

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA  
NEWSLETTER

31st August 2014

St. Agatha's Parish Choir returns from a well deserved holiday next Sunday 7th September.

We invite new members to please join us for Practise every Monday evening at 6.30pm



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



*This year's Parish Mission will be lead  
by the  
Redemptorist Mission Team  
14th-19th September 2014*



**Reminder**

**5th September is the First Friday of the Month**

Matt Talbot Novena Mass and Prayers for Healing.

**Mass at 7.30 pm**



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 trade union. He experienced unemployment and poverty. World wide today Matt's name is synonymous with fighting addiction of all kinds.



**Where Love is there God is**  
*"Gathering in Faith"*

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this



## Lourdes Invalid Fund

This will be the last Sunday of the Lourdes Invalid Fund. The intentions of all contributors will be prayed for during the Pilgrimage Masses and placed at the Grotto.

### **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament Exposition every day after Mass 10.45 am until 1.00 pm**

My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are really here in this sacrament. Night and day you remain here compassionate and loving. You call, you wait for, you welcome, everyone who comes to visit you.

Unimportant though I am, I adore you. I thank you for all the wonderful graces you have given me. But I thank you especially for having given me yourself in this sacrament, for having asked your own Mother to mother me, for having called me here to talk to you.

I am here before you today to do three things: to thank you for these precious gifts, to make up for all the disrespect that you receive in this sacrament from those who offend you, to adore you everywhere in the world where you are present in this living bread but are left abandoned and unloved.

My Jesus; I love you with all my heart. I know I have displeased you often in the past - I am sorry. With your help I promise never to do it again. I am only a miserable sinner, but I consecrate myself to you completely. I give you my will, my love, my desires, everything I own. From now on do what you please with me. All I ask is that you love me, that you keep me faithful to the end of my life. I ask for the grace to do your will exactly as you want it done.

I pray for the souls in purgatory - especially for those who were close to you in this sacrament and close to your Mother Mary. I pray for every soul hardened in sin. My Saviour, I unite my love to the love of your divine heart, and I offer them both together to your Father. I beg him to accept this offering in your name.

**Amen.**



## **Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice on Thursday 18th September**

You are invited to a coffee morning

- ▶ in the **Prayer Room** (in the sacristy)
- ▶ after the 10.00 am Mass
- ▶ on **Thursday 18h September.**



By taking part in *Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning* you will help St Francis Hospice, Raheny to continue to care for patients and their families on the northside of Dublin. All proceeds will go directly to Hospice care in our area.

*Please bring a friend!!*

## **NEWS OF LOCAL PARISH APPOINTMENTS**

We extend to **Fr. Declan Blake** our best wishes on his appointment to Ballymun also to **Fr. Tim Wren SBD** as he returns to South Africa.

We welcome **Fr. Colin Rothery** to St. Laurence O'Toole's Parish and **Fr. Richard Ebejer SBD** to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and we wish them many happy years in their new appointments

### **Month's Mind Mass**

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during the month of July 2014 takes place today

**Sunday 31st August at 10.30 a.m.**

*We pray for the repose of the souls of :*

**Ann McDonnell, Helena Blake, Philip Brennan,  
Charles Hewson & Patrick Lacombe**

**R.I.P**