



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA (& THE HOLY SOULS)

1ST SEPTEMBER 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

A LESSON IN HUMILITY BY JESUS

The Kingdom of God is often pictured as a Wedding Feast by Jesus. In today's Gospel (Lk 14:1,7-14), Jesus is drawing our attention to the way we relate to each other and the way we relate to God. A self image of importance can see ourselves deserving special recognition, which is pride, and can be destructive to our soul. Jesus is teaching us that we are all equal in the eyes of God and not to think we are better than others.

JESUS IS MEEK AND HUMBLE

Humility is a fundamental practice that marks us as disciples of Christ. The opposite to humility is pride. Pride (Sin), when diagnosed, results in spiritual death, blindness and deafness. Pride gives an exaggerated sense of self-importance to the possessor. The proud become overly impressed with themselves and always want to choose their place at the top of the room or at the top of the table, putting themselves above others. Jesus told us before; *Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart* (Matt 11:29).

PRIDE PREVENTS ENTRY

The proud, who depart this world, believe they have a right to enter God's Kingdom, and then expect to be seated, at a place of Honour, by Jesus. These are the proud who failed to give Jesus a place of Honour in the kingdom of their own hearts, minds and souls, while on earth. They never invited Him or sat Him down at the wedding feast of their own selfish lives. They refused to exercise their faith or go to Sunday Mass (*Sabbath Day*), where they could have practiced where to sit around the Wedding Feast Table (Church Altar), communicating with God and getting to know Him. Faith is our passport into Heaven. Without having exercised our faith, it will be very hard to gain entry and be seated. However, all is not lost for the ungrateful dead, because they are prayed for in every Mass, where we implore God to pour the *Blood of Purification* (Divine Mercy) on their now Suffering Holy Souls, dwelling in the Prison of Purgatory.

HUMILITY IS PLEASING TO GOD

True humility is not having a low opinion of ourselves, but is a heavenly virtue that frees us from a preoccupation with ourselves. Humility enables us to forgive and to act charitably towards each other, without expecting anything in return. Jesus says that, *repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again*. This refers to His Second Coming, when, *He will come to Judge the living and the dead*.

HUMILITY REVEALS OUR LOWLINESS

Humility helps us to be self-giving rather than be self-absorbed. Humility allows Jesus wipe away our sins of pride in Confessions, with His precious *Blood for Purification*, (Heb 12:24), which helps us avoid Purgatory. Our time is now to prepare for Heaven. To enter Confessions, is to take the lowest seat and after absolution, Jesus exalts (raises) us to a place of Honour, in the eyes of God (*the man who humbles himself will be exalted*). The Kingdom of Heaven is to be given to those distinguished by their humility of soul and they will be seated at the Wedding Feast by Jesus, as equal children of God. Fr. Brendan.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY NEWS

11.30AM THANK YOU SUNDAY MASS
Today 1st SEPTEMBER
TEA, COFFEE, CAKES AFTER MASS

The Daughters of Charity are associated with the parish of St Agatha's since 1857. Over the years, many changes have taken place. The Sisters wish to thank you, the Parishioners, for the invaluable support and kindness, shown to them throughout the years. In keeping with their charism of Charity and their tradition of Mission, new changes by the Order will be implemented from the 1st September 2019, regarding placements of personnel. We will be very sad to see Srs, Bernadette, Anne and Bride departing North William Street to newer pastures and we wish them well in fulfilling their wonderful Vocations in their new appointments. We are delighted that Sr. Bridget and Sr. Nuala will continue to maintain the tradition of the Sisters presence in the Parish. We, the Community, wish to thank them for their unceasing commitment and contribution in serving the Parish by their works of charity. We will all miss them terribly. A Thank You Mass today Sunday 1st September 2019 to show our gratitude and appreciation.

All are welcome.



KNOCK SATURDAY,
14th SEPTEMBER 2019

VINCENTIAN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

COACH TO KNOCK BASILICA

LEAVING FROM ST AGATHA
(& THE HOLY SOUL'S)CHURCH,
North William Street

AT 7.15 AM

STOPPING ON THE WAY FOR COM-
FORT BREAK, COFFEE/TEA & SCONES

CHARGE PER PERSON €25.00
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ON
BOOKING €10.00

WELCOME AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN US PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME
TO MAUREEN, OUR PARISH SECRE-
TARY, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, mornings
Or Sr. Nuala 087 6822182

PARISH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In conjunction with East Wall Parish , a
3.00pm Service, administrating the Sac-
rament of Anointing with the Holy Oils
(no Mass) will be held next Sunday 8th
September in St. Joseph's Church.