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The parish Child Safeguarding and Protection representatives may be contacted through the parish office.

#### Mass times in Three Patrons Rathgar

Sunday 10.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm

Monday to Friday 7.30am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am

Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm

You may access our parish webcam at

<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/the-church-of-the-3-patrons>

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from  
6pm to 7pm Monday to Saturday.

#### Mass Times in Church of the Holy Name

- Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am
- Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday 9.00am (as Gaeilge), 11.00am
- Holy Days 10.00am
- First Friday of each month 10.00am

Please use <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-holy-name> to access Beechwood webcam link.

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from  
10.30am to 11.30am every Tuesday.

Parishes of Three Patrons, Rathgar and Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue.

#### 33 Day PREPARATION AND CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH : OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2021

In this special year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis, as a saint for uncertain times, we begin a 33 day time of preparation on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You are invited to pray the special prayer each of the 33 days. Just as a diamond has many facets, each day we will reflect on some aspect of the life of Joseph.

Tradition tells us that Jesus lived for just 33 years until his crucifixion. Each year was another step on the way to glory. The 33day "Camino" or "Way" we begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> can deepen our discipleship of Jesus Christ.

The word "Joseph" is derived from the word "increase". Individually, and as a parish over the 33 days we open our lives to the call to increase in holiness.

We ask the Holy Spirit to assist us in seeing what is tarnished or of sin in our reality. By Confession and absolution our sin is taken from us. Once that is done there is a new space to cultivate the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. One can say that the weeds are cleared away, and new seeds of faith, hope and love can take root. Individually and as a parish we can experience a new vitality and joy. The 33 DAY PREPARATION will end with an act of consecration to saint Joseph and 40 Hours exposition and adoration of Christ Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A time of grace is approaching; a time of renewal, let it embrace you.

Fr Paul

#### Important Notice for parents regarding First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates

##### First Holy Communion

Saturday 16th October at 2pm—class of 2020 (children now in 4th class)

Sunday 17th October at 2pm—class of 2021 (children now in 3rd class)

##### Confirmation

Tuesday 9th November at 7pm—class of 2020 (children now in 2nd year)

Wednesday 10th November at 7pm—class of 2021 (children now in 1st year)

Please contact Fr Paul at 01 4971058 if you have any queries. We very much look forward to welcoming the children and their families to the church over the next few weeks!

With the easing of restrictions over the last week we are delighted that congregations can increase in the church to 50% capacity. We ask that you remain vigilant, wear masks and maintain social distance while in the church in order to protect the health and welfare of all who come into the church.

#### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The annual diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The theme for this year's event is "Safeguarding in a pandemic".

*I assure my prayers for the people of the United States of America who have been hit by a strong hurricane in recent days. May the Lord receive the souls of the deceased and sustain those suffering from this calamity.*



#### CROSSCARE COLLECTION

The annual collection for Crosscare will take place at all  
Masses next weekend—18th and 19th September.



This year, more than ever, in the face of uncertainty and insecurity intensified for so many by the pandemic, people and families who are homeless and in need continue to rely on Crosscare for shelter, food, help and support.

We ask for your generous support for this most important collection next weekend.

#### Season of Creation 2021 : Pope Francis on Caring for our Common Home

*We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. The Earth, our home, is beginning to look like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. Never have we hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years.*

*We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us.*

*The infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the Earth's goods and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit.*

*Yet, all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start.*