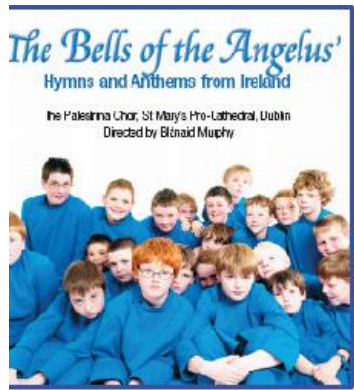


CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY



The Palestrina Choir has launched a new CD entitled '*The Bells of the Angelus*'. The CD includes specially written choral arrangements by David Mooney of much-loved Irish hymn melodies. If you enjoy the Palestrina Choir or choral liturgical music, this CD is not to be missed.

Available in the repository €15

Also available are

Advent Calendars Church Art Calendars for 2007
Cribs & Christmas Cards.

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 €2 which includes the cost of the card.

Supporting an environmentally friendly Christmas!

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

3rd December 2006

ADVENT

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, his first coming. It is a time of waiting, of preparing in joyful hope. Advent also reminds us to look forward to the second coming of Christ. We pray in the creed "He will **come again in glory** to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end".

The **Advent Wreath** is full of symbolism.

Circular shape ...

God's love never ends.

Evergreen Leaves ..

Eternal life

Purple Candle...

Sorrow and healing.

Pink Candle ... Joy

White Candle ...Peace

We welcome Christ at Christmas.



*"We wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ"*

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***Feast of Immaculate Conception
Friday 8th December***

Masses Vigil Thursday 7.30 p.m.
Friday 9.00, 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 pm

We celebrate Mary, who from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne was "...preserved free from all stain of original sin".



Volunteers needed

to distribute the
Parish Calendar 2007
to all the homes of the parish.

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

Come on O'Connell Boys !!



Congratulations to the boys of O'Connell Boys' Primary School who have reached the **Dublin Final** of the *Corn an Chéid Centenary Cup* for Primary Schools in GAA Football.

On Monday next 4th December at 11.45 a.m. they will be taking on Scoil Fhursa, Coolock in Parnell Park. This match will be televised on Setanta Sports.



"We saw his star as it rose ..."

Matthew 2:2

You are invited to take some time out this Advent to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

- * **in the Marillac Centre,**
North William Street (beside the playschool)
- * **on Thursday 14th December**
- * **at 10.45 a.m. for a cuppa followed by a time of prayer and reflection led by Sr. Eileen.**



All are welcome

***Watch out for the star...
all around the parish***

Thanks to those who volunteered to host the star in the window of their home for a night. Each night the star will be in a different home, moving through every area of the parish. It will arrive in the parish church on Christmas Eve night. So...follow the star!!!

***Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas Appeal***

The Annual church collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place during all Masses on

Saturday & Sunday the 9th/10th December.

It replaces the second (*Share*) collection.

The Society has met with a very generous response over the years and is very appreciative of your support. All money collected in this parish will be given to the local conference for distribution locally.

