



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA (& THE HOLY SOULS)

8TH SEPTEMBER 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

3PM TODAY SUNDAY

PARISH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In conjunction with East Wall Parish, St Agatha's & Salesians Priests, a 3.00pm Service, administering the Sacrament of Anointing with Holy Oils (no Mass) will be held TODAY, SUNDAY 8th September in St. Joseph's Church, Eastwall.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY
You are the human source of this generation. Thank you and God bless you all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!
Sunday takes precedent over Feastsdays, Weddings, Funerals, as we celebrate Resurrection



**KNOCK SATURDAY,
14th SEPTEMBER 2019
VINCENTIAN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE**

COACH TO KNOCK BASILICA

**LEAVING FROM ST AGATHA
(& THE HOLY SOUL'S) CHURCH,
North William Street**

AT 7.15 AM

**STOPPING ON THE WAY FOR COM-
FORT BREAK, COFFEE/TEA & SCONES**

**CHARGE PER PERSON €25.00
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ON
BOOKING €10.00**

**WELCOME AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN US PLEASE GIVE YOUR
NAME TO SR. NUALA 087 6822182**

DISCIPLESHIP IS SERIOUS 'BUSINESS' TO JESUS

In today's Gospel (Lk 14:25-33), Jesus is addressing great crowds (us). In the 1st Reading, Divine Wisdom teaches us to put God our Creator first and foremost in our hearts, even before our families. It is wise to have a fear of God, who will Judge us someday, and not to enter into a spiritual war with Him now, while here on earth, because we won't win. Sue for peace with Him now. Eternal Life is granted on His terms and not ours. His Will.

NEW FAMILY IN CHRIST

To be a disciple of Jesus is to belong to a new family (from baptism,) a family with stronger ties than flesh and blood. It is a family which is bound in love and obedience to God as Father, to Jesus as Brother and to live in the Spirit of surrender to God's Will. It is the Christian Family that brings new order to our priorities and loyalties in life. It is a family that puts God even before our father, mother, wife, husband, children, brothers, sisters and even our own selves. St. Paul teaches us this today. Jesus gave all up for us

NOT TO IDOLISE EACH OTHER

Some parents and grandparents idolise members of their family, putting their love for them before love for God, who is our Creator. To keep a false peace, they have no problem facilitating family members, who may be living in sin. They are gambling with eternity for themselves and their family members. We all have a duty to educate (help) those who live contrary to the Way of Jesus, by carrying the Cross of Truth.

HATE IS A STRONG WORD

This is what Jesus means when He says to challenge family members, when they reject Him. He expects us to defend Him, especially in the home with our loved ones. To show how serious He is, He uses the word *Hate*, which is figuratively speaking, for the purpose of bringing to our attention the non-negotiable importance of putting Jesus first in our lives.. Today, He is saying, to facilitate family members, whose lifestyle offends Him, is to show contempt (disrespect) and a hatred for Jesus. To sue for peace is to come to our senses and go to meet the King (Jesus) in the Sacrament of Confession, before He comes to bring us out of this world. God is All Powerful (like the twenty thousand army).

TOWER OF STRENGTH

To build a tower, one would sit down to ensure that sufficient finances are in place to finish it fully. To be a true follower of Jesus, we must sit down and count the cost of discipleship. We must not run out of faith, as we need it to finish our mission on earth, with the help of Jesus, who is our spiritual Tower of Strength. To complete our faith journey properly, we are asked to give-up our possessions, meaning to give-up our freewill to God's Will.

LEARN FROM JESUS

Discipleship is not possible, if we do not learn from Jesus. Yes, we will experience the rejection He experienced, even from family members (Judas), which is a Cross He carried. Jesus' terms for Peace are gracious, but we, as His disciples must acknowledge that He is the source and summit of our life, in this world and the World to come, and His Way is the only Way to get into Heaven, which is all our Mission. God bless, Fr. Brendan