



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

## 27TH OCTOBER 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

**Friday 1st Nov**  
**All Saints Day**

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Times: **10am & 5.30pm**

**Saturday 2nd Nov**  
**All Souls Day**

3 Mass Times:

**10.am. 10.30 am & 11.am**

### ANNUAL NOVEMBER MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm. **May the rest in peace.**

### HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY 8 DAY VISIT GRAVES NOVENA. Fri 1st Nov — Fri 8th Nov

The Holy Souls of our loved ones in Purgatory totally depend on our prayers & Mass Offerings to secure their release from their Purifying Prison. The Church asks the Priest for 3 Masses to be offered on their Feast Day, as seen above & for us to visit any Cemetery every-day from 1st to 8th Nov. There is a Nuns graveyard in the yard of St Vincent's School, which can be accessed from North William St. at the side of Lowry's Pub. Over the 8 Days we are asked to Pray for the Pope's Intentions, to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion

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

### FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES & THANK YOU FOR YOUR ALMS GIVING

Family Offering Envelopes for the coming year will be distributed to homes during this week. If you do not receive any, please contact your distributor or Maureen in the parish office (01 8554078). This is our main means of support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Church. I wish to thank all of you who contributed religiously and so generously throughout the year. If you wish to contribute please contact the parish office or one of the collectors. Your support is very much appreciated. Fr. Brendan

### HUMILITY VERSUS PRIDE

The 'religious' Pharisee (Lk 18: 9-14), represents people who place themselves in a high position of importance when in Church. They're motivated out of a self-love, rather than a genuine love for Jesus or Neighbour. The wind of Pride inflates their ego, extinguishing the flame of Humility, which once burnt in their hearts. Like the Pharisee, they exalt their own self-ability, thinking their time in Church is all about them. They're absorbed with a sense of self-congratulations, looking down on others. The Pharisee's prayer was ineffective because he approached God as a virtuous saint without sin, rather than as a sinner.

### WE ARE ALL SINNERS

The Tax Collector took responsibility for his sins, by his sincere confession. He humbly approached God, beating his breast, acknowledging he was a Sinner, without exalting or justifying himself. He entered the Temple motivated out of love for God and with a desire to be reconciled with Him. He simply asked for Mercy. He was remorseful with humility rather than with pride. He left the Temple reconciled with God, unlike the Pharisee.

### MY FAULT, MY FAULT, MY MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT

At the beginning of Mass, in the Confiteor (An Acknowledgment), we also take responsibility for our sins, when we pray; *I have truly sinned—through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous (serious) fault.* At the same time, we are expected to strike our breast. Do I? Is my heart moved to repent? Do I see myself as a Sinner, like the tax collector, or do I just go through the motions like the Pharisee? Remember God is listening to hear if we are sincere or insincere. Mass is not fulfilled if we miss this Act of Repentance.

### BE CENTRED ON GOD & NOT SELF

Pride gives birth to Sin and leads people to illusions of self-grandeur and self-deception. Humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are and it leads our hearts and souls open to God's Divine Grace and Mercy. Jesus can only live in the humble heart, that acknowledges its sinfulness and the Divine Law of God: *To Love one another as I have loved you.* Jesus cannot hear us if we despise (hate) each other. The Pharisee's prayer was less acceptable to God because he trusted in his own prideful will and self-importance. The tax collector's prayer was very acceptable, because he threw himself completely at the mercy of God and was centred on God, while the Pharisee was centred on himself.

### HIGH HORSE

The proud Pharisee felt great about himself, at the expense of others, which is a sin. A sin is to disobey the Teachings of God. We are to be charitable in mind and tongue, to love and forgive. Remember; *There go I but for the grace of God.* If we find ourselves up on a high horse, let us come down and be one and equal with each other. Our time in Church is not a social gathering but a sacred time to communicate intimately with God. Fr. Brendan.