



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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### We pray for the Repose of the Soul of

**John O'Brien,  
Marie Collins, & Frank Ryan RIP**

### Last Sunday's Collections

First Collection €215

Share Collection €164

#### Parish Mass Times

10am Weekdays & Rosary  
12pm Saturdays & Rosary/ Adoration  
6pm Vigil, 10.30am & 12pm Sundays

#### Confessions

After Every Mass

#### Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays  
12.30pm—1pm Saturday

### Church will now remain open until

4pm Monday to Friday  
Saturday 11.30am to 7.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am to 2.00pm

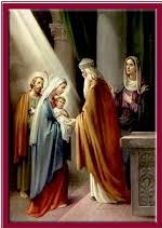


#### Feast of St. Brigid Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

St. Brigid is the Co Patron of Ireland and is often known as 'Muire na nGael'.



#### The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February



This feast is also called '**Candlemas Day**' because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon recognised Jesus as '*a light to reveal God to the nations*'.



#### Feast of St. Blaise Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**12pm Saturday Mass (Every Saturday)**

**Throats will be blessed after the 12.00 p.m. Mass.**



### WE MUST LISTEN

All of Jesus' work consists of teaching us God's Way and His Will with the intention of informing us of our path to Salvation through the forgiveness of sins. There are terms and conditions we need to be aware of if we are genuinely interested in booking a room in God's heavenly Mansion. This earthly life is full of tests and trials. Jesus speaks with authority - He says it like it is - opening our eyes to the Truth. He is God. We are soldiers of Christ living in a Spiritual Warfare on earth. We must listen to Him.

### SATAN

The big obstacle that will prevent us from entering heaven, surrendering to the Will of God now, and not confessing our sins, is the Devil. Many Catholics do not believe in Satan's existence, but he is featured in today's Gospel, as an unclean spirit, for a reason? Jesus is warning us of the devil's existence. Unclean spirits cause us to sin because of their basic resistance to holiness and obedience to God. They are fallen angry angels full of pride attempting to bring us down to their dark level of depravity.

### SIN

Sinning is when we insist on selfishly doing our own will and rejecting Jesus' teachings. We want to live this life our way - not God's Way. The Lord's prayer taught by Jesus clearly states; "Thy (God's), Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Heaven is ruled by God's divine Law and Will and He wants us now to adapt to them so we are prepared for what awaits us in Heaven.

### UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

Every Confession is a form of exorcism where God, the Father of Mercy, through the Priest, casts out all unclean spirits of sin in us. The unclean spirits come in many forms such as, pride, anger, impatience, lust, violence, selfishness, gossip, impurities of mind and body, uncharitable behaviour, surrendering to substance abuse, greed, laziness, self-importance, stubbornness to forgive and to love. We are called to confess them and in Confessions, God gives us the Grace to fight and conquer them - if we truly want to change and be healed. Jesus calls for our undivided attention to continue His teachings and warnings to His faithful. God bless, Fr Brendan.