

# Family Offering Envelope Collection

## Can you help?



*'We do not want people to give more -  
but more people to give'*

If are not already contributing to the *Family Offering Envelope Collection* and would be willing to do so - please complete the form below and return to the Sacristy.

### *We are in need of collectors*

If you would be willing to collect from your neighbours or in your area please contact the sacristy - 8554078.

## Note to current Family Offering Contributors

You should have received your box of envelopes for the year beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2004. If you have not already done so please contact Mrs Norrie McCann at the Sacristy 8554078



## Family Offering Envelope Collection Application Form

I would like to contribute to the Family Offering Envelope Collection.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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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# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

31<sup>st</sup> October 2004

## NOVEMBER

*A time when we pray for those who have died.*

The month of November is a special time of the year when we as Christians remember and pray for all those who have died.

### *ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD*

You are invited to place the names of all those of your family and friends who have died on to the *Altar List of the Dead*. All those whose names that are entered on the *Altar List of the Dead* will be prayed for at all the Masses during the month of November and on every First Friday for the coming year. They are then kept at the back of the altar where they are included in the prayer of the Masses in our church until November 2005 when they will be shredded.

**Altar List of the Dead envelope is included with this newsletter. More envelopes can be obtained from the box at the altar rails.**

When completed they can be:-

- Placed in the black box at the altar rails
- Put on the collection plate during Mass
- Or handed into the sacristy.



### Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

*This Mass will take place  
On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
at 7.30 p.m.*

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# CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

**31<sup>st</sup> October**     **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
 Sunday             Masses as usual for Sunday at 9,10, 11, and 12 o'clock  
                              Vigil Mass for Feast of All Saints at 7.30 p.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> November**     **Feast of All Saints**  
 Monday             Masses at 9, 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

*Today we celebrate not only the canonised saints but all the dead  
 who are in heaven including our relatives and friends.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> November**     **Feast of All Souls**  
 Saturday             Masses at 9 & 10a.m.

*The church asks us "to help the faithful  
 departed by earnest prayer to God for their  
 entry into the communion of saints in heaven".*

**6<sup>th</sup> November**     **Feast of All Saints of Ireland**  
 Saturday             Mass at 10 a.m.

**21<sup>st</sup> November**   **Feast of Christ the King**

## Open Parish Meeting for all parishioners



*This meeting will take place  
 On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
 at 8 p.m. in St. Agatha's Hall*

## RTE Radio Masses

The parishes of Gardiner Street  
 and St. Agatha have joined  
 together for the celebration of  
 Broadcast Masses on Sundays  
 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10 a.m.

*Conductor is Peter O' Driscoll,  
 Organist is Trevor Clarke.*

Combined Adult choirs of both  
 parishes will lead the singing.

Celebrants are  
 Fr. Liam Rigney on 7<sup>th</sup>  
 and Fr. Donal Neary on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Letter of Thanks to Parishioners concerning Parish Finances

Dear Parishioner,

First of all I would like to thank all the parishioners who give financial support to the parish through the various collections. I am also very grateful to the new Parish Finance Committee for all their work.

You will find enclosed in this *Newsletter* a letter from Ken Langan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee and a *Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004* audited by Hayden Brown Chartered Accountants.

In October 2003 I spoke at all the Masses about the importance of the Family Offering Collection as it is the main source of income for the parish. What I asked was "not for people to give more but for more people to give". The number of families contributing increased from 253 to 365. Also many parishioners increased their weekly contribution. The result of this is that this collection increased from €30,349 to €45,343 - an increase of 50% !! What a difference it has made. At present it now means that the parish is living within its means.

I encourage you to continue to support the parish by continuing to support the Family Offering Collection.

With every blessing,

Fr. Liam Rigney, Administrator.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS JULY 2003 TO JUNE 2004 (collections for outside the parish)

Share	14,718	Accord	520
Peter's Pence	593	Roomkeepers	515
Crosscare	858	St Francis Hospice	1,055
Missions	580	Lourdes	5,600
Education for Priests	603	Vincent de Paul	1,700
C.Y.C	598	Trocaire	1,620
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€39,960</b>	