



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

4TH NOVEMBER 2018

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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

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

Miscarriage Association of Irl.

Annual Service of Remembrance

Sunday 11th November 2018 at 3pm
St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue,
off South Circular Road Dublin 8.

All parents, siblings, grandparents & others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

National Collection for WMOF 2018

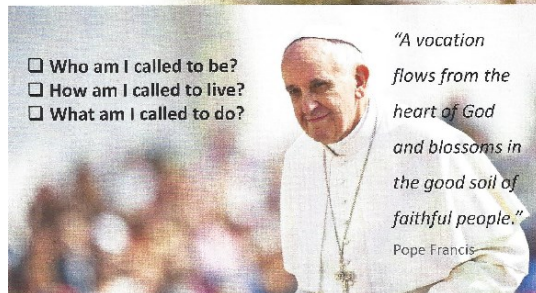
The Archbishop would be very grateful for your support in promoting this collection which will replace the Share collection next weekend the 10th & 11th November.

Come & See!

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO BE A PRIEST

23 & 24 November

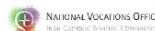
NO ORDINARY LIFE:
EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD



- Who am I called to be?
- How am I called to live?
- What am I called to do?

"A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people."
Pope Francis

Venue: Mt St. Anne's - Cost €30
From Fri 23rd @ 6pm to 4pm on Sat. 24th Nov 2018
Price includes accommodation and meals.



For further information, please email info@vocations.ie or your local priest

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LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

In today's Gospel (Mk 12:28-34) a Scribe asked; *Which is the first of all the Commandments?* Jesus said we must only have one God and are commanded to love Him with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. He also instructs us to love our neighbour as ourself. In answering a question about which is the most important commandment, Jesus gives two commandments by teaching us they are both inseparable because one cannot be exercised without the other.

THE SPIRIT OF THE GOSPEL

We cannot say we love God and then refuse to love our neighbour or be continually fighting with each other. Stubbornness is the tool of the Devil. Jesus clarifies the meaning of neighbour which is to include every single person we encounter in life regardless if they are family or not especially the stranger. The Scribe is very pleased with the answer Jesus gives and expresses full agreement. *In that case*, Jesus replies, *you are not far from the Kingdom of God*. This means that the Scribe has understood the Spirit of the Gospel and doing his best to live by its Teachings which he total agrees with no exceptions. Do we?

SEAT OF DESIRE

The Spirit of the Gospel is unconditional love and mercy while promoting the value of Life and the Sacraments. We must never forget Jesus (God) emptied Himself out becoming a Suffering Servant for our sakes to bring us **Knowledge of Salvation** because without Him we would be lost. If we truly love God with all our heart, then our heart must become the **Seat of His Will** and become obedient to all of His Teachings. Our immortal ever-living soul must become the **Seat of Desire**. This is a desire to convert daily and serve God by fulfilling our Vocational Call to become Saints now. We should desire daily to go to Heaven which will focus the direction of our mind and earthly life which is a Pilgrimage. This enables our mind to become the **Seat of Understanding**, learning to show compassionate love, tolerance and forgiveness towards each other.

SEAT OF WISDOM

The strength Jesus is referring to is our spiritual strength and if exercised daily in the spiritual **Gym of Prayer**, it will bring us spiritual maturity, wisdom, courage, faithfulness, holiness, fortitude in suffering, and a respectful fear of God, who will judge us at our own Resurrection in the next life. These are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Lets unpack these gifts and begin to use them! Our Lady became the **Seat of Wisdom** allowing God to take full possession of her Immaculate Heart, soul mind and body.

THE CHOICE IS OURS NOW

Today, Jesus is asking us to exercise our temporary earthly gift of Free-Will by replacing it with the permanence of God's-Will, *as it is in Heaven*. To make our choice now and not live a double life of hypocrisy but to renew our commitment to live by this double commandment to Love God and Neighbour as One. Our hearts, minds and souls should not always be preoccupied with earthly worries and anxieties but with heavenly thoughts and desires. Our Homeland and that of our families is not here on earth but in Heaven. Let's focus for the sake of each other. Practicing (Catholic) will make us perfect! God bless, Fr Brendan.