



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

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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 passed away 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**

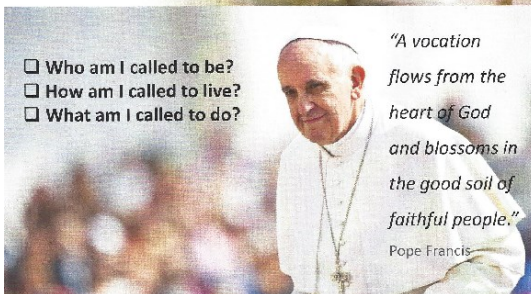
Marillac Centre, Catherine's Court
Thursdays - 7pm to 8pm

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 23rd @ 6pm to 4pm on Sat. 24th Nov 2018
Price includes accommodation and meals.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS OFFICE
NEW GOSPEL BUNNICK CENTER

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

vocations.ie

END OF CHURCH YEAR HIGHLIGHTS END OF THE WORLD!

The Church's Heavenly Liturgical (public worship) Calendar runs from November to November every year. The Worldly Calendar as we know it runs from January to January each year. The Church calendar usually begins on the last Sunday of November with purple candles when we celebrate it with Sunday Advent (which means *Coming*) in expectation of the *Coming* of Christ's Birth at Christmas, to set our year on its holy way. This year though it falls on Sunday 2nd December 2018 - four Sundays before Christmas Day,

MY JUDGEMENT DAY!

The Solemnity Feast of Christ the King is celebrated next Sunday and highlights Jesus, *sitting at the right hand of God the Father Almighty to Judge the living and the dead*, as professed (vowed) every Sunday in our Nicene Creed of Faith. Every Sunday Jesus listens to our spoken Vow of Belief and expects us to live our lives in anticipation of our end in the calendar of life, leading us to our own Judgement Day. Very few talk or even think about this.

SECOND COMING WILL HAPPEN

These Sunday Readings traditionally remind us of the end of the world, the end of our time on earth, and the Second Coming of Jesus to take all peoples and all creation to Himself - but only if found worthy.

DAY OF DISTRESS? IF NOT PREPARED

The First reading of Daniel today informs us it will be a Day of Distress if not prepared. People mistakenly say that God is so merciful that we have nothing to worry about but they forget with His Divine Mercy comes His Divine Justice when we will all be accountable for our good and bad deeds. Good deeds get us to Heaven - bad deeds don't. The Gift of life is an opportunity given to us by God to re-shape our Human Nature into Jesus' Divine Nature in expectation of His Second Coming.

LIFE ROULETTE

Jesus clearly tells us today that Heaven, the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, will all disappear - but God's Truth, Love and Justice will prevail (prove more powerful) than these forever. We should not play Russian roulette with our life and keep putting off the day of our conversion to God. Live in Jesus' love and service. It is the present which determines the future - so concentrate on the here and now believing it is never too late to change our ways. Jesus awaits our return to His full service.

BE ALERT!

We must always be on our watch, to be alert in expectation of Christ's Coming of our own death. We do not know if our Master will come in the days of youth, or middle age, or old age, (maybe today?!) but, as soon as we are born, we begin to die, and should think and expect death. Let's not be in denial, but know we were born into this earthly life to die.

TEACHINGS OF JESUS WILL NEVER CHANGE

Today's Gospel acclamation sums it all up: *Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.* Jesus reveals to us that while the World will change - His Word will NEVER change and that is what makes us Catholics and steadfast Missionaries of the Truth. Don't let the philosophy and miss-truths of the World fool you as they did with Adam and Eve. The signs are already here. Be ready! God bless, Fr. Brendan.

FUND RAISING FOR SIDE CHAPEL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD

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 proposed work will begin this November** placing 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.