



**Feast of St. Joseph
Friday 19th March**

Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 9.00 & 10 a.m.

**Family Mass
Sundays - 12: 00 pm.**

The Family Mass takes place every Sunday at 12 noon. Your help in organising would be very welcome, just pop along to the parish office on Sundays at 11.00 am. Or you can contact **Conor** our parish pastoral worker at **087 205 9352**



Interested in following up on the gospel of Luke
Fr. John Sullivan Room, Gardiner St. 8—9 pm.
Tuesday 16th March - St. Luke in Art (Eileen Kane)
Tuesday 23rd March - The Passion of Christ in Luke (Fr. Hogan)

**Annual Accord Collection
Thank you**

The Annual collection taken last weekend for **ACCORD** amounted to €652.



The Parish Pastoral Council on behalf of all the parishioners would like to offer their deepest sympathy to Fr. Brian Lawless on the death of his father Jim, and to Fr. Paddy Devitt on the death of his mother Sinead, both recently deceased.

May they rest in peace.

Dan Moore,
Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.

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**

7th March 2010



**Alpha
St. Agatha's Parish**

**Venue: Marillac Centre
Date: Tues. 23rd March**

8pm – 9.30pm

(Continuing every Tuesday in Marillac Centre, Daughters of Charity Nth William St. for Ten Weeks)

What is Alpha?

It is a 10 week course covering such topics as Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die How does God guide us? and Why and How do I pray? Alpha is relaxed, not threatening, low key, friendly and fun. Alpha can help you to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

What is involved?

A typical Alpha evening generally lasts for 90 minutes. The format is normally to start with some songs, look at DVD for 20 minutes; then have coffee/biscuits/cakes, the break into small groups to discuss some questions relevant to the teaching. Participants will each be given an Alpha Manual.

What is the impact of Alpha?

Alpha is endorsed by Church leaders in all the main Christian churches. Alpha impacting adults, youth, the business community and prisoners in 163 countries with over 36,000 courses running. In Ireland the number of Alphas increased from 17 in 2005 to 100 in 2008 including one in **Mountjoy Prison** for 12 prisoners. This Alpha had a profound impact on these men, eg. Richard and Patrick shared how knowing Jesus change their lives in a feature article published in a national newspaper. Richard sums up his experience, 'I know that I'm forgiven for my past. The hardest thing to do was to forgive myself and I have now done that'.

Cost: The cost is free – there will be an offering to cover expenses

Further Details: Contact Dan 086 4037779 or Maureen 01 855 4078

Alpha - how has it changed peoples' lives?

"It has made a big difference in my own faith and I have seen it make a big impact on others. Alpha addresses all the main issues of Christianity in an atmosphere that is non threatening or cringy and that people can enjoy." **John McNicholas**, former Longford Town club Footballer

"We had an opportunity at Alpha to all discuss what we believed in a friendly and relaxed way. No judgements. No pressure. I really liked it. It was great."

Fiona Kinsella, Student Dublin

"I'll always remember the Away Day- I got a wonderful healing from God"

Helen R

"I enjoyed the talks on DVD by Nicky Gumbel. They were so scriptural, so clear and easy to understand, full of humour and each talk really touched me."

Mary

"I went along to Alpha and it changed my life. It was good to be part of a group of searching people. It made me realise that we are on the same journey."

Patrick,

Bear Grylls - Adventurer, Writer and Television Presenter

Bear Grylls is best known for his television series [Born Survivor](#), currently



no. 1 on Discovery Channel in US. He is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the youngest Britain to climb Mount Everest, doing so at age 23, having broken his back at age 21. Bear married Shara in 2000 and together they did an Alpha course, which had a profound effect on their lives.

Bear says: "It's about having a relationship with the person who made you and made all the mountains that I love. Faith isn't about being weird but being loved."

I feel 100% comfortable recommending Alpha

as I know no one is ever judged or bible bashed. The Alpha course is super laid back and it's fun. You don't have to do it to impress anyone; you can be yourself and just be very honest. If you're nervous take a friend." Further info. See – www.alphacourse.ie



Bear Grylls on Mount Snowdon, Wales asking

"Is There More To life than This?"

To Book: Use enclosed Form or Send email: ofice@stagathasparish Please book ASAP to ensure your place, as places are limited.

Novena of Grace

4th to 12th March

Monday - Saturday 11, 5.30 & 7.30

Sunday - 11, 3.30 & 5.30

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.



Don't forget! Mother's Day Sunday 14th March

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers.
A Happy Mother's Day.



Feast of St. Louise de Marillac

Monday 15th March

Founder of the Daughters of Charity.

We celebrate the 350th Anniversary of her death this year

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.

Tuesday 16th March 7.30 pm. (vigil)
Wednesday 17th March 9.00 & 10.a.m.

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

