

The Venerable Matt Talbot



A Plaque to mark the birthplace of The Venerable Matt Talbot at 13 Aldborough Court was unveiled recently at the corner of Portland Row and Aldborough Court, at the side of Centra. We'd like to thank Alan Costello for his help and support for this event. Matt Talbot, Labourer for Christ and the Hope of Those Suffering From Addiction

Pray For Us.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes September 2011

Parishes Working Together



This year a joint Pilgrimage between the four Parishes, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Lorraine O'Toole, St. Joseph's, East Wall, and St. Agatha's, is being planned for late September.

Further information and application forms are available from the parish office. Phone 8554078 or Contact Sr. Bridget

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

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Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 9th March.
Ashes will be Blessed and distributed
at the 10.00 a.m. Mass



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

Preparations begin for A New Parish Pastoral Council



Dear Parishioners,

The two year term of our Parish Pastoral Council will shortly be coming to an end. Among their achievements during their term of office was The Alpha Course and a very successful Parish Mission given by the St. Patrick's Community last October.

The Parish Pastoral Council enables the people and priests to share responsibility and work together for the ongoing development of the parish as a Christian community.

I would like to invite you therefore to reflect carefully on whom you might chose to nominate for the next Parish Pastoral Council, and to give your support to the selection process which begins with the distribution of nomination forms towards the end of March.

The qualities of members of a Parish Pastoral Council are:

- ♦ **Be Baptised Catholics and participate in the life and worship of the parish of St. Agatha,**
- ♦ **People who pray, are willing to learn and are able to work together,**
- ♦ **Want to share responsibility,**
- ♦ **Help spread the message of Jesus Christ,**
- ♦ **Able to bring out the best in others.**

Yours Sincerely,

Novena of Grace 4th to 12th March

Monday - Friday 11, 1, 5.30 & 7.30
Saturday 11, 1 & 6.
Sunday - 11, 12.30 & 3.30

New this Year- Lunctime Grace -
Session at 1 pm will finish at 1.30 pm.
Will include the usual novena prayers,
Hymns and a brief homily



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.*

Feast of St. Louise de Marillac Tuesday 15th March

Founder of the Daughters of Charity.

*We wish the Daughters of Charity in the parish a
Happy Feast Day.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day Patron of Ireland

*Shamrock will be blessed
and distributed at all Masses.*

Wednesday 16th March 7.30 pm. (vigil)
Thursday 17th March 10.a.m.

**Please note there is no evening mass on
St. Patrick's Day in this Church**



Feast of St. Joseph Saturday 19th March

Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 10 a.m.