

## Michael Pobjoy retires as sacristan

We wish Michael every blessing as he retires as sacristan. Michael feels that on account of the death of Carmel his wife last October that it is the right decision for him. He has served in the Church for over six years. We pray for Michael and his family and for Carmel.

## Four children are baptised

We welcome four children into God's family - David Sanni Adekiyesi, William Joshua Okocha, Seán Mark Murphy and Niamh Jessica Murphy. They will be baptised during the Children's Mass on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

## A New Door Opens

The Edmund Rice Centre was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahearn last Monday in Edmund Rice House, North Richmond Street. Under the directorship of Mr Donal O'Callaghan, the centre promotes and develops the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice through its networks and various projects.



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don Charghas

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# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> February 2006

## Let's Live Lent

For us, as Christians, Lent is a journey in faith - and for some a return journey to God.

The word '*Lent*' is an old English word which means '*Spring*'. This is a season of grace which gives us the opportunity of '*spring-cleaning*' and '*spring-growing*' - of turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel of Christ.

We use this season to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery at Easter.



Trocaire boxes are normally available through the school.

However, if you wish to collect for Trocaire and do not have a **Trocaire Family Box** you can collect one from the sacristy or repository.

Boxes can be returned to the sacristy at Easter.



*Let's Live Lent*

- 1st March Ash Wednesday  
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses, 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
- 3rd March First Friday  
Masses at 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. will be offered for the repose of the souls of those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.
- 4th to 12th March Novena of Grace  
Novena prayer to St. Francis Xavier will be said at all Masses here in St. Agatha's. (Parishioners who have the parish radio link may be able to tune into the Novena of Grace broadcast from Gardiner Street Church: Weekdays 11a.m., 5.45p.m. & 7.30p.m. Saturdays 11a.m., 5.30 p.m. 7p.m. Sundays 11 a.m., 3.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m. Preachers: Fr. Kevin O'Rourke S.J. & Fr. John Callanan S.J.)
- 5th March Wednesday Feast of St. Louise de Marillac  
Founder of the Daughters of Charity.
- 7th March Friday St. Patrick's Day - Principal Patron of Ireland  
*Shamrock will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.*  
**Mass Times:** Thursday 7.30 p.m. (vigil), Friday 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. (sung Mass).  
*There will be no evening Mass*
- 10th March Monday Feast of St. Joseph,  
*Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
As the Feast of St. Joseph normally celebrated on 19th March falls on a Sunday this year it will be celebrated on 20th March



# Church Renovation

## Good News:

The renovation work on the church is progressing.....as you can see!

## Good News

The Church renovation fund is now € 21, 290.

Thanks to all who are contributing. We still have a long way to go! The Parish Finance Committee are planning various fundraising activities over the coming months.

## Competition!!!!

€25 Eason's Gift Voucher goes to the person who submits the funniest caption for this cartoon. Entries to Sacristy before 12th March!

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE LOURDES - SEPTEMBER 2006

### Parish Group

The parish of St. Agatha is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes traveling with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage from 7th to 12th September at a cost of €645. As last year, the group leader is Sr. Bridget O'Connor.

### Sick Pilgrims

The Dublin Diocese is bringing 180 Sick Pilgrims to Lourdes also from 7th to 12th September. They will be staying in the Accueil, beside the Grotto. If you would like to travel with this Diocesan Group you are most welcome to apply.

*If interested in traveling either with the Parish Group or as a Sick Pilgrim please contact Fr. Liam (8556474) or Sr. Bridget (087 2389247).*

### Weekday Masses for Lent - 9 and 10 a.m. daily

**Due to the restoration work in the church there will be no evening Mass during Lent - except the usual evening Mass on Mondays and Saturdays.**

**There will be no Holy Hour of Adoration on Tuesdays.**