

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

2nd March 2014



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!



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Lent The Season of Renewal

Reminder

7th March is the First Friday of the Month

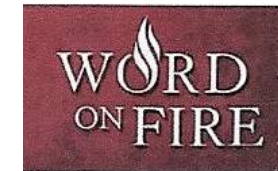
Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.

A book entitled "Lenten Journey with Matt Talbot" will be launched at the end of this Mass.



With the help of prayer Matt Talbot 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

Lenten Programme begins:

Monday

**10th March 2014 at 7.30pm
in the St. Agatha's Chapel,
North William Street.**

**Continuing each Monday of
Lent**



Father Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian from Chicago, and is the founder of Word On Fire Catholic Ministries.

Lets travel together as a parish community as we journey through lent and experience the Joy of the Gospel as we renew our faith.

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

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Masses times for St. Patrick's Day will be the same as Sundays

Sunday 16th: Vigil Mass 6pm
Monday 17th: 10.30am
12 noon



Family Mass

St. Agatha's Church
Sunday 9th March
At 12.00 noon



All are Welcome

Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March
Ashes will be Blessed and distributed
at the 10.00am and 7.30pm Masses

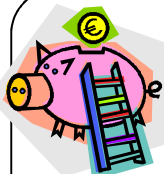


Lenten Garden

The Lenten Garden is an excellent way to reflect on the promise of new life. Beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing through the 6 weeks until Easter Sunday when we share in the joy and glory of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Each Sunday symbols will be added to the 'garden'.
On the First Sunday of Lent we see a desert, barren and empty looking, with little sign of life.
But just as the garden changes and grows during Lent, we also grow from the emptiness of Lent to the New Life of Easter.

Lent is our desert time. Take a little while to reflect on the Garden and its changes



February Copper Coin Collection

If your copper coins were not collected please contact Parish Secretary Maureen 8554078.

Volunteers to help with these quarterly collection would be gratefully appreciated



LENTEN CAMPAIGN *Water Changes Lives.*

The focus for this year's Lenten Campaign is on the **global water crisis**. Water has a huge significance upon the lives of human beings.

This is Ernestina who is 9 years old and lives in central Malawi. Ernestina collects water twice a day for her family. On her kilometer round trip she carries 15 litres of water at a time leading to back and neck pain and allows her less time to study or attend school.



Trócaire boxes are available in the Church.

Boxes can be returned to the Parish Office at Easter.



Novena of Grace 4th to 12th March

Homilist: Fr Michael Coutts SJ, Canada.

Novena prayer to St. Francis Xavier will be said at all Masses here in St. Agatha's.

Parishioners can tune into the Novena by means of the Parish Radio Link.

