

*Sr. Louise prayed this prayer every day*

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA  
NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2003

*Sr. Louise*

Aged 89

Daughter of Charity 70 years

*Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
hold it firmly, lest I fall.  
I am nervous when I'm walking,  
so today I humbly call.  
Guide me over every crossing,  
watch me when I'm on the stairs.  
Help me with my undertaking,  
lessen many of my cares.  
When the evening falls upon me,  
and I fear to be alone  
take my hand O Blessed Mother,  
once again please lead me home.  
Amen.*

*“Sr. Louise dedicated her life to serving God by serving His people, especially helping those in need. For 70 years Sr. Louise was a friend of the Parish of St. Agatha, North William Street and a friend to the people of the parish. While we mourn her loss, we celebrate her life.”*

**May she rest in peace.**

**Sr. Louise's Funeral Mass Booklet** - extra copies have been printed and are available in the sacristy and repository.

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](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet)

## Special Collection for Africa

This collection will be taken up at all Masses on Saturday evening 1st February and Sunday 2nd February. This will replace the Share collection. Proceeds from this collection will be sent through Trocaire for emergency and immediate relief in Africa, particularly in southern Africa and in the Horn of Africa.

## Candle Sunday

### The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

#### Sunday 2nd February

40 days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill the Jewish law. 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 all the nations*'. Candles will be blessed at the Saturday evening Mass and at all Sunday Masses.

*Blessed candles can be bought in the repository for €1 each.*

## Feast of St. Blaise - Monday 3rd February

St. Blaise was martyred on 3rd February 316. According to tradition, on his way to prison Blaise healed a little boy who was choking to death on a fishbone. Ever since, people pray to St. Blaise to heal diseases of the throat.

### Blessing of St. Blaise

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Throats will be blessed after the 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Masses.*

### Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima

- Departing 22nd May for 7 nights
- Full board accommodation based on rooms sharing
- Cost €98 per person
- *For further details please contact Mr. Tony Boylan  
Phone: 8363071/0862584213*

## Feast of St. Agatha—Patron of our Parish Wednesday 5th February

### Prayer to St. Agatha

St. Agatha, glorious Virgin and Martyr, in the moment of torture, you refused to betray the faith you had in Jesus Christ. Help us that we may not fail in our good resolutions through self interest and human respect. You kept yourself holy and pure in the most dangerous and violent temptations. Obtain for us from Our Divine Lord the grace to resist with courage the temptations of the devil. Help us to be real followers of the crucified Christ. Help us to fulfill the purpose for which God created us, so that we may receive the blessed crown of eternal life. Amen.

*Masses for the Feast of St. Agatha are at 9.00, 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.*

## First Friday - Friday 7th February

Masses at 9.00 and 10.00 a.m.

## World Day of the Sick

### Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th February

The theme chosen in the Archdiocese for this year's World Day of the Sick is: "*Alcohol Awareness - Brighter Future*". There are three invitations from Cardinal Connell to parishioners of St. Agatha to the Diocesan Celebration of **World Day of the Sick** in Dublin City University on Monday 10th February at 7.15 p.m.

*If you are interested in attending please contact Fr Liam Rigney (8556474)*

## LENT - Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 5th March

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Masses.