

Two Pub Quizzes

In aid of St. Vincent's Infant Boys' School
on Tuesday 7th December at 8 p.m.
in the Fairview Inn (Kelly's)

In aid of The Dublin City Strings School
on Friday 17th December at 8 p.m.
in the Teachers' Club, Parnell Square.

The Dublin City Strings School is based in St. Vincent's Infant Boys' School where Niamh Kelly teaches the violin to 28 young people in the area. The school is also teaching a children's choir which will soon be singing every Sunday at the 12 O' Clock Children's Mass in St. Agatha's.

Please support our Fiddlers 'n Singers!!!

Christmas Appeal

Annual church collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place during all Masses on ***Saturday & Sunday the 11th/12th December.***

It replaces the second (*Share*) collection.

Volunteers needed

to distribute the Parish Calendar 2005 to all the homes of the parish.

If you are willing to help please contact Michael Pobjoy in the sacristy Phone: 8554078

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

6th December 2004

ADVENT

*God Our Father,
during this season of Advent
we prepare ourselves to celebrate
the coming of your Son as Man among us.
As the Blessed Virgin Mary got ready
for the birth of her Son Jesus,
we pray that we will use this time
to reach out to those in need,
and to be a light in the darkness for others.
Come Lord Jesus.*

An Advent Journey to Christmas

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Wednesday 8th December 7.30 p.m. Mass**

- **Four Choirs join together in St. Agatha's Church...**Fairview, East Wall, Gardiner Street and North William Street parishes
- **to celebrate** the Blessed Virgin Mary and Advent. Mass will be followed by music, readings and prayer for the Season of Advent.



Feast of Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, 8th December

Masses: Vigil Tuesday 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.00, 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sacrament of Confession

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession for Christmas it is available before the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings and before the 7.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings.

There will be a **Communal Rite of Confession in the Church on Monday 20th December after the 7.30 p.m. Mass.**

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

The priests of the parish would like to visit all those who are sick or confined to home, especially any parishioner who would like the Sacrament of Confession before Christmas. Please contact one of the priests or leave your name and address in the sacristy if you would like a visit. (Sacristy: 8554078)

Also - please let a priest or a parish sister know if there is any parishioner in hospital.

Repository

Why not drop in to the Repository at the back of the church where you can get...Advent Calendars...Church Art Calendars for 2005... Christmas Cards and Crib.

Congrats to Sr Bridget

On the occasion of her Golden Jubilee. Sr Bridget entered the Daughters of Charity on 2nd December 1954 and has worked mainly in Nigeria.

We wish her every blessing and good health as she continues her service as a Daughter of Charity here in the parish.



Father Donal Neary Parish Priest of Gardiner Street invites you to an evening of song in support of the Friends of Calcutta. This is an Irish voluntary organisation which funds several schools in the poorest areas of Calcutta.

Tickets €10 available in St. Agatha's from the sacristy and the repository.

A good evening...good cause...good music!!

Christmas Mass Cards

If you wish to send a Christmas Mass Card you have a **choice...**

- A **Christmas Mass card** for which a separate individual Mass will be offered - for which the usual offering is €6 which includes the cost of the card
- A **share in the Christmas Masses** - for which the offering is €1.50 which includes the cost of the card.

Both are available in the Repository

Praying for the dead on Christmas Day

If you want to have the name of a deceased family member or friend prayed for at one of the Masses on Christmas Day please leave the name in the sacristy (8554078).

Please note that there is no cost for this.