

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

## Parish Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021



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The Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy is published on all notice boards in the Church, and copies of the document are available to read in the Parish Office. For further information please see [www.csps.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.csps.dublindiocese.ie)

**In accordance with Government and Archdiocese guidelines, public Masses will return to Three Patrons from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with an attendance of 50 people**

**The following is the schedule:**

**(Please note change of time on Sunday to 12.15pm Mass)**

**Sunday 10.00am; 12.15pm; 6.00pm**

**Monday to Friday: 7.30am**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am**

**Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm**

These Masses will be available to view on the webcam at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie).

**We ask everyone who visits the church to wear a face covering, and to practise hand sanitising and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health**

### **Beechwood Parish**

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

**Sunday (as Gaeilge): 9.00am; 11am**

**Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am**

**Webcam: [Beechwoodparish.com](http://Beechwoodparish.com)**

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

On Tuesday last, Josepha Madigan, a minister of state in the government, spoke with courage about the scourge of sexual abuse and her own experience as a victim.

While there is much to be concerned about in Irish society, especially the challenge of affordable housing, we have certainly made progress in pulling out of the dark recesses of silence and shame, the evil of sexual abuse. The safety of children and vulnerable adults requires continuous vigilance.

Perhaps it was a coincidence that minister Madigan spoke on the day we, as Catholics, commemorate a victim of child sexual abuse murdered in 1902?

Just south of Rome along the coast lies the town of Nettuno. It is very close to the beach at Anzio, where the Allies landed in 1944, to liberate Italy from Hitler and the Fascists. Beneath the altar in the church at Nettuno in a glass sarcophagus, you can see the body of the martyr and virgin Maria Goretti.

Maria was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 7 children. Owing to extreme poverty, her family moved to a village near Anzio. In order to make ends meet, her father entered into a business partnership with a Mr Serenelli, and shared a house with him and his 2 sons, one of whom was called Alessandro.

Maria's father died when she was 10 years old. Maria impressed everyone as a kind, helpful, naturally pious child.

Alessandro Serenelli set his evil attention on this young girl. She narrowly managed to escape a serious sexual assault, which he made her keep secret by means of threats of murder.

A month later, he arranged things so that he would be alone in the house with Maria. When she resisted, he attacked her and stabbed her 14 times. She was still alive when found and was taken by horse and cart to a hospital 10 kms away. She was operated on and survived just 24 hours, during which she received the last Sacrament, forgave her killer and died on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1902.

Allesandro was arrested and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He was defiant and unrepentant for 7 years, but then repented.

In 1927 Maria Goretti was declared Blessed. At Christmas 1938, Maria's mother and Allesandro received Holy Communion side by side.

Maria Goretti was declared a saint in 1950, with her mother present in Saint Peter's Basilica. Her killer, having spent the last years of his life in a Capuchin monastery died in 1970.

Through the intercession of Saint Maria Goretti, let us pray for an end to the sexual abuse of children, and resolve to work for a culture that respects every person, and affirms the dignity of the human body, the temple of the Holy Spirit.

## Collections on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**First Collection** €721  
**Second Collection (Peter's Pence)** €648

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month. If you would like to contribute during the current lockdown, please use the envelopes at the back of the church, the **DONATE** button at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie), or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility at the back of the church. *Thank you*

## Congratulations!

to

**Katie Fanagan and Robert Smith**



Who celebrated their wedding in Three Patrons on Friday.

*May peace, love, and joy, always enrich their marriage*

We welcome  
**Patricia McCambridge Crossan**  
who was baptised in Three Patrons last  
week

May her parents and family  
find joy in the love, growth, and holiness  
of their child



We extend our sincere sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
**Nora Gentile**  
whose funeral took place  
in Three Patrons on Friday  
May she rest in peace.



## MASS TIMES

As and from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021,  
**12 noon Mass will be celebrated at 12:15pm.**  
Please make a note of this important time  
change.

## Summer Dues 2021

Summer Dues envelopes are available in the church and may be placed in the safe at the back of the church beside the Pieta shrine. You may also use the **DONATE** button the website: [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie)

We thank you for your continued support of your priests and parish

## MASS CARDS

are available in the parish office  
9.30am-12.00pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri,  
or in the sacristy after Mass