Announcements _____

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APOLOGETICS FOR YOUNG ADULTS It meets EVERY SUNDAY after 10am Mass. except when monthly communitv lunch is held.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

It mees EVERY SUNDAY between 9am and 10:50am. Please let Fr Leung know if you are interested for enrolment.

BLESSING OF THOATS will be given **TODAY** after both Masses.

PARISH TALK

Fr Leung will give an update regarding the apostolate TODAY after the 8am Mass at the church and after 10am Mass in the school hall. If you are regular parishioners and interested to know, you are most welcome.

NEW TO THE LATIN MASS?

If you are new to the Latin Mass, and would like to know more about the Mass, Fr Boyce is going to have a discussion session at the next community lunch which is held TODAY after the 10am Mass, at the school hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LATIN GRAMMAR CLASS

For Beginners—

It meets EVERY SATURDAY between 10:30AM and 11:30AM.

For Proficients—(reading)

Currently it is on holiday, date of resumption will be announced soon.

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First collection: \$ 2181.8 Second collection: \$ 1676.5 Building fund: \$ 250 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SATURDAY CLASS **Topic: Spiritual Theology** It meets EVERY SATURDAY between 10:30-11:30am Next Topic: Two nights of the soul

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS It meets EVERY THURSDAY between 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

Next Chapters: 34-36 **Topic: The Passion & Resurrection** People who are discerning to become Catholic or hoping to review their Catechism are most welcome!

LEGION OF MARY It will meet EVERY MONDAY at 6:30pm. Visitors are welcome!



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4th February 2024 Sexagesima Sunday

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION
Mon, 5 Feb	St Agatha	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Tue, 6 Feb	St Titus	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Wed, 7 Feb	St Romuald	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Thu, 8 Feb	St John of Matha	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Fri, 9 Feb	St Cyril of Alexandria	Garran. 6:30PM (Low) fol- lowed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:15PM <u>.</u>
Sat, 10 Feb	St Scholastica	Garran. 8AM (Rosary) 9AM (Low)
Sun, 11 Feb	Quinqagesima Sunday	Garran—8AM (Low) 10AM (Sung)



SAINT OF THE WEEK St Agatha (Feast day: 5th Feb)

Saint Agatha was born in Sicily of rich and noble parents, a child of benediction from the first, for she was promised to her parents before her birth, and consecrated from her earliest infancy to God. In the midst of dangers and temptations she served Christ in purity of body and soul, and she died for love of chastity. Quintanus, who governed Sicily under the Emperor Decius, had heard the rumor of her beauty and wealth, and he made the laws against the Christians a pretext for summoning her from Palermo to Catania, where he was at the time. O Jesus Christ! she cried, as she set out on this dreaded journey, all that I am is Thine; preserve me against the tyrant.

And Our Lord did indeed preserve one who had given herself so utterly to Him. He kept her pure and undefiled while she was imprisoned for a whole month under charge of an

evil woman. He gave her strength to reply to the offer of her life and safety, if she would but consent to sacrifice to the gods, Christ alone is my salvation! When Quintanus turned from passion to cruelty, and cut off her breasts, Our Lord sent the Prince of the Apostles to heal her. She told the elderly gentleman who appeared to her that she was Christian and desired no treatment, for her Lord could cure her by a single word. He smiled, identified himself as Saint Peter, and said: It is in His name that you will be healed. And when he disappeared, she saw that her wounds were healed and her flesh made whole. But when she was rolled naked upon potsherds, she asked that her torments might be ended. Her Lord heard her prayer and took her to Himself.

Saint Agatha gave herself without reserve to Jesus Christ; she followed Him in virginal purity, and then depended upon Him for protection. And to this day Christ has shown His tender regard for the very body of Saint Agatha. Again and again, during the eruptions of Mount Etna, the people of Catania have exposed her veil for public veneration, and found safety by this means. In modern times, on opening the tomb in which her body lies waiting for the resurrection, they beheld the skin still entire, and experienced the sweet fragrance which issued from this temple of the Holy Ghost.

Reflection. Purity is a gift of God: we can gain it and preserve it only by care and diligence in avoiding all that may prove an incentive to sin.