

St. Agatha's Parish Choir returns today from a well deserved holiday.

**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!



Reminder

Every 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.

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this **NEWSLETTER** please give them a copy.

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER



6th September 2015

Venerable Mother Mary Aikenhead Founder of the Religious Sisters of Charity



A Cork girl who was born into affluence would become the defender of the poor.

On the 22nd August 1815, Sr. Mary Aikenhead and Sr. Mary Catherine Walsh initiated their first foundation in North William Street. In September she was appointed as Superior General of the new congregation. Two months later they opened their first school in North William Street now known as St. Vincent's Girls and Boys schools. By 1827 the school catered for 126 Roman Catholic pupils, 26 of whom were orphans.

From 1816 Sr. Mary Aikenhead and Mother Catherine visited the sick in their homes and were a familiar sight in the streets, lanes and alleys. They brought much practical support and consolation to the sick and the poor as they cared for, talked with and prayed with them on their visits. They helped many people as they faced death through suffering and sickness.

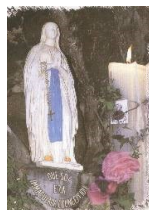
Pope Francis declared Mother Mary Aikenhead Venerable in March 2015.

A Plaque will be unveiled on the wall of St. Vincent's School on North William Street after the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday 13th September in honour of Venerable Mother Mary Aikenhead.

All are welcome.

Lourdes Invalid Fund

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's Lourdes Invalid Fund. The amount collected was **€2505**. The intentions of all contributors have been prayed for during the Pilgrimage Masses and placed at the Grotto.



Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice on Thursday 17th September

You are invited to a coffee morning

- ▶ in the **Prayer Room** (in the sacristy)
- ▶ after the 10.00 am Mass
- ▶ on **Thursday 17th 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.

NEWS OF LOCAL PARISH APPOINTMENTS

We wish Fr. **Colin Rothery** well as he heads to Rome for further studies

We welcome **Fr. Robert Colcough** to St. Laurence O'Toole's Parish and we wish him many happy years in his new appointment.

Morning Star Hostel for Homeless Men Church Gate Collection Today



The Legion of Mary, has provided front-line services to the poor and dispossessed while staying true to Catholic ethos since its foundation in 1927. They ask for your help with their church gate collection today.

Annual Crosscare Collection *(the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Diocese)*



This year's annual Crosscare collection Community and Homeless Services takes place at all Masses on **Sunday 20th September** and replaces the usual share collection.

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has:

A **VISION** of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

A **MISSION** to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need

Matt Talbot First Friday Novena Mass Celebrated 4 September 2015

We would like to thank **Marcin Burchardt** from the Cenacolo Community Knock for his testimony at the Matt Talbot Novena Mass last Friday evening. Marcin is a young man in recovery from drug addiction. His personal story and testimony about his life and how his faith in God has helped him to recovery is a reminder to all of us that there is hope for those suffering from addiction.