



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA – 20TH MAY 2018

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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

9 DAY NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



FROM WED EVENING 16th MAY - THURS EVENING 24th MAY

5.30PM HOLY HOUR, ADORATION, ROSARY & CHAPLET DIVINE MERCY

6.30PM HOLY MASS OVER 9 EVENINGS (10 AM MASS CELEBRATED DAILY TOO)



24 HOUR ADORATION FOR LIFE Day & Night

From 10.00am Thursday 24th May

to

10.00am Friday 25th May Polling Day

FRUIT OF THY WOMB IS LIFE

Pentecost Sunday is one of the principal celebrations in the liturgical life of the Church. It marks the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the end of Eastertide, and it falls 50 days after Easter Sunday when we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. In ancient Jewish tradition, Pentecost was 'the feast of weeks' where Israelites offered 'first fruits' to God in thanksgiving of the full harvest which was to come.

GOD DESCENDS

Christian Pentecost Sunday was prefigured by the Jewish Pentecost which came to honour the day Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai and descended down from the Holy Mountain with the Word of God, not yet made flesh, in Jesus. On that day, God spoke to His chosen race through Moses with thunder, lightning and trumpet blasts, guiding his People with the Law of the Ten Commandments.

NEW LAW IN THE NEW COVENANT

Christian Pentecost, with the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, builds on

the Old Law, but brings new meaning to it. In this Pentecost, which **WE** celebrate today, the Holy Spirit is trumpeted and the New Law is revealed as the Good News of Eternal Life to come in Jesus who is the New Covenant. Christ has been crowned in Heaven and He desires for us to join Him.

BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

He gives us the birth of the Church and shows us how to be united in faith. Imitating Jesus and aligning with God's Spirit produces in us rich fruits which include, life in the womb, charity, mercy, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, tolerance and chastity." In these Fruits of the Holy Spirit, we are shown how to live in union with God and with our brothers and sisters - inside and outside of the womb.

NOVENA OF SPIRIT

On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostles, in the company of Our Lady, gathered together in the Upper Room, praying since Ascension Thursday. This is 9 Days of prayer and is the template of all Novenas. They prayed unceasingly which means they continuously desired of heavenly things rather than earthly things. Praying for conversion of the world. They awaited an answer from the Holy Spirit, which came in Tongues of Fire, revealing to us to go forth and bear witness and speak of Jesus. The Spirit calls us to live a life worthy of our vocation and not to hide it under a bush or a ballot box.

VOTE NO

To promote Scripture [the teachings of Jesus], leads to a 'NO' vote. People say the Church should keep out of politics, but Jesus says that politicians should keep out interfering with the Divine Law of God. If one allows emotions to rule their decision then they are allowing a fog to blind the message of Jesus. Blindness is Satan's great tactic against God.

HOW WOULD JESUS VOTE?

Do you think Jesus would vote 'yes' ? To eliminate a life in the womb that He Willed and Created - perfectly formed or not? No woman or man is qualified to decide who lives or die. but Jesus who is the Judge, not you or me. We will all one day come before the Judgement Seat of God and it is best we prepare ourselves now for that serious encounter and bear witness to His Way, which is the Truth and Life. It will be a Day of Disaster for those who oppose God's Divine Law.

VOTE 'NO'

Vote '**NO**' and we will be found worthy of Eternal Life. Jesus asked St Paul to have **Courage** and bear witness to Him in his actions. Today, Jesus is asking us to have **Courage** and do the right thing - for God's sake. God bless, Fr Brendan.