

# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA – 13TH MAY 2018

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## Parish Mass Times

10am Weekdays & Rosary

12pm Saturdays & Rosary/ Adoration

## Confessions

After

Every Mass

## Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays

12.30pm—1pm Saturday

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND.



## 9 DAY NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



FROM WED EVENING 16th MAY - THURS EVENING 24th MAY

5.30PM HOLY HOUR, ADORATION, ROSARY & CHAPLET DIVINE MERCY

6.30PM HOLY MASS OVER 9 EVENINGS (10 AM MASS CELEBRATED DAILY TOO)

## ASCENSION OF JESUS ENLIGHTENS OUR MINDS

The Mission of the Holy Spirit could not begin until the Mission of the Son was ended. Jesus could not come in the Spirit until He had ceased to live in human Flesh. Jesus' final Victory over Death and the Spiritualising of His Humanity - which began at the Resurrection - and culminated (came to a head) in His return to His Father at the Ascension - were the necessary conditions of the sending of the Holy Spirit to His Church: to us.

### I AM THE LIVING BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

The Spirit is the active living presence of Jesus in the Church giving divine life to our soul and giving divine life to the bread and wine in every Mass. Jesus said; *I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever eats this Bread will live forever. This Bread is My [Eucharistic] Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world* (John 6:51). The Spirit descends like the dewfall bringing everything alive!

### I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART

Through the Spirit, Jesus' influence and Power and Presence can now be felt not just in one place or location but throughout the whole world, from generation to generation, so He can be present in every corner of the world and in our hearts and souls. *I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh* (Ezekiel 36:26). He gives us a share of His Spirit.

### RECOGNISE WE ARE BEING TESTED BY GOD

We sometimes limit our very existence believing all there is to us is all that we can see with our human eyes, but there is so much more. Our existence is due to God's Will. We are made for Him, not ourselves. We need to look with the eyes of our Faith into Scripture, which is a mirror for our inner soul, to truly see the appearance and state of it and to see and recognise our true identity by understanding our limitlessness, in the Spirit. We are made for the next Life, the Kingdom of Love - but placed in this earthly prison -

set with a test or a life exam which Jesus gave us the answers, to pass. Recognise we are being tested with trials and tribulation but never lose trust in Jesus.

### LIVE THROUGH THE SPIRIT

If we live our lives through the human aspect then we are limited but if we live our lives through the spiritual aspect then we see far beyond human reasoning and logic. A real world awaits all of us beyond this life - this earthly body is not a full reflection or copy of the glorious divine body awaiting us beyond the grave. I must begin now, here on earth, to live a Eucharistic way of life. That means when receiving the Eucharist, (Jesus), I must become what I eat. Jesus teaches us that He is the Way, the Truth and real Life. He once said the thriving and busy cities of Jerusalem and Babylon had become prostitutes because in the manner they defiled themselves with darkness. Let us pray that on the 25th May 2018, Ireland does not defile itself with the same darkness. Let us clothe ourselves in the Light that leads us to Heaven.

### SCRIPTURE IS A SPIRITUAL MIRROR FOR OUR SOUL

Scripture opens our spiritual eyes of faith, enlightening our minds, helping us to see our body as a sacred kingdom where we are given the opportunity to run it in conjunction with Jesus, allowing Him to reign in us. If we pass this test of earthly life, then Jesus promises us a greater Kingdom to come, where He will gladly gift us a greater position as a promoted co-heir with Him in Heaven. That means He will share everything He possesses with us. To kill a life within the kingdom (our body) now, would make someone a dictator over others and not a co-heir with Jesus.

### DIVINE MERCY IS REAL

If however, someone has fallen by allowing this darkness to reign over one's body (kingdom) through abortion - then it is never too late to repent. Come to Jesus in His Divine Mercy (Confession) with a sorrowful and regrettable heart, (we can all make mistakes), He will forgive you completely - knowing that you did not know what you were doing. God's Divine Mercy Heals and makes excuses for us.

### PROVE OURSELVES

But for now, we must prove our worthiness to someday wear the new divine body by putting on the Mind of Christ now. Jesus is calling us to enter into a working relationship with Him here and now on earth. He is asking us to collaborate with all the Grace He sends us from heaven (our true home), and not to rebel against His Authority over life and death, as did the old archangel, named Lucifer, who went against God which led to his eternal separation from God in the form of eternal death.

### SATAN THE TAKER OF LIFE

We now know Lucifer as Satan, who blew his chance of eternal happiness because of his exaggerated opinion of himself (proud hearted), thinking he knew better than God. Pride is a terrible sin. To vote 'Yes' in the upcoming Referendum will be to follow the devil's example and rebel against Life which begins at the exact moment of conception in the womb. **Vote 'NO'** and bear witness to Jesus' teachings and He will bear witness to you at His Second Coming - on the last Day - as our Judge and Jury. God bless,

Fr Brendan