



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

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Parish Mass Times

10am Mass & Rosary
11am Sat. Mass & Rosary/Adoration
5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass
11.30am Sunday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays
11.00am—12.00pm Saturdays

Confessions After Every Mass

CHAPEL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOLY SOULS BEGINS JAN'20

The good news is that St Agatha's has finally received the go-ahead to restore the Remembrance Side Chapel as an additional sacred & consecrated space to celebrate our weekday morning 10am Masses & continue Eucharistic Adoration in a warm, safe and enclosed heated area. It will also serve the pastoral needs of the parish for community and parent and children meetings throughout the year. Remembrance Plaques will be placed on the walls as work proceeds.

Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting, Saturday 23rd November, at 12:30pm after 11am Mass and a Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour. We thank Sr. Anne for her service, as she moves on to new pastures. This leaves a vacancy and if you feel you would like to be a member of the council or nominate another person, please feel free to elect a name for possible election. We would love to hear from you, please contact Fr Brendan 0879117575

Altar List of the Dead Envelopes

The parish **Altar List of the Dead Envelopes** are available in the Church. When completed they can be placed either in the Timber Boxes or Mass Collection Baskets. I

FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES & THANK YOU FOR YOUR ALMS GIVING

Family Offering Envelopes for 2020 have been distributed to homes. If you have not receive any, please contact your distributor or Maureen in the parish office (01 8554078). This is our main means of support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Church. I wish to **THANK** all of you who contributed religiously and so generously throughout the year. If you wish to contribute please contact the parish office or one of the collectors. Your support is very much appreciated and necessary. Fr. Brendan

OUR ENDURANCE WILL WIN US ETERNAL LIFE

In today's Gospel (Lk 21:5-19), Jesus is referring to our own bodies which are temples (like a building) made for the purpose of housing and worshipping God on earth. Everything we do must take into account the Living Presence of God in us. We should not offend our Divine Guest and always trust in Him who created us. While the temple in Jerusalem looked perfect from the outside, its appearance did not deceive Jesus. He was aware of the lack of faith of those who attended it. He is asking us to take care and not be deceived by things that outwardly appear to be in the best interest for our souls.

CHRISTIANS SEIZED BY REFERENDUMS

Jesus warns that if we are brought before Governors (Government) and our faith is persecuted then we are not to be afraid or do anything to offend Jesus, whose Body is the Temple and our Church today. If the Government seize the people out of hatred for the Church and put Referendums forward that are in direct conflict with the Church's Teachings, then this is our *opportunity to bear witness* to Jesus and vote accordingly.

MY BODY IS A TEMPLE

Jesus uses the temple building as an example of the unrepentant sinner's destiny. On the outside it is decorated with beautiful stones but Jesus is not fooled and sees the spiritual bankruptcy and hypocrisy behind the facade. The temple was built specifically to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah, just like our own bodies and souls. If we misuse our bodies and minds then we risk the same future fate as the stone temple.

REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR

It is never too late to change and repent from the bottom of our hearts, by making atonement for our sins. We are given the opportunity to repent in the Merciful Confession and to practice charity and mercy ourselves. Daily prayer is vital for the soul and can help deliver our souls from eternal death, if it proceeds from a good conscience and a pure heart. If we are all to be saved, we must always defend Church/ Jesus Teachings.

OUR BODIES ARE SPIRITUAL ALTARS

Jesus gives us every opportunity to amend our lives. We have been called by God, and now it is up to us to return to Him, while we still have time. He is always ready to receive us. If we renounce sinful pleasures, fight temptation and practice self-control, by refusing to yield to our evil desires, then we will share in the Divine Mercy and Love of Jesus in the World, prepared for us, that has yet to come. We must not let sin reign in our mortal bodies but use them as spiritual altars offering obedience to God. Fr Brendan