



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

18TH MARCH NEWSLETTER



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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

DURING LENT
MON - FRI MASS
10am & 6.30pm
&
12.00pm Saturday

INVITATION

We are preparing for Pope. Francis to visit
Ireland in August 2018 .
Six week parish conversations

ALL ARE WELCOME - PLEASE JOIN US



Marillac Centre, Catherine's Court
Thursday 22nd - 7pm to 8pm

Last Sunday's Collections

First Collection €211
Share Collection €141

Month of February

Family Envelopes € 1830
Thank you Very Much

LENT

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Eleven days
to go until Holy Thursday. Lent reminds us
that God loved us so much that He was
generous with His Mercy. If we have faith in
that mercy we will not be lost.

Crosscare Collection today



19th March

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Protector of the Universal Church

The virtues that stand out with St. Joseph are; Faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority, and fruitful reticence (Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy, 219)
Mass Times : 10.00am and 6.30pm

DIE TO SIN IN ORDER TO LIVE IN CHRIST

To die to ourselves, is to die to our sinful nature, in order for the Spirit of God, our spiritual nature, to grow in us and produce fruits of charity, faith, love, tenderness, compassion, mercy, patience, tolerance, discipline, self-control, humility, purity, peace and joy. Jesus, who is the New Adam, (Mary, the New Eve), brings this opportunity of eternal life which begins now, back into our lives. The will of God is to give back eternal life to us who lost it when our first parents, Adam and Eve, surrendered it to the Devil. Jesus is here, sent by our Father in Heaven, to reverse their action of Original Sin, taking back what Satan stole by conquering Death and Sin for us.

THY (YOUR) WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

While Jesus' meek and humble soul is troubled in today's Gospel, He still makes himself available to fulfil the Father's will to the end. The greatest gift we can each give God in return for His Goodness in making us exist and the promise of eternal life, is using our free-will to obey His teachings. To detach ourselves from our proud selfish ways and attach ourselves to His humble and self-giving ways.

I AM THE WAY

In order for this to be brought about Jesus first dies, like a grain of wheat that God the Father has sown in the world. Indeed, only in this way can a new humanity develop (germinate) and grow, free from the dominion of sin and able to live as spiritual brothers and sisters to each other, and as sons and daughters of the one Father who is in Heaven. He continuously calls us to love and obey Him by living through Jesus, the New Eternal Covenant, who is now visible in the Sacraments of the Church. We cannot get to heaven by our own made-up means. The Road to Heaven is through Christ.

DIVINE MERCY IS FOR EVERYBODY

"You expired (died) Jesus, but the Source of Life gushed forth for souls and the Ocean of Mercy opened up for the whole World". Words of Jesus to St Faustina of Divine Mercy. If we have strayed from the God's Way through terrible sins - do not despair because Jesus meets us exactly where we are in our lives and forgives us, if we go to Him in the Sacrament of Confession and simply say; "Bless me Father (God), for I have sinned, I come before You seeking Your Forgiveness". That's it - like the Good Thief, who simply expressed his true sorrow by acknowledging his wrongdoings, and he was forgiven without question. Or the tax collector who simply said; "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:9-14) and was forgiven. To enter confession is to die to our sinful nature, like the grain of wheat dying to itself, because from Mercy we are healed which results in a newness of spiritual life and creates a pure heart (Responsorial Psalm today). Forgiving each other also brings healing and peace. The Sacrament of Confession or Healing is available after every Mass in St Agatha's - seven days a week. Fr Brendan