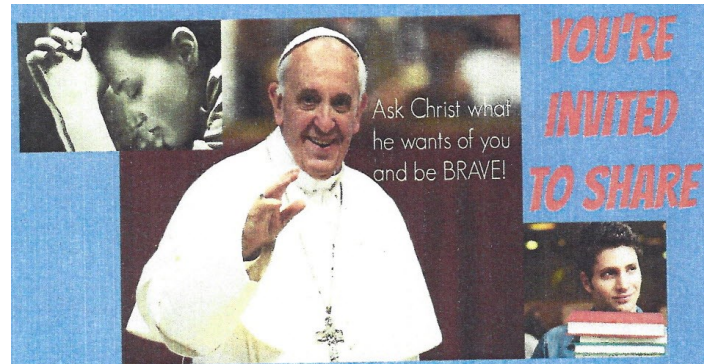
Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Sean Mc Dermott Street - where the remains of Venerable Matt Talbot lie;

Church of St. Francis Xavier in Gardiner Street - which holds the Cross of Venerable John Sullivan.

When Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, he said:

"To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them." -

A WAY OF LIVING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TODAY



REFLECTION CONVERSATION HOSPITALITY

Join us on Sunday , 6th March—2.00pm to 6.00pm
Edmund Rice House, North Richmond Street, Dublin 1.
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