



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

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### Parish Mass Times

10am Weekdays & Rosary

### Confessions

After

### Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays

12pm Saturdays & Rosary/Adoration Every Mass 12.30pm—1.30pm Saturdays

**SUNDAY MASSES: 5.30pm Vigil Mass and 11.30am Sunday Mass**

### Loss and Bereavement Workshop

**Overview of** in the Irish Hospice Foundation on the Thursday, 31st January from 9.15am – 4pm, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2. This workshop explores the journey of grief and loss for individuals who have experienced loss in various ways not just through death. The workshop will help participants to understand the normal reactions to grief and loss and explore how reactions can be more complex and require greater interventions. Brid Carroll is a qualified Psychotherapist and Counselling Supervisor with a special interest in bereavement and loss. Fee is €100 for the 1-day workshop and includes light lunch. Bookings can be made on the following link <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/>.

### THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

**THE SISTERS CONTINUE TO INVITE FAMILIES TO THE THURSDAY EVENING GATHERING WITH CHILDREN FROM THE PARISH TO SPEAK OF FAITH, PLAY GAMES AND SONG AND DANCE! THIS ALL TAKES PLACE IN MARILLIAC CENTRE - 7 PM THURS. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD FAMILY FUN SERVED.**

### Age Action Care and Repair Programme

Are you 60+ years of age? Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you? The Care and Repair programme (run by Age Action Ireland) uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers and handypersons to carry out minor repairs for older people. All volunteers are vetted and carry official Care and Repair identification cards. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used where required. For your bigger jobs, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons. We are also accepting requests for small gardening jobs. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care and Repair number which is 01-4756989.

### WEDDING AT CANA - REVEALS THE BANQUET OF SALVATION - HEAVEN

The Wedding at Cana is recognised as another Epiphany (Revelation). In the Divine Light Mysteries of the Holy Rosary it is called by its proper name which is, The Self-Manifestation (Revelation) and the Glorification (Presence) of God at the Wedding Feast in Cana. The changing of water into wine symbolises our baptism when we are changed from children of Adam and Eve to children of God. Where Original Sin is replaced with Original Grace. Saving the best wine until last symbolises the best of Life is yet to come beyond the grave.

### ASK GOD WITH TRUST

The Joyful Wedding Banquet symbolises the Kingdom of Heaven which is overflowing in abundance of Love, Mercy, Justice and Peace. This Kingdom will be established through Jesus. The Water also symbolises the Old Covenant and is changed into New Wine which symbolises the New Covenant, which will be sealed on the Cross of Calvary. Mary, the Mother of God, represents the Church and God's people. We and Mary are encouraged, through the Holy Spirit, to ask the impossible from God. In other words to rely on Him to provide for our intentions as He did with Mary in helping the couple in their time of need.

### WE ARE ALL VESSELS

The jar vessels represent our bodies and the water in them represents our souls awaiting to be transformed into something of a greater spiritual value in our Baptism. The water tells us of our rebirth in baptism. Like baptism, one thing is turned into another from within, and in a hidden way **a lesser creature is changed into a greater creature**. All this points to the hidden reality of our second birth. At Cana, water was suddenly changed and later it will cause a change in mankind at the Last Supper, when Wine is changed into the Blood of Christ. Blood does not symbolise Life **but is Life**. From Blood and Water gushing out from the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Cross, comes New Spiritual Life in abundance, beginning on earth through the Sacraments of the Church. Our own Ultimate Transformation will be after our last breath on earth. Death also brings a new change, where life is not ended but changed, like water into wine, like wine into the Blood of Christ. God prepares us for this change in every Mass.

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a New Person. The Old life is gone; a New Life has begun (2Cor 5:17).* The water in the jars is not less than it was before, but now begins to be what it had not been; so too the Divine Law is not destroyed by Christ's coming, but is made better than it was. When the wine fails, new wine is served: the wine of the Old Covenant was good, but the wine of the new Covenant is better. The Old Covenant, which Jews follow, is exhausted by its letter; the New Covenant, which belongs to us, has the sweet taste of Eternal Life and is filled with Grace. The good wine, that is, good principles, refers to God's Law. Jesus in bringing us the New Gospel is like a better and a stronger wine which encourages us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Let us ask Mary to intercede for us too. God bless, Fr. Brendan