

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

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

In accordance with Government and Archdiocese guidelines, there will be no public Masses in Three Patrons until further notice.

The church will remain open for private prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 10.30am - 7.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday 10.30 – 5.00pm

Sunday 11.00am to 7.00pm

Mass will be celebrated at the following times:

Sunday: 10.30am

Monday, Wednesday Friday, Saturday: 10.00am

Tuesday and Thursday: 5.30pm

These Masses will be available to view on the parish webcam at rathgarparish.ie

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am;

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

Webcam: Beechwoodparish.com

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

Pope Francis's introduction to his Encyclical

3rd October 2020

"FRATELLI TUTTI" - With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother "as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him". In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.

The time is always right to do what is right

Michael Commane

At this stage the world is well aware of the phrase Black Lives Matter. And we also know its genesis.

It's a cry from the oppressed, a clarion call from those who feel subjugated, betrayed and marginalised.

And for those of us who are privileged it's difficult to know what it must be like to be at the receiving end of injustice and brutality.

In my conversations over the years with people who feel the world is against them they will often see the Garda Síochána as their enemy. I know a number of gardaí, have taught the children of gardaí, including senior members.

And the vast majority of my encounters with gardaí have been positive.

On one or two occasions I have been unimpressed.

On Thursday evening I was cycling towards pedestrian traffic lights in Rathmines. Wrongly, I was about to go through a red light when I suddenly saw a Garda car stopped at the lights on the other side of the road. I braked suddenly. The garda in the car saw me and stared over at me. Ok, I was about to do wrong but I felt his stare was threatening. I got brazen and stared him back in a provocative manner. The stares continued. The garda was getting more and more aggressive and I was reciprocating. And then a young good-looking woman cycles up beside me and stops. I tell her what's happening. She looks over at the garda. What happens? His face is transformed and he's all smiles to the young woman. The lights turn green and all three of us are on our way. I'm wondering had it been the young woman who was about to crash the lights would he have given her such a threatening look. I don't know but I can imagine not.

It really was a great parable for me. It dawned on me in the clearest of ways what it must be like for people who feel second-class citizens. Many poorer people, especially young poor people, have a far greater chance of feeling hard-done by the Garda.

What must it be like when they hear of tycoons involved in crime being handed-down derisory sentences and they get done for stealing a bicycle wheel.

I'm not making excuses for anyone involved in wrongdoing but the face of that garda in the car has set me thinking about all that surrounds crime and punishment.

Martin Luther King Jr's comment makes great sense: 'The time is always right to do what is right'.

Collections on 4th October 2020

First Collection €225

Second Collection €185

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, or the **DONATE** button at rathgarparish.ie. *Thank you*

World Mission Sunday 18th October.

World Mission Sunday is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and Churches for marginalised communities and missionaries in our church family in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

It provides missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future and it is vital for us to generously support this special collection as the pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries but also these crises will remain thereafter.

How to donate: ● The Mission Sunday collection will replace the 2nd collection next Sunday; ● there are envelopes at the back of the church into which you can place your offering, and put the envelope into the safe beside the Pieta statue; ● to donate online, please go to: www.wmi.ie/mission; ● call Fiona on: 01 497 2035; or ● to lodge directly: **IBAN: IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36; BIC: BOFIE2D; A/c: Society for the Propagation of the Faith.**

Gianna Care provides compassionate, life-affirming, and confidential care during pregnancy. If you would like further information, please see notices at the back of the Church or call 086 0293727

Shine a Light for Homelessness Focus Ireland invites you to take part in this year's 'Shine A Light Night' which will take place on **Friday 16 October**. You are asked to give one night to shine a light on homelessness and raise funds to help Focus Ireland's vital services. It's easy to get involved: You can safely sleep out in your gardens, living rooms or socially distanced at an organised sleep out in solidarity with Ireland's homeless community. **For further information,** please visit shinealight.focusireland.ie

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers who are free on weekdays and who could commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus only drivers under the age of 70 years are permitted.