

Parish Pastoral Council - Update



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has asked that a Parish Pastoral Council be established in every parish in Dublin by Lent 2005. This is a structure in the church that helps priests, religious and parishioners to work together for the mission of Christ. We all have a calling from our baptism to play a part in the Church and in the parish. This is a shared responsibility which underlies the Parish Pastoral Council. Essential to working together is our belief that we are led by the Spirit.

The establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council was introduced at the last open meeting of parishioners on 11th November 2004. Following this meeting a Working Group has been formed whose work is to set up the Parish Pastoral Council for St. Agatha's Parish.

Please keep the work of this group in your prayers.

Parishioners working together for Christ

Blessed Candles are available in the Repository. These were blessed on Candlemas Day - 2nd February.

Don't forget
St. Valentine's Day
14th February!



**Plunket College,
Whitehall
Open Day**

Thursday 10th February 2005

1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Full details about courses and enrolments will be available.

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LENT 2005

Thirsting for ... Living Water



*'Give me some of that water
so that I may never get thirsty'*

(John 4:15)

This is the Lenten theme throughout the Diocese of Dublin for Lent 2005.

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this **NEWSLETTER** please give a copy. You can visit our parish website at www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet

Ash Wednesday 9th February

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses, 9, 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Weekday Masses for Lent

Monday to Friday 9, 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Holy Hour on Tuesday evenings of Lent



Starting on Tuesday 15th February there will be a Holy Hour for the **Tuesday evenings of Lent from 8 to 9 p.m.** (after the 7.30 p.m. Mass) in the church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Given the example of Medjugorje, it will be a time of adoration, praise, thanksgiving and petition. It will be done in word, in music, in silence and in song.

Trocaire boxes are normally available through the school.

However, if you wish to collect for Trocaire and do not have a **Trocaire Family Box** you can collect one from the sacristy or repository.

All proceeds this year will be going to help in Ethiopia. You are welcome to attend the 5.45 p.m. Mass on Tuesday 8th February in the Pro-Cathedral. Concelebrated by Archbishops Diarmuid Martin and Berhaneyeses from Ethiopia.

Help make poverty history

PARISH PILGRIMAGE LOURDES SEPTEMBER 2005

The parish of St. Agatha is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes traveling with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage from 7th to 12th September at a cost **€99** staying in the Agena Hotel. The group leader is Sr. Bridget O'Connor.

Price includes the following:-

- Airline seat
- Transfer to/from Lourdes Airport
- Full board 5 nights
- Fully comprehensive insurance
- Single supplement is €130.

If interested please contact

Fr. Liam (8556474) or

Sr. Bridget (087 2389247).

If you are interested in going to Lourdes as a Sick Pilgrim with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage please contact Fr. Liam - who will be traveling as one of the Chaplains to the Sick.

Copper Coin Collection

The next Copper Coin Collection will take place

- *on Saturday 12th February*
- *between 2 and 4 p.m.*

If your copper coin is not collected please bring it to the sacristy or ring us at 8554078.

Every Cent Counts !!!!

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for parishioners who died during January 2005 and who were buried from this church will be celebrated on **Monday 21st February 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of Vincent Ryan and Muriel Somers, R.I.P.