

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 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.



## PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

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### 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.



*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.*

### Table Team Quiz

in aid of St. Vincent's Infant  
Boys School.  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
In The Handball Club,  
Hill 16 entrance - Croke Park

\* At 8.00 pm  
\* Admission  
€5  
**All Welcome**



### CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY

Advent Calendars .... Church Art Calendars for 2008 ..... Cribs & Christmas Mass Cards.

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

## *Feast of Immaculate Conception Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December*

**Masses** Vigil Friday 7.30 p.m.  
Saturday 9.00, 10.00 a.m.

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".



## *An Advent Journey to Christmas*

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m. Mass**

**Four Choirs join together in St. Agatha's Church...** East Wall, Gardiner Street, Fairview 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.

*Parishioners from the four parishes are invited.*

### ***Volunteers needed***

to distribute the  
*Parish Calendar 2008*  
to all the homes of the parish.

If you are willing to help  
please contact  
Mary Irwin at 087 7958117.



### ***Mater Dei Institute Carol Service***

**Carols & Readings  
for Christmastide.**

The Mater Dei Chorale  
The Artane Wind Ensemble

- \* ***In Clonliffe Church***
- \* ***Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December***
- \* ***At 7.00 p.m.***
- \* ***Christmas refreshments afterwards***
- \* ***Admission free***

## *Advent Time of Prayer and Reflection*

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

- ◆ ***In the Marillac Centre***  
*down the lane beside the nursery and Rendu Apartments*
- ◆ ***On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December***
- ◆ ***At 10.45 a.m. and repeated at 7.30 p.m.***
- ◆ ***It will begin with a cuppa !***



*All are welcome*

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



During the season of Advent a star will travel around the parish. Each night the star will be in a different home, moving through every area of the parish. It will arrive in the church on Christmas Eve night. *If you would be willing to host the star for a day - that is to have it lighting in your front window please contact Michael Pobjoy - Sacristy 8554078.*

**So...follow the star!!!**