



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

3RD NOVEMBER 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

Parish pastoral council

Next meeting, Saturday 23rd November, at 12:30pm after 11am Mass, Eucharistic adoration, rosary and prayers. We thank Sr. Anne for her service, as she moves on to new pastures. This leaves a vacancy and if you feel you would like to be a member of the council or nominate another person, please feel free to elect a name for possible election. contact Fr Brendan 0879117575

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

DO WE BELIEVE IN THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE HOST?

Jesus said to Zacchaeus (Lk 19: 1-10), *come down and hurry*, because He wanted to stay in his house that day. Today, Jesus is asking us to come down from our high tree (pride) and open the doors of our soul, our house, where Jesus wants to enter NOW. Notice how Jesus tells Zacchaeus to HURRY. Jesus is asking us to hurry and don't delay in converting our soul and heart into a true home for Him. Jesus will gladly be our Host in Heaven someday, but we must first be a host to Him in our hearts and souls while on earth.

ENTER UNDER MY ROOF

Every time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we should not be distracted chatting to whoever is beside us, but enter into conversation with Him, who has come from Heaven to individually visit us in Mass. He has physically entered under our roof, and we acknowledge this when saying; *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.* This should be a Joyful moment for us.

HOST IS THE REAL PRESENCE

Do we see Jesus in the Eucharist, in the Sacred Living Bread? Do we believe that within the Host is hidden His beating Sacred Heart? His Real Presence on earth is in the guise of Holy Communion. He provides His whole Self, *given-up* for us, to become Spiritual Food, to keep our immortal souls spiritually alive. Faith reveals Jesus to us in His Eucharistic Risen Bodily Form. He told us this at the Last Super, while miraculously holding His Eucharistic Self/Body. *This is My Body.* Do we believe Him? He's miraculously transformed Himself for our good. Are we willing to transform our lives allowing His Presence to transform us?

WE HAVE TO REPENT

Zacchaeus was a rich man, which represents pride, but he found Salvation when in the presence of Jesus. Pride is the cause for our un-willingness to give up possessions and share them with the poor. Jesus shares everything of Himself with the poor (us), as He has no pride. Zacchaeus voluntarily pledged to give half of his possessions away and to make restitution to anyone who he had cheated. This is a true conversion and a powerful act of Repentance. If we make an effort, like Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see and seek Jesus, He will not ignore us. The Presence of Jesus moved him. Are our hearts moved by Jesus?

WE HAVE TO STOP SINNING

The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.. Jesus comes to be a Shepherd to lost sheep - to the spiritually sick. The hardened heart, the rich, the poor, the murderer, the thief and the rejected are all part of the lost flock, but with faith, nothing is impossible and conversion excludes no one. Faith brings Jesus into the home of our soul - even to the worst sinner on earth. He never gives-up on any of us. Jesus urgently summons us to stop sinning, so we become who we have received in Holy Communion: Love. God bless, Fr. Brendan