



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.

I AM THE ONE - THE MESSIAH - THE ANOINTED KING

Jesus was anointed King and Saviour of the World through the Holy Spirit, in His Baptism and is now ready to do His Father's Work and Mission. He reads from the prophet Isaiah. It is a messianic (Messiah) prophecy which **Jesus applies to Himself:** *This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.* Jesus is announcing from His earthly hometown that He Himself is that Messiah spoken about in the Old Testament. The Jews were expecting a King to come and conquer the Romans who were oppressing them. Jesus came to conquer the source of this oppression. They did not understand Holy Scripture. The invisible Spiritual God became visible in the Person of Jesus Christ, as a King coming from another Kingdom. He came into this World to fight and conquer an invisible Enemy made visible in the person of the Devil, who is the Fallen Archangel Lucifer. Jesus came into this spiritual battle on earth to deliver us from this Enemy. *Deliver us from Evil*, as prayed in the Lord's Prayer.

IMITATE JESUS

Jesus received the Holy Spirit in order that we too may receive the Holy Spirit of God in our own Baptism and go forth in this spiritual battle to also do the Will and Mission of God. We must fight the temptation to give-in to the Enemy and his corrupt nature. Our mission is to love and forgive each other. Mercy brings healing and restores lost sight when we begin again to see a new beauty within each other. To forgive like Jesus will liberate or free us from being slaves or captives of the devil. The Enemy expresses himself by inciting us to exercise hatred, anger, violence, resentment, impatience, impurity, gossip, lies and pride.

JESUS' TEACHINGS GIVES INNER FREEDOM

Jesus came to make us truly free. Sadly, many Catholics abandon the Church in order to experience a superficial outward freedom. But this is not true inner spiritual Freedom. If the Church, which is the Spiritual Body of the Risen Lord, is rejected and one walks away from this Divine Light, which guides our path, then they are walking straight into the Darkness, becoming captives of the Enemy. Jesus came; *to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind, new sight, to set the downtrodden free.*

I AM PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE - A BIGGER BODY

We at times are too individualistic and not thinking of others through our selfish nature. St. Paul explains today (1Cor 12:12-30) that we are all different parts that make up One Body, which is the Church. Each of us are expected to behave like members interacting in a constant giving and receiving. And each member gets the same respect. Bearing false witness against each other whether in the spoken word or in public print, is to remove oneself from this Spiritual Body and side with the Enemy. Jesus calls us to live in Holy Communion and Holy Love with each other: a Eucharistic Life. God bless, Fr. Brendan.