



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

ROSARY PARISH PROCESSION SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2018

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

AFTER 11.30AM MASS



Next Sunday you are invited to join in with people from over 33 countries around the world who will gather on their coasts, borders and sacred places to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith on this the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. *Together we are calling on God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our wounded nations and return them to holiness. We will have our own procession around the Parish*

Last Sunday's Collections

First Collection €261

Share €198

FUND RAISING FOR SIDE CHAPEL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD

As a cost cutting exercise on electricity bills, we will use the side Chapel of St Agatha's for future 10am Weekly Daily Masses. Funerals will be held in the main Church as will weekend Masses. **The proposed work will begin this November** placing an adjustable Partition & Door, in the Archway & to carpet & paint area. Access will still be from the main Church. To finance this transformation, everybody is invited to make a donation & in return, the Names of your Loved ones will be placed on the walls of this Remembrance Memorial Chapel which already has the names of deceased past parishioners on the walls. Your support on this will be gratefully appreciated & pleasing to God. Thank you.

WITH YOUR HELP JESUS, I WILL NOT SIN AGAIN

Persistent sinning robs us of the spiritual life-giving gifts of the Holy Spirit, which leads us to Heaven. We should be afraid of sin. Jesus points-out how habitual sinning can sadly become part of our day to day living and warns us to cut sin out of our lives, if we intend going to Heaven. For example, if one uses their eye to view impure images, or lust after people, then Jesus instructs us to tear that eye out, as there is no place for a soul of impurity in Heaven. If we use our tongues to continuously take the holy name of Jesus in vain, or use it for gossiping or insulting others, then Jesus would recommend we cut it out too. **Jesus is not encouraging us to do physical harm to ourselves - what He is saying is to spiritually cut-off the habit of sinning in our lives or else there will be no place for us in Heaven.** Jesus acknowledges the existence of Hell in today's Gospel.

SAINTHOOD TRAINING BEGINS ON EARTH

Those persistent sins that continuously offend Jesus must be got rid of now. If a hand performs acts of violence, theft, cheating or impure actions, then Jesus is warning us again to cut-off these habits of sinning, especially when we may have integrated them into our daily way of living. Another example is to avoid people who may lead us into the occasion of sin, by watching where our feet bring us? We should walk in the Light, not in the Dark. Cut-off that pathway that leads to the ruination of the soul. Hell welcomes careless sinners but Heaven welcomes Saints or those striving now to be a Saint. The process of Sainthood Training begins now on earth, through self-discipline and obeying Jesus' Call NOT to sin. Remember Divine Mercy is always available in Confession, which cuts-off or dispels (banishes) sin, giving us a second chance to start anew again.

DIVINE JUSTICE IS REAL

St. James directs his writings to foolish people who rely solely on themselves to manage their earthly life. Worldly riches and sinful pride will not help us to get to Heaven. If we live by pride and arrogance, by refusing to surrender totally to God's Will, then our hearts have become impure and stubborn. We are called by Jesus to prepare ourselves, to get ready now, so we can be found not guilty of breaking God's Law on our Judgement Day, when the Scales of Divine Justice are exercised.

JESUS' VISION OF LIFE SHOULD BE OURS TOO

The truly wise person is the one who responds to Jesus' call to change one's lifestyle now, (repent), before it is too late. Our lifestyle and future plans must be in conformity with Jesus' vision of life. That means letting-go of totally controlling ourselves and letting Jesus take care of us. This takes a big leap of faith, but God, our heavenly Father, gave us unlimited faith in baptism for this purpose. Faith is our growing response to His call to trust Him, through Jesus, with our lives. If things happen beyond our control, always remember that Jesus is in total control. Trust Him, because He knows what He is doing. *Jesus I Trust in You* to get me to Heaven. He knows the Way. Let us ask Our Lady to give us a new grace everyday to resist sinning by leading us away from temptations and all forms of evil. God bless, Fr Brendan.