



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

Altar List of the Dead Envelopes

The parish Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available at the back of the church. When completed they can be placed in the collection baskets during the weekend masses or put into the box at the Altar rails or handed into the parish office.

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday 21st November - at 7.30 p.m.



This Mass will be offered for all our parishioners who have died 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

Family Offering Envelopes

Family Offering Envelopes for the coming year will be distributed within the coming week. If you have not received yours by next Sunday please contact your distributor or Maureen in the parish office. This is our main support for the upkeep of the church, we would like to thank all those who contribute. As you are well aware every cent counts, so if you wish to contribute please contact the parish office or one of the collectors. Your support is very much appreciated.

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.

THE APOSTLES WERE NO SAINTS - IN THE BEGINNING!

What Jesus saw in the Apostles, He sees in us today. because He sees clearly only with the heart and identifies our potential to be saints. We have sometimes heard it commented about someone in a relationship; *I don't know what she sees in him?!* The question comes from the person who only sees with their eyes and not with their hearts. Today is Mission Sunday and Jesus calls us all to be Missionaries of His Word because we too are His disciples. His Mission is always growing and He calls us labourers to join Him in harvesting growth of the Good News to love and forgive.

SERVE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Let us not loose sight of what God's Wisdom reveals to us? Christian discipleship is a call to serve one another and God. In this earthly kingdom the standard of greatness is in possessing power over others but in the heavenly Kingdom, which begins here on earth, the standard of God is service and love of each other. As Christians it is wrong to compete with each other to see who is the greatest, or who should receive the greatest honour?

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

For Jesus, service is everything. Not to be served but to serve. Not about who wears the crown of pride, but who bears the Cross of Humility - like the suffering servant of the first reading today (Isaiah 53:10-11). The mission begins at home with our neighbour. Charity begins at home. The mission includes protecting the weak, the venerable and the unborn.

JUMP FOR JOY!

Mary, the Mother of God was truly the first missionary of the Word, in the New Testament. As soon as she received the Good News at the Annunciation, when the Word was made Flesh in her womb, she immediately set out to serve her cousin Elizabeth, after the Angel Gabriel informed her she was six months pregnant with St. John the Baptist. Mary did not hesitate but brought herself and Jesus for the service of Elizabeth and baby John. Jesus, from Mary's womb, baptised John in Elizabeth's womb, and filled with the Holy Spirit, baby John jumped for joy in the womb (Luke 1:41). Jesus wants us all to be saints a.s.a.p. and jump for joy with the Good News of Eternal Life!

FIRE OF LOVE

We should be conscience that we also possess the presence of Jesus in our hearts. Our bodies are temples carrying Jesus with us wherever we go. Our hearts should act like a sanctuary lamp - burning with fire for love of Jesus.

PRACTICING SAINTS!

To be a Missionary of Jesus, as anointed in Baptism, is to belong to a new family, a family with stronger ties than flesh and blood. It is a family which is bound in love and obedience to God as Father, to Jesus as our Brother and to be committed to living according to the Way of Life that God proposes. Part of that Way is to practice unconditional love for every single person, including our enemies - to serve them with forgiveness as Jesus serves us with Divine Mercy. We are all practising saints hence known as practicing Catholics. Remember, practice makes perfect! God bless, Fr Brendan.