



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

## 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

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### Parish Mass Times

10am Weekdays & Rosary

12pm Saturdays & Rosary/Adoration

### Confessions

After

Every Mass

5.30pm Vigil, 11.30am Sundays

### Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays

12.30pm—1pm Saturday

### Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

**Wednesday 21st November - at 7.30 p.m.**

**Feast Day of the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple**

This Mass will be offered for all our parishioners who have died during the past year.



### INVITATION

Following Pope Francis's visit last August you are invited to continue The Family Conversation each Thursday night **ALL ARE WELCOME - PLEASE JOIN US .....**

Marillac Centre, Catherine's Court  
Thursdays - 7pm to 8pm

### Miscarriage Association of Irl.

*Annual Service of Remembrance*

*Today 11th November 2018 at 3pm  
St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue,  
off South Circular Road Dublin 8.*

*All parents, siblings, grandparents & others  
affected by the loss of a baby are very wel-  
come to attend, regardless of whether the  
loss was recent or long ago.*

### National Collection for WMOF 2018

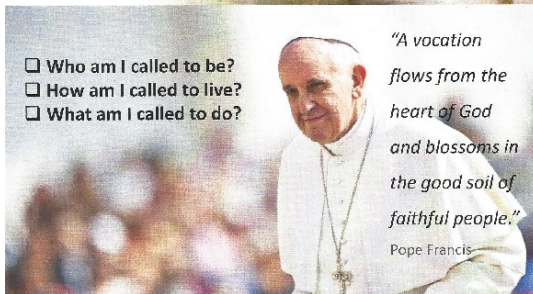
The Archbishop would be very grateful for your support in promoting this collection which will replace the Share collection this weekend the 10th & 11th November.

### Come & See!

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO BE A PRIEST

**23 & 24 November**

**NO ORDINARY LIFE:  
EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD**



- Who am I called to be?
- How am I called to live?
- What am I called to do?

*"A vocation  
flows from the  
heart of God  
and blossoms in  
the good soil of  
faithful people."  
Pope Francis*

Venue: Mt St. Anne's - Cost €30  
From Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm to 4pm on Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018  
Price includes accommodation and meals.



For further information, please email info@vocations.ie or your local priest

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### DO I TRUST IN JESUS?

In today's Gospel (Mk 12:38-44), Jesus observes the humble gift of a poor widow. He is pleased that she has given everything to the poor and the Temple treasury. Only God knew where her next meal would come from? She trusted God to hear her prayers and provide. While she did not see God, He was sitting in the Temple watching her every move and intention. He praises and commends her act of faith in Him and He would not let her down. She is relying on Divine Providence which means she is relying on the Protective Care of God in life.

### JESUS I REALLY TRUST IN MYSELF

The rich were giving large sums of their wealth, but they still retained their fortunes. Afraid to let go. They would continue to rely on their own efforts to provide for themselves in life - refusing to hand everything (trust) over to God. Retaining full control of everything, thinking they were in charge of their own destiny. The act of the widow was a true humble sacrifice giving all she possessed for others and to God. The rich people's contribution were not on the same level of sacrifice, not realising their lives too were mapped out by divine providence.

### LORD DO WITH ME AS YOU WILL

Of course the widow symbolises Jesus who also **gave everything** of Himself away for others and to God. The Ultimate Sacrifice and Trust in God, leaving, nothing behind in the purse of life, so that God could take total possession of His Body, Heart, Soul and Will. *Father not My Will but Your Will be done; Jesus said in the Garden of Gethsemane.* We also pray in the Our Father; *Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.* Do we practice what we pray? Do we give our free-will to God in place of His Will? Do we Trust that He knows better than us? Are we willing to hand over our lives to Him?

### JESUS I TRUST IN YOU - HONEST

We have to ask ourselves today, are we truly answering the Call of God to give all of ourselves and family cares over to Him, by trusting His life Plan for me? Or do I hold back and retain most of myself for myself? From last weeks Gospel ask ourselves if my heart is empty of sin to house the full presence of Jesus? Is my soul's desire to magnify Jesus in this life or do I magnify myself most of the time? Is my heart full of self-love to be shared with no one - not even God who created me?

### DIVINE PROVIDENCE

In the middle of a pagan kingdom, as in the First Reading, a widow realises that the trustful obedience to Divine Providence and the Word of God actually works. The Pharisees walking around in impressive sacred gowns symbolises their hypocrisy. Outwardly they give the appearance as followers of God but inwardly they are counterfeits. Consecrate ourselves to Him with all our hearts, our souls, our mind and strength. He will not let us down. Ask Our Lady for the daily Grace to do this through praying the Holy Rosary everyday as she did and she also requested us to do so in Fatima. I left literature on the Holy Rosary at the back of the Church. Please take one home! God bless, Fr. Brendan. Jesus I Trust in You.