

Christmas Appeal

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, North William Street are holding a collection to help and support needy families in this area during the run up to Christmas. This collection takes place during all Masses on Saturday and Sunday the 7th/8th December. It replaces the second (Share) collection at Mass. If you wish you may also leave a contribution into the sacristy.

Should you or anyone you know like the Vincent de Paul to visit please ring then t 8384164 or leave your name and address into the sacristy. The SVP thank the parishioners of North William Street who have been more than generous to the society at Christmas time every year.

*Unless we get help
we can't give it"*

FUN RACE NIGHT - Thank you

Thank you! Thank you ! Thank you!
to all who supported the recent fun race night. A good night was had by all and we raised €6,185. This money will go towards improving the heating system in our church.



If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this NEWSLETTER please give them a copy. You can visit our parish Website at: www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet

PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

8th December 2002

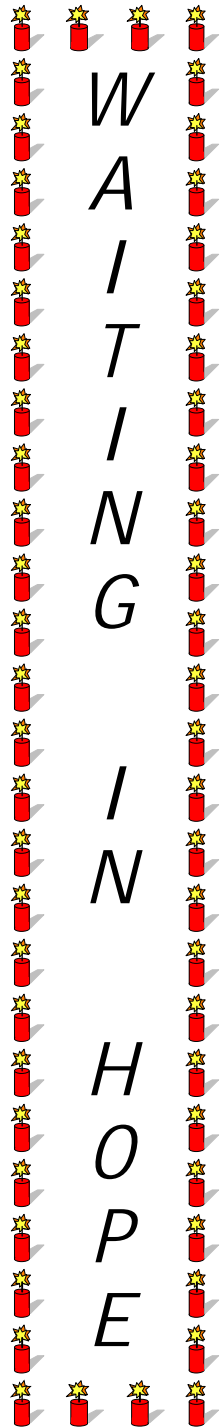
Sr. Louise
70 years in North William Street

On the 6th December 1932 Sr. Louise and Sr. Catherine Barrett arrived in North William Street from Clonakilty, Co. Cork. As Sr. Louise herself says, she was "a raw recruit". She joined the Daughters of Charity community in North William Street - and she has stayed here ever since! The 6th December 2002 is a significant date - it marks 70 years of Sr. Louise's service in this parish. We pray God's continued blessing on her - and especially on her recovery to health.

Bank of Ireland Christmas Card Winner

Congratulations to **Darren McKenna** aged 7 a pupil of St. Vincent's Infant Boys' School, North William Street, who took first place from over 500 hundred primary school children who participated in the *Bank of Ireland Treasury & International Banking Inner City Schools Christmas Card Competition*.

Darren's winning entry - unfortunately in our Newsletter we cannot bring Santa to you in full colour!



ADVENT

The Theme of Advent this year is "Waiting in Hope"

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Monday afternoon from 2-4 p.m.
there will be adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament in the Prayer Room in the
Church with Rosary at 3.30 p.m.

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 leave your name and address in the sacristy if you would like a visit. (Sacristy: 8554078)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This feast of Our Lady will be celebrated on Monday 9th December and is not a Holy day of obligation this year.

INVITATION TO OPEN PARISH MEETING

- ◆ **On this Monday 9th December from 8.00 to 9.30 p.m.**
- ◆ **In the Prayer Room (in the Sacristy)**

As you know these meetings take place three times a year. The usual meeting in October was postponed on account of the change of priests in the parish.

There is transport home for those who require it

Agenda will include:

- § **Opening Prayer**
- § **Welcome** to Fr. Tony Scully
- § **Celebration of Advent, Christmas and the New Year.**
 - proposal to distribute parish calendar to every home.
 - decoration of church for Christmas, position of crib.....
 - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 - Confessions for Christmas
- § Ongoing work on the **exterior of the church** – update
- § Celebration ceremony of completion of work **church organ.**
- § Proposal for **Parish Pastoral & Liturgy Working Group.**
- § **Parish Finance:**
 - presentation of *Statement of Parish Finances for the year ended 30th June 2002*
 - proposal for the establishment of Parish Finance Committee

Mary Irwin, Chairperson