

Parish Pilgrimage 14th June 2003

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

29th June 2003

*Enjoying the sunshine
at the High Cross in
Monasterboice on the
Parish Pilgrimage to
Faughart on
Saturday, 14th June.*

Special Olympics World Games 2003

*'We were born to make
manifest the glory of
God that is within us.
It's not just in some of
us; it's in everyone.'*

Nelson Mandela - quoted in the
Irish Catholic Bishops' Pastoral
Letter to mark the European
Year of People with
Disabilities and the
Special Olympics
World Games 2003,
'Life in all it's fullness'.

Centring Prayer Group ~ A Beginning ?

Brother Kelly would like to look at the possibility of beginning a group in Centring Prayer next September in the Christian Brothers' Oratory, Edmund Rice House, North Richmond Street.

There are many ways of praying. Centring Prayer is one way of praying - it is a Christian prayer of meditation focusing on the present moment of *'resting in the Lord'*.

If you might be interested please contact Brother Kelly 01-8556258.

Congratulations to Brother Joseph Murphy on his 70th Jubilee Celebration

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in O'Connell's School on Saturday 28th June.

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this **NEWSLETTER** please give them a copy.
You can visit our parish website at www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet

Sr Louise's Centre ~ 1972 - 2003 ~ end of an era

St Anthony's Centre, more commonly known as Sr Louise's Centre, is closing in June 2003. For so many in the parish the centre is full of happy memories, especially of the friendship of Sr Louise, R.I.P.

On behalf of all the Daughters of Charity, Sr Nora O'Sullivan thanks most sincerely everyone who has used the centre through the years for their kindness and care.

Choirs take a break for the summer...

The St. Agatha's Children's Mass Group finished on Sunday 21st June and will begin again on Sunday 21st September.

The St. Agatha's Adult Choir will finish on Sunday 29th June and return on Sunday 7th September. The next practice will be on Monday 1st September.

Matt Talbot Sunday - 6th July

Sunday 6th July 2003 is Matt Talbot Sunday. Each parish is being urged to remember what we can learn from the example of this holy man. We know how he conquered his addiction through prayer, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and attendance at Holy Mass. Fr. John Flaherty, Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral has been appointed as Vice-Postulator of Matt Talbot's cause.

The Dublin Diocesan Matt Talbot Committee have organised a Diocesan Commemoration at 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 6th July in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Here in the parish a prayer leaflet of Matt Talbot will be distributed at all the Sunday Masses. A picture of Matt Talbot has been erected in St Agatha's Chapel.

*For further information or prayer leaflets please contact
Brother Christy O'Carroll 01 - 8556258 or 087-2439337*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Will meet on

- *Monday 21st July and*
- *Monday 18th August*
- *at 8.00 p.m.*
- *in the Prayer Room*

Blessing of Graves

- *Sunday 29th June
Glasnevin Cemetery*
 - *Sunday 6th July
Dardistown Cemetery*
- Both blessings at 3.00 p.m.*

Lourdes Fund 2003

Each summer St Agatha's parish helps send sick people to Lourdes during the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7th to 12th September.

If you would like to help you can make a contribution at the back of the church any week end. The intentions of all contributors will be prayed for during the Pilgrimage Masses in Lourdes in September.

Some parishioners are also helping as volunteers in Lourdes during the pilgrimage.

Sr. Rosalie Rendu - Daughter of Charity

To be beatified in Rome on Sunday 9th November 2003.

The Rendu Apartments, North William Street takes its name from Sr. Rosalie Rendu (1786 - 1856) because of her link with Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the 1830's. They both worked for the poor of the city in Paris.

The Rendu Apartments is a Vincentian Housing Partnership between the Daughters of Charity, the Vincentian Fathers and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Rendu Apartments opened in October 1995 are for those who are homeless and venerable, aged between 20 and 50 male or female, singles or couples, with or without children who benefit from the programme provided.

New Handrails - Thanks to Patrons of Cusacks

In this year, the *European Year of People with Disabilities* we are looking at different ways of making the church building more accessible. One suggestion raised at a previous parish meeting was installing handrails at the sacristy door. Thanks to the patrons of Cusacks Pub, North Strand for sponsoring this.