

St. Agatha's Parish Choir  
invite new members to join  
Practise every Monday evening at 6.30pm



Singing in a choir  
Is cheaper than therapy,  
healthier than drinking,  
And more fun than working out!



## PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

**2nd February 2014**

### **Priests of the Parish**

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## *Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February Feast of St. Agatha our Parish Patron Saint*

*The feast of St. Agatha will be celebrated at 10.30 am Mass next Sunday*

### **A Prayer for our Parish on the Feast of Saint Agatha**

God our Father as we celebrate  
the feast of St. Agatha our Parish Patron, we  
thank you for the gift of our faith, which is  
more precious than gold, to which St. Agatha  
witnessed by the giving of her life, may we  
come together as a community of faith inspired  
by her example.

As we look forward in hope, may the seed of  
faith which we sow today grow in our hearths  
And in the hearts of future generations.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen



### **Reminder**

#### **7th February is the First Friday of the Month**

**Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.**



Matt Talbot was born on 4th 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.



“Have the courage to go against the tide of current values that do not conform to the path of Jesus” - Pope Francis

### Family Mass

St. Agatha’s Church  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
At 12.00 noon



**All are Welcome**

### The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

This feast is also called ‘*Candlemas Day*’ because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon recognised Jesus as ‘*a light to reveal God to the nations*’.

*Candles will be blessed at all Masses this weekend.  
Candles may be purchased for €1.20 beforehand in the repository*

*Feast of St. Blaise  
Monday 3rd February*

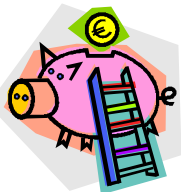
*Throats will be blessed  
after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.*

### Next Copper Coin Collection

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February

*If your copper coins are not collected please  
contact sacristy 8554078.*

*Volunteers to help with this collection would be gratefully  
appreciated*



## FEBRUARY ADULT FAITH SERIES

### GARDINER ST CHURCH

Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

Feb 4th : **Pope Francis-A new Tone-Jesuit echoes**

Fr. Michael Paul Gallagher SJ-Fr Michael Paul works in the Gregorian University, Rome and author of many books in the area of faith and culture.

11th : **Pope Francis-A new Springtime for the Church?**

Brenda O’Brien- Breda, teacher, wife and mother, speaker, columnist (including Irish times and Irish Catholic).

18th : **Pope Francis-A Social Vision**-Fr. Donal Dorr SPS

Fr Donal is a Kiltegan Father, has worked on the missions and written much in the past and recently on social and cultural issues.

25th : **Pope Francis-A Model for Youth Ministry- from Street**

**Preacher to Apostolic Fervour!**-Gerard Gallagher Husband and father, has worked in Youth Ministry for many years, active with WYD, and is youth officer and is on the staff of the Office of Evangelisation in Dublin Diocese.

## DUBLIN DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2013 CELEBRATION

### MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday 9th February, 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

Church of St. Thérèse  
Mount Merrion

Main Celebrant

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, D.D.,  
Archbishop of Dublin