



# 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.

Feast Day of the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple



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 should have been distributed by now. If you have not received yours 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.

Thursday 1st Nov  
All Saints Day  
A Holy Day of Obligation



Mass Times:  
10am & 6.30pm



Friday 2nd Nov  
All Souls Day

Mass Times:

9.30am, 10am & 6.30pm

### JESUS IS CALLING US TO JUMP-UP AND FOLLOW HIM TO HEAVEN

Today's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52) is a summary of our Christian's life and pilgrimage. On our own, like Bartimaeus, we become spiritually blind and poor because of our rejection to Jesus' Call. That call is a mission of love and to forgive those who betray us. A mission to make atonement (to make up to God) for our own sins and the sins of the whole world by praying for our neighbour and ourselves. This is our duty and mission to prepare ourselves and others for the Second Coming of Christ as Judge. Our prayers (sacrificing of our personal time) have the power to cause others to convert for the love of God. Our duty and salvation is to give Thanks to God every Sunday at Mass for the gift of life. The word Eucharist in English means; Thanksgiving.

### ROAD OF LIFE IS JESUS' WAY

We especially receive healing of our spiritual vision after encountering the presence of Jesus in Confessions. In that intimate moment with Jesus, hear Him say; **What do you want me to do for you?** And like Bartimaeus, simply say; **Have Pity (Mercy) on me Lord - give me the grace to see clearly again and walk with You.** This faith and trust in Divine Mercy saves us. When we are in a sinful state, we too are like Bartimaeus, sitting on the side of the road like a lost sheep.

### SPIRITUALLY DISABLED TO ENTER HEAVEN

That is all we need to say in Confession, if we find it difficult to go. The Bad Thief, on the cross at Calvary, stupidly rejected Confession while he was still alive, which would have spiritually restored his sight and led him to Heaven. It was a very bad judgement call on his part - let us not make the same mistake. To be unrepentant (showing no regret for sins) blinds our Way to the road to Heaven. The Good Thief, like Bartimaeus, grabbed the sacred opportunity given to him and entered into a Confession with Jesus on the Cross, by **simply repenting** (expressing regret), by acknowledging his state of sinfulness and was immediately forgiven and promised a place that day in Heaven forever. That simple.

### RELEASES US FROM ALL OUR GUILT

When we repent in Confession, we receive Absolution, which means, Jesus grants us pardon, releasing us **from all our guilt**, of all our sins regardless how bad they were. He also grants us Peace. The dirty cloak of sin that weighs us down is removed, enabling us to emerge from Confession completely **Sin-less** with our souls jumping for Joy and returning us on the right Path, as symbolised by Bartimaeus when he threw *off his cloak, and jumped up and went to Jesus.* Let us all throw off the Cloak of Sin and put on the Garment of Love, Mercy and Grace and not reject the opportunity to repent for our sins. God bless, Fr. Brendan.