

## Centenary Light of Faith

As part of our Centenary celebrations you are invited to take the centenary light of faith to your home for a week.

If you would like to have a Mass in your house during that week or indeed anytime during the centenary year please contact our parish secretary Maureen or Fr. Brian Tel: 8554078



The Light of Faith will be on Ballybough Road this coming week.

### *Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2008*

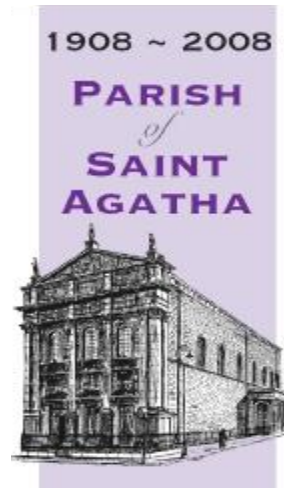
The Centenary Light of Faith taken from St. Agatha's Church to The Grotto in Lourdes by Sr. Bridget and the Parish Pilgrims. The Pictures show :

1. *Annie Mullen & Maureen Farrelly holding the Centenary candle.*
2. *Annie Mullen Lighting the Centenary Candle*
3. *Shannon Hynes, Primary 4, St. Vincent's Primary School, lighting the Lourdes Parish candle .*

*Both Candles were lit on behalf of the Parishioners of St. Agatha's at the Grotto in Lourdes.*



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



## NEWSLETTER 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008

### **Priests of the Parish**

Fr. Brian Lawless Tel: 8556474,

Fr. Tony Scully Tel: 8363451

### **Parish Sister**

Sr. Bridget O'Connor Tel: 087 2389247

### **Parish Secretary**

Maureen Grant Tel: 8554078

**E mail :** [nwsp@eircom.net](mailto:nwsp@eircom.net)

## We welcome our new Parish Pastoral Worker Michael Rose-Nel

The introduction of the Parish Pastoral Worker is a new initiative of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Sixteen people have been selected to take part in this course which began in Mater Dei on Monday 15th September 2008. As part of the formation programme the Parish Pastoral Workers will undertake two placements (each of three months duration) in different parishes. The Parish of St Agatha has been selected as one of those parishes and Michael Rose-Nel has been appointed as the Parish Pastoral Worker for the October to January 2009 term. Michael is from the parish of Brackenstown and will start work in the parish on Monday 29th September 2008.

The role of the Parish Pastoral Worker has four interrelated elements—relating, educating, animating and praying. The work of the Parish Pastoral Worker will depend upon the needs of the parish, for example :

- ◆ Visit Homes in the parish
- ◆ Visit the schools
- ◆ Assist with sacramental preparations
- ◆ Support the preparation and enhance the celebration of weekend mass
- ◆ Provide retreat opportunities
- ◆ Help the parish to identify ways of connecting with people who do not feel they belong to the Church

We take this opportunity to wish Michael every success in his ministry to our Parish.

# *Preparations begin for A New Parish Pastoral Council*

Dear Parishioner,

The present Parish Pastoral Council term of office will soon be coming to an end.

When I was appointed to the parish in July 2007, I asked the Parish Pastoral Council to remain in place for another year to give me time to settle into the parish and to afford continuity following the departure of Fr. Liam and Sr. Eileen. The Parish Pastoral Council agreed to my request and for this and their support I thank them.

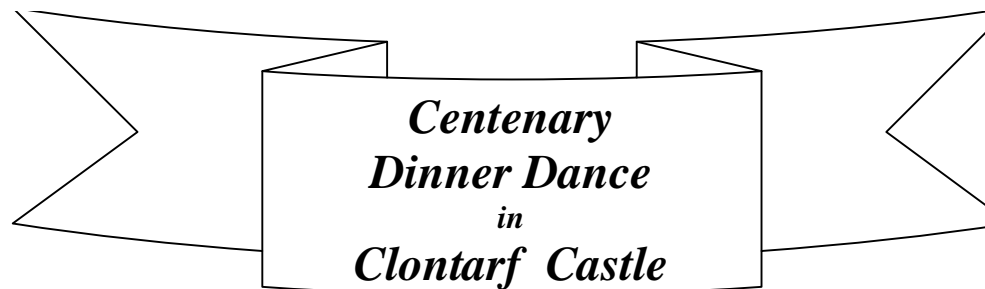
Now the time is approaching when the parish will undergo further change with the election of a New Parish Pastoral Council, this will be an important time in the life of the parish, an opportunity to build on the foundation of the past and look forward to the future and what it will bring for our parish. For this reason I would invite you to reflect carefully on whom you might chose to nominate for the next Parish Pastoral Council, and to give your support to the selection process which will begin with the distribution of nomination forms on 13th October 2008.

Its only a short time away and with our centenary celebrations to look forward to I'm sure the time will pass quickly, so its important for all of us to begin thinking and reflecting on who would be best to represent the needs and aspirations of the parish.

The qualities of members of a Parish Pastoral Council are:

- ◆ **Be Baptised Catholics and participate in the life and worship of the parish of St. Agatha,**
- ◆ **People who pray, are willing to learn and are able to work together,**
- ◆ **Want to share responsibility,**
- ◆ **Help spread the message of Jesus Christ,**
- ◆ **Able to bring out the best in others.**

Yours sincerely,



**As part of our Centenary Celebrations there will be a Dinner Dance in Clontarf Castle on Wednesday 19th November 2008. Tickets are now on sale price €60.00 per person. Names and deposits can be left at the Repository or the Parish Office.**

## ***Month's Mind Mass***

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during the month of August 2008 will be celebrated on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

*We pray for the repose of the souls of*

*Dessie McDonnell*

*Frank Quinlan*

*Carmel Ennis*

*John Moylan*

*R.I.P.*

## **Training Day**

A Training Day for Ministers of the Word will take place on Saturday 11th October, at the Pro Cathedral. Further details will be circulated

## **ARC Cancer Support Centre**

### **'ARC in the Community'**

A new initiative to promote Cancer support services . ARC in the Community evenings commencing Monday 29th September at various venues. Detailed Notice on Notice Board in Church Porch.

## ***THANK YOU for your generosity***

The recent Annual Collection for Crosscare and St. Francis Hospice were once again very successful and the amounts collected for each were :-

**CROSSCARE** €1180

**ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE** €1400