

**St Agatha's Parish Assembly
1st March 2009**



**PARISH OF ST. AGATHA
NEWSLETTER
15th March 2009**

The afternoon was facilitated by Leonard our pastoral worker, it began with prayer and Fr. Brian and Dan, chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, addressed the assembly and gave a summary of recent parish activities, e.g. the work of the outgoing council, the centenary celebrations, the new parish office and the development of the family mass.

Those gathered were divided into four groups and addressed a number of questions. Here is a flavour of what was of concern: **á** more social gatherings needed, **á** visitation, **á** 1st Friday confession, **á** what can we learn from other parishes, **á** transport for house bound, **á** explore ways of becoming part of the parish, **á** newsletter distribution and production, **á** adult faith formation and evangelisation, **á** new ministers of the word and Eucharist and the possibility of a cup of tea after mass on Sunday .

Refreshments were then served and a sub group of the PPC analysed all the four groups' areas of concern. The broader feedback was summarised as follows:

1. Children, e.g. prayer, liturgy and teaching.
2. Nourishing existing faith community, e.g. adult faith development.
3. Reaching out e.g. Communication, parish web site, newsletter.
4. Cultural/ Social Integration, e.g. social gatherings, foreign nationals music and culture.

Fr Brian opened the second part and asked for ideas for advancing the four areas above and the following further feedback was received.

1. Very good response to the family mass.
2. Lectio Divina, Mission week, faith discussion groups.
3. Communication, newsletter delivery to every home in the parish.
4. Explore broader cultural integration in the parish.

Fr Brian and Dan thanked all for their contributions and the people who are to address the issues above. The afternoon was concluded with a prayer. The Parish Pastoral Council will explore ways of advancing the concerns and ideas raised.

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

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day

Patron of Ireland

*Shamrock will be blessed
and distributed at all Masses.*

**Monday 16th March 7.30 pm. (vigil)
Tuesday 17th March 9.00 & 10.a.m.**

**Please note there is no evening mass on
St. Patrick's Day in this Church**



**Feast of St. Louise de Marillac
Sunday 15th March**



Founder of the Daughters of Charity.

We wish the Daughters of Charity in the parish a Happy Feast Day.

**Feast of St. Joseph
Thursday 19th March**



*Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 9.00 & 10 a.m.*

St. Agatha's Parish Child Protection

Policy Statement

We in the Parish of St Agatha value and encourage the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development. We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to their protection and support.



In keeping with this we will work to do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of the Church.

If you have concerns or queries about child protection in St. Agatha's Parish or have allegations in relation to child abuse, please contact any of the following:

Mr. Phil Garland, 01 884 2590
Director of Diocesan Child Protection Service

Parish Child Protection Representatives: Pat 087 622 7732
Pattie 085 273 4659

Principal Area Social Worker 01 855 6871
22 Mountjoy Sq., available Monday to Friday
9.00am to 1.00pm. & 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

Gardai - Fitzgibbon Street 01 666 8400

Do you have computer skills ?
CAN YOU HELP
to develop the parish web
site? Call Fr Brian
01- 855 6474



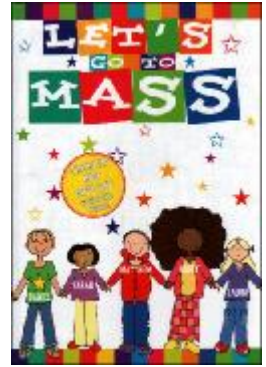
Don't forget! Mother's Day
Sunday 22nd March

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers.

FAMILY MASS

SUNDAYS — 12:00PM

St Agatha's Parish family Mass got off to a great start with 25 children turning up for the first practice. The team of 9 adults are very pleased with the progress to date. The children are introducing the Mass, singing, bringing up the gifts and saying the Prayers of the Faithful. We hope to introduce drama over the next few weeks and are at present planning for the Easter Liturgies. More children and adults are welcome to join the team and help make the 12 o'clock Mass an even greater celebration.



For more information contact Maureen our parish secretary. 8554078 or Leonard 087 2904 964



ACCORD Caring for Marriage

ACCORD Dublin urgently needs men and women to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses. We would like to be able to offer a Marriage Preparation course to all couples who approach us. Unfortunately we can only meet half of the number of couples marrying in the Archdiocese. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work.

Information Evening,

Tuesday 31st March 2009 at 8.00pm,
Accord, 39 Harcourt St., Dublin 2.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Mary at 478 4400 or email: marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie