

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during the month of October 2014 takes place today
Sunday 29th November at 10.30 a.m.

We pray for the repose of the souls of :
Peter Pettigrew, Bridie Sharkey & Colum Haverty

Reminder Friday 4th December Is the First Friday of the Month

Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.

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.

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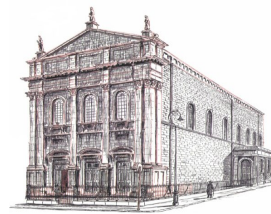
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The Season of Advent begins today

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is a time of waiting, of preparing in joyful hope.

Advent also reminds us to look forward to the second coming of Christ. We pray in the creed "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end".

The **Advent Wreath** is full of symbolism.

Circular shape ...
God's love never ends.

Purple Candles...
Sorrow and healing.



Evergreen Leaves ..
Eternal life

Rose Candle ...
Joy

We welcome Christ at Christmas.



A Festival of Carols

**In Aid of
St. Francis Hospice**

**Monday 14th December 2015
at 7.30 p.m.**

During our service there will be
A Time to Remember
our loved ones by placing their name on our
Christmas Tree of Life.
Collection in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny

Feast of the Immaculate Conception *BVM* Holy Day



Mass times

7th December Vigil mass
Monday - 7:30pm

8th December
Tuesday - 10am

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Dates: 12th and 13th December



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please support our Christmas Raffle/Coffee Morning.
Many Prizes

There are tickets available at five for € 2 from Mae or Rita in St.
Agatha's shop at the back of the church.
Raffle will take place at the Coffee Morning on

Tuesday 15th December

Thank You

We would like to thank our parishioners for their
Contribution to The Sick & Indigent Room
Keepers Society collection last Sunday which am
€506.



Pope Francis' Prayer for the Holy Year of Mercy

From 8th of December 2015 to 20th of November 2016



Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in the Universal Church. This Holy Year of Mercy will begin on 8 December to commemorate both the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, which called the Church to proclaim the Gospel to the world in new ways, bringing God's mercy to everyone. The Year will conclude on 20 November 2016.

In a specially written prayer for the Year of Mercy, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

The text of the prayer follows:

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!"
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the

world,
its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.