



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

24TH 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

JOY TO THE WORLD!

**THE VOLUNTEERS OF
& FRIENDS ARE
SING CHRISTMAS
AT CHRISTMAS EVE &
ESTED & ALSO PLAY
PLEASE CONTACT MAE & RITA IN CHURCH SHOP OR MARIE.**



**OUR CHURCH CLEANERS
FORMING A GROUP TO
CAROLS AT THE MASSES
DAY. IF YOU'RE INTER-
A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

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

The Parish welcomes this Sunday the children of St. Vincent's Girls & O'Connell's Boys Schools who are Enrolling today, as part of their Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, next year on Saturday the 9th May 2020.

Two Masses Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

10am & 7pm

St. Catherine Laboure



Mass at 7pm Thursday 28th November

**Preceded by Eucharistic Adoration
From 6.00pm & Rosary 6.45pm**



Distribution & Enrolment in the
Miraculous Medal & Green Scapular of Our Lady.



KING CHRIST—WHO IS LORD

Today (LK 23: 35-43) we are celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. The concept of King and Kingdom is at the very heart of Jesus' message to us. He came from Heaven to establish His Heavenly Kingdom here on earth. Today we see Christ as a Crucified Merciful King. The word **King-dom**, means **King**, who is **Christ** and then the Latin word '**dom**' means **Lord**. So, *Thy Kingdom come* means, *Thy Christ the Lord come* into my heart. We also have to let His Will reign in our hearts too: *Thy Will be done*. Wherever Jesus is present, there is the Kingdom. It is the Presence of the Holy Spirit, Love, Mercy, Happiness, Truth, Grace, Holiness, Justice and Peace. To close our hearts to Jesus and His Will, is saying: *Go away, there is no room at the Inn*.

KINGDOM OF SIN BRINGS DEATH

Jesus sacrificed His Body and Blood on the Cross to purchase our redemption meaning rescuing us from the grip of Satan, who offers eternal death (hell). The Kingdom of God cannot co-exist with the kingdom of sin, just as light has nothing in common with darkness or righteousness has nothing to do with lawlessness. Jesus brings the Hope of Resurrection of Eternal Life. Why only Hope and not certainty? Because like the Bad Thief, people ignore the opportunity given them to repent. They do not fear Jesus as Judge, leading possibly to a resurrection of eternal death beyond the grave. On earth, God gives us the gift of freewill to say *Sorry* when we offend Him.

REPENT

The Good Thief, even in the last hour of his earthly life, humbly converted, repented, and acknowledged his divine lawlessness way of life, in the Presence of God, by taking ownership of his sinful guilt, which is what we do in confession. To confess leads to the Promise of Paradise as offered to the Thief. When he asked Jesus to remember him in His Kingdom, it was an acknowledgement of Jesus as a King. Today, we acknowledge Him as King of the Universe. Note before the Penitent Thief was to enter Heaven, he first suffered a Cross. Each of us have a Cross and we have the ability to offer our sufferings as a sacrifice to help redeem the world.

CONFESSION

The Bad Thief represents the proud sinner who stubbornly refuses to avail of Jesus' Mercy in confession. Jesus left this healing Sacrament of Himself to cleanse and cure our diseased spiritual souls from sin. Only Jesus, the Divine Physician, can perform this spiritual Life-giving operation in confession, using His own Precious Blood to give us New Spiritual Life, in forgiving our sins. The Bad Thief died in his blasphemy (unbelieving) state of spiritual terminal ill-health.

LESSON TO LEARN

Frequent confession is a necessity for a spiritually healthy pure heart and soul. Padre Pio went every day. If we are spiritually hanging on a cross in the form of a suffering illness or circumstance of life, do not reject or abandon Jesus like the bad Thief. Always turn to Jesus. Purchase salvation with our suffering and death and enter Paradise with Jesus. God bless, Fr. Brendan.