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!



## **Reminder 6th 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.

World wide today Matt's name is synonymous with fighting addiction of all kinds.

Novena Mass also on the last Sunday of the month at 3pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean MacDermott St. Dublin 1.



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## PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

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The 5t<sup>h</sup> February is the Feast of St. Agatha

# *The Parish will also celebrate feast of St. Agatha at 10.30 am Mass on Sunday the 8th February*

## 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.

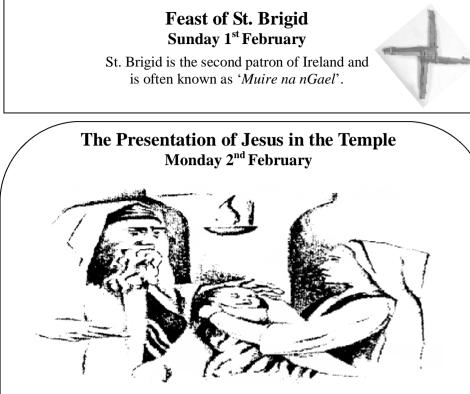
As we look forward in hope, may the seed of faith which we sow today grow in our hearts And in the hearts of future generations.

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

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

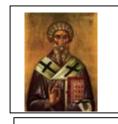


This feast is also known as '*Candlemas Day*' because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon recognised Jesus as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

The word Epiphany means to show. We celebrate the Epiphany on 6th January when Jesus was shown or manifested himself to the wise men who represent all of us .

But this is just one of three showings or epiphanies. The first was to the poor Sheppard's for Jesus came to bring the good news to the poor. The other showing or epiphany we celebrate is the Presentation, when Simeon and Anna who represent the Jewish community to which Jesus belonged declare that he is the fulfilment of the Old Testament. *The word made flesh and light to the nations* 

### Candles will be blessed at the 10am Mass



Feast of St. Blaise Tuesday 3rd February

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

### DUBLIN DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2015 CELEBRATION

### MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday 8th February, 2015 at 3.00 p.m. St Canice's Church Finglas Village

Main Celebrant

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, D.D.,



Pope Francis Prayer for the Sick

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.