



# PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

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### OPENING HYMN

### SWEET HEART OF JESUS

Sweet Heart of Jesus! Fount of love and mercy,  
Today we come thy blessings to implore;  
Oh touch our hearts so cold and so ungrateful,  
And make them Lord, thine own for evermore.

*Sweet Heart of Jesus! We implore,  
Oh, make us love thee, more and more.*

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION THE BELL OF THE ANGELUS

The Bells of the Angelus, Are calling to pray  
With sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave

Chorus: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

### RECESSIONAL HYMN HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wanderer here below,  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

### Invitation from the Lord Mayor

The Rt Honourable Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring invites the parishioners of St Agatha's Church to a 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 18th August in the Mansion House with refreshments provided after Mass.

All are welcome

***Please give you name to Maureen (Parish Secretary) if you wish to attend***

### FUND RAISING FOR SIDE CHAPEL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD

From next Winter, 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 proposal is to professionally fit 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.

### CREED OF BELIEF

In today's Gospel, the same 5000 people and more, have sought and found Jesus again. He says they have come not to acknowledge the miraculous signs but simply to be fed with more earthly bread again. We must remind ourselves that we are made up of two bodies: our human body and our spiritual body. Both must be fed and nourished. Our human body (for some), requires daily breakfast, morning tea break and biscuits, lunch, afternoon tea and snacks, dinner and possibly another snack before bedtime. That is food that nourishes the body. Did you ever ask yourself; what do I feed my spiritual body with everyday? Morning Prayer? Mass every Sunday? 12pm Angelus? Rosary? Chaplet of Divine Mercy? Visiting a Church? Daily Mass, if able? 6pm Angelus? Night Prayer? Or Nothing? It is not wise to starve our soul!

### LIVE BY DIVINE LAW

Jesus reminds us that we should not focus or just work for earthly food that goes bad, but work for spiritual Food, that Jesus gives us, that will endure for Eternal Life. The crowd asked Him how can they carry out God's work? He simply says; *you must believe in the One (Jesus), the Father has sent*. In other words, we must BELIEVE in His Teachings and Commandments, which are the Divine Laws ruling Heaven. So we must begin living by them now: if we truly want to live in Heaven. Makes sense: right?! We must follow Jesus on His terms and not our own terms. We must live by God's standards. St. Paul asks us not to be *empty-headed* in this.

### BELIEVE

*Sir, they said, give us that Bread always. We cry out the same request when we pray the Our Father; Give us this day our daily Bread. Jesus answered them: I am the Bread of Life. No one who comes to Me will ever hunger; no one who BELIEVES in me will ever thirst. If we are found worthy to enter Heaven, through our obedience to Jesus' teachings, then we will NEVER hunger or thirst for anything again, in our eternal lifetime. Let us learn to listen to Jesus in every Mass and learn the Truth. Put aside our selfish-ways allowing the Spirit to renew our minds, and transforming us into the *New Man* of Truth, living by God's principles. God sees His Son (the *New Man*) in everyone, including all women, hence the Bible uses the pronoun; *Him*, a lot, not because women are excluded but because *Him* refers to the *New Man*, who is Jesus, who God's sees dwelling in you! Can we see Him in each other too?*

### WHAT IS BELIEF?

Believing involves a total and unconditional commitment of our whole self to Jesus, to the Gospel of Truth, and the Vision of Life that He proposes. Let us begin to BELIEVE in earnest and APPRECIATE fully what God' hands us every time we receive His Son in Mass, in Holy Communion. His Love, Mercy, Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity, Wisdom, Law and Spirit, all concealed and hidden in the Host. We receive Him as dead objects if we are not aware of the Gift given. He pours Himself out and commits Himself completely for us. This is our Creed: *I BELIEVE* in the Presence of Jesus in the *Living Bread*. God bless, Fr Brendan.