



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

1ST NOVEMBER 2019

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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

Friday 1st Nov All Saints Day

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: 10am & 5.30pm

Saturday 2nd Nov All Souls Day

3 Mass Times:

10.am. 10.30 am & 11.am

ANNUAL NOVEMBER MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm. **May the rest in peace.**

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY 8 DAY VISIT GRAVES NOVENA. Fri 1st Nov — Fri 8th Nov

The Holy Souls of our loved ones in Purgatory totally depend on our prayers & Mass Offerings to secure their release from their Purifying Prison. The Church asks the Priest for 3 Masses to be offered on their Feast Day, as seen above & for us to visit any Cemetery every day from 1st to 8th Nov. There is a Nuns graveyard in the yard of St Vincent's School, which can be accessed from North William St. at the side of Lowry's Pub. Over the 8 Days we are asked to Pray for the Pope's Intentions, to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion

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 Collection Baskets during Masses. All Deceased Names of loved ones are included and Offered in every Mass.

FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES & THANK YOU FOR YOUR ALMS GIVING

Family Offering Envelopes for the coming year will be distributed to homes during this week. If you do 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. Fr. Brendan

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE A SAINT NOW

When we look at the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12), we see clearly the qualities and nature of Jesus in them, who is God Himself. The essence of Jesus is found in the fullest expression, in the Nine Beatitudes, where He is calling (Vocation) us to become like Him. He is directing our attention to focus on what we need to become now, and that is to become a Saint, in this life. The Beatitudes are a true and reliable recipe for sainthood.

The Beatitudes are clearer than the Ten Commandments and express God's vision of how we are to live our lives on earth, by always treating each other with love and mercy.

1. Jesus was **poor in spirit**, in that, He acknowledged His complete dependence on God His Father, placing His trust in God totally. This entails emptying oneself of all self and replacing it with God. Am I poor in spirit (humility) or rich in Pride. Do I depend on myself too much to get by in this life? Do I answer the call of my Vocation?
2. Am I **gentle** like Jesus who is Meek and Humble. Do I exercise anger and impatience when dealing with other people, or do I practice love and respect?
3. Do I complain about everything and everyone? Do I gossip about people behind their backs? Or do I accept daily crosses, which can include people I live and work with? Jesus expects us to **mourn** in the Martyrdom of Silence - to speak to Him alone. This is a big sacrifice to make but Jesus did it when carrying His Cross and living on earth. His mourning was silent without the sin of vanity.
4. Do I **hunger and thirst** for the knowledge and wisdom to know God better? This is what Jesus is talking about or do I think I know it all? Do I attentively listen to the Gospel in every Mass? Do I bring home the Mass Leaflet and ponder on the Sunday Readings during the week, to satisfy this spiritual hunger and thirst to know God better?
5. Do I practice **mercy** and forgiveness to those who betrayed/offended me?
6. Is my **heart pure**, or have I allowed corruption or impurity to take it over? Is my language, emailing and phone texting of images and *jokes* pleasing to God?
7. Do I bring peace or division? Jesus once said the division in the world is not of God's making but created by mankind, fanned by the devil. Do I feed on conflict, always insisting on getting my own way without compromising? Am I a **peacemaker** or breaker?
8. Am I afraid if I speak of my Catholic faith, that I might be slagged and be **persecuted** at work or with my friends?
The **abuse** refers to Christians around the world who are murdered for their faith. Any insult taken for God will be rewarded in the Kingdom of Heaven. If we defend Jesus here on earth - oh.....how He will defend us on the Day of Judgement. May we all begin the process of Sainthood now and live in harmony with each other for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. God bless, Fr. Brendan.