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



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



Saturday & Sunday the 8th/9th 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.

Table Team Quiz

in aid of St. Vincent's Infant Boys School.

on Tuesday 4th 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.

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

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PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

2nd December 2007

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.

Feast of Immaculate Conception Saturday 8th 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 Christ mas

Saturday 8th 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.

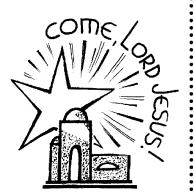
The Mater Dei Chorale
The Artane Wind Ensemble

- * In Clonliffe Church
- * Wednesday 12th 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 13th 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!!!