



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

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### PLEASE NOTE

**MASS TIMES : 10.00am & 6.30pm**

**For the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**15th August**

There will be no Vigil Mass on Tuesday 14th.

### OPENING HYMN

### SWEET HEART OF JESUS

Sweet Heart of Jesus! Fount of love and mercy,  
Today we come thy blessings to implore;  
Oh touch our hearts so cold and so ungrateful,  
And make them Lord, thine own for evermore.

*Sweet Heart of Jesus! We implore,  
Oh, make us love thee, more and more.*

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION THE BELL OF THE ANGELUS

The Bells of the Angelus, Are calling to pray  
With sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave

Chorus: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

### RECESSIONAL HYMN HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wanderer here below,  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

### Invitation from the Lord Mayor

The Rt Honourable Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring invites the parishioners of St Agatha's Church to a 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 18th August in the Mansion House with refreshments provided after Mass.

All are welcome

***Please give you name to Maureen (Parish Secretary) if you wish to attend***

### FUND RAISING FOR SIDE CHAPEL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD

From next Winter, as a cost cutting exercise on electricity bills, we will use the side Chapel of St Agatha's for future **10am Weekly Daily Masses**. Funerals will be held in the main Church as will weekend Masses. The proposal is to professionally fit an adjustable Partition & Door, in the Archway & to carpet & paint area. Access will still be from the main Church. To finance this transformation, everybody is invited to make a donation & in return, the Names of your Loved ones will be placed on the walls of this Remembrance Memorial Chapel which already has the names of deceased past parishioners on the walls. Your support on this will be gratefully appreciated & pleasing to God. Thank you.

### THE FEELING OF TRUE LOVE

In the first reading from the Book of Kings today, it prefigures how God provides real spiritual Food for us on our spiritual journey, through life. Our life on earth is a pilgrimage which if sincerely walked, will lead us to Heaven. Another word for pilgrimage is mission. The Angel gives Elijah food to reach the mountain of God. In the same way as Jesus gives Food of Himself - a Spiritual Food, a Eucharistic edible Flesh, in order for us to enter into a deeper Holy Communion with Him and with each other, so we too, can reach the Mountain of God. Each Holy Communion received reverently should increase our ability to communicate and fall in love more deeply with Jesus. Have you felt that feeling of true Love and Peace after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist?

### MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS

The Second Reading of St Paul reveals the beneficial fruits of Holy Communion. The signs are possessing the abilities of forgiveness, patience, calmness, speaking gently and kindly towards one another and not accusing people by sinful acts of judgement. Minding our own business. To imitate Christ in all our actions and deeds is to be in Holy Communion with Christ and our brothers and sisters. Stop complaining! Stop losing one's temper whether at home, at work, at meetings, because it is not the fruit of Holy Communion - but a sign of been spiritually dead in complete selfishness. If Holy Communion does not affect our hearts, which are made to love God and each other, then we are dead to Christ and our pilgrimage journey of faith. We can all make mistakes and it is important to acknowledge them, not just in Confession but to each other with; *I'm Sorry*.

### DEAD BODY LIVING BODY

Do we believe the Holy Communion we receive has been transformed and invisibly transfigured from a Lifeless bread into a Living Bread? If not then we cannot understand the concept of Resurrection when we too will be transfigured from a dead body into a new Living Body. Do we believe this transubstantiation created by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, at the Consecration in every Mass, brings New Life from the Altar? Transubstantiation means the whole substance of the bread and wine are changed (Pass-over) into the whole substance of Christ's Body, and Blood.

### DON'T BE FOOLED BY APPEARANCE

Only the appearances of bread and wine still remain but through the eyes of our faith, our minds and souls, we know and believe that the fullness and new physicality of Jesus is present. This is what Jesus is teaching us to see in the Gospel today. To not believe is to Protest(ant). If we Catholics believe, then Jesus will *raise us up on the last day*, to transfigure and transubstantiate our dead bodies in the grave into a Living Body like His, in Heaven. God bless, Fr Brendan, remembering you all in my Masses, in Rome Italy!