

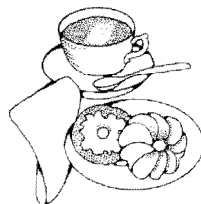
We pray as we prayed each evening in our Mission Prayer - "God our Father, in you we find life's meaning and purpose. Let your Word pierce deeply into our hearts and change our lives, so that we may know life at its best, and learn to live for you and for others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. "

*Mary Linn*

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

**FREE COFFEE MORNING**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**AFTER 10 O CLOCK MASS**  
**ST AGATHA'S HALL**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



## Reminder

**3rd October 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.



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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**IN SOLIDARITY WITH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ, SYRIA,  
THE MIDDLE EAST & ISLAMIC EXTREMIST DOMINATED REGIONS**

**Nun** (ن) We have a new Christian symbol in the making. Some of the oldest Christian communities in the world are facing extinction in Iraq and Syria. In Mosul, this Arabic letter (nun) is painted on Christian homes, marking them for takeover. According to reports, it means Nazarene, because Jesus came from Nazareth. It is a word commonly used for Christians, It is painted on their homes signifying that they are Christians and they must leave, pay a tax or face execution. But not all Muslims are playing this game. Iraqi Muslims and others around the world have taken to social media to denounce the brutality against their Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all unite in prayer for to Jesus through Mary for them.



Prayer to Our Blessed Lady

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you and for those who do not, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to you. Amen

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

## ***Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice***



On behalf of St. Francis Hospice please accept our thanks for your donation of **€25** from your Coffee Morning.

## **Lourdes Invalid Fund**



We would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's Lourdes Invalid Fund. The amount collected was **€750**. The intentions of all contributors have been prayed for during the Pilgrimage Masses and placed at the Grotto.



## **Annual Crosscare Collection** *(the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Diocese)*

The theme for this year's annual Crosscare collection was  
"Putting Faith into Action"

On behalf of Crosscare we would like to thank you for your generosity to the Annual collection last weekend which amounted to **€462**.

## **Month's Mind Mass**

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during the month of August 2014 takes place today  
**Sunday 28th September at 10.30 a.m.**

*We pray for the repose of the souls of :*

***Keith Donnelly , Fredrick Batt , Janet Murphy ,  
Annie Sackfield & Bridget Carroll***

***R.I.P***

## **Parish Mission**

For many months prior to the Mission, Fr Seamus Enright of the Mission Team journeyed with members of the Parish Pastoral Council and other parishioners in the planning and preparation of the mission. Following on from these gatherings, parishioners organised and led three of the evenings during the mission, Sunday - A Celebration of Community, Tuesday - Celebrating Home and Family, Wednesday - A Celebration with our Young People.

Every morning and evening, from 14 to 19 September, we "gathered in faith", as parishioners of the Parish of St Agatha's along with many parishioners and Priests from our neighboring parishes. The Mission was led by the Redemptorist Mission Team consisting of Fr Seamus Enright, Fr Derek Ryan and Niamh O'Neill and what a positive and uplifting experience it was for all who took part. Our sincere thanks goes to each one of the team as they led us each day in prayer, as they shared their faith with us, as they shared their stories and life's experience with us.

During the week prior to the mission many members of the Legion of Mary called to each home in the parish with the mission flyer. Our thanks to them for all their help. On the Saturday prior to the Mission, parishioners took part in a Pilgrim Walk where they prayed at many locations throughout the parish, including Crosscare Community Cafe, Mud Island Community Garden and Ballybough Court. Many babies and young children also came for a blessing to the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 14 September.

We gathered each morning for Mass or for a 'cuppa and a prayer' either inside or outside the church. Each evening session which had a different theme, was a very prayerful and enriching experience. Our last night was 'a *night for remembering*' and as we left the church that evening we brought with us a candle and we were encouraged to continue to pray for each other.

During the week the Mission Team also visited St. Vincent's Boys and Girls' School, O'Connell's Primary and Secondary School, St. Louise's Nursery and Shrewsbury Nursing Home, bringing the mission out beyond the church building.

At the end of the week many parishioners were sad that the week had come to an end but thankful for the many blessings that the mission had brought to our parish. We pray that the seeds of faith that were sown during the week will bear much fruit.