

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

Three Patrons

Sunday: **8.45am**; 10.30am; 12 noon; 5.30pm.

Monday to Friday 7.30am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am

Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; **10.45am.**

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

We encourage 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.

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

(for the Season of Creation 1st Sept – 4th Oct 2020)

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your
tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen
glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to
do what is good.
Praise be to you!

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and
money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance
the weak, and care for this world in which we
live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice,
peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen

(from Laudato Si).

The evil of anonymity is the oxygen of Qanon

Michael Commane

Media coverage of QAnon is gaining attention in Ireland. Over the last few months many European and US media outlets have been writing and talking about QAnon.

QAnon first appeared in 2017 with postings written by a far-right individual on the anonymous imageboard 4chan. It quickly transformed into a group of 'secret' or 'hidden' people who spread outrageous conspiracy theories. One such theory is that well-known famous actors and senior US Democratic politicians are members of a child sex trafficking ring. Among its arch-enemies are Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and George Soros.

QAnon sees Donald Trump as the only person who can save the world from impending disaster. But these days QAnon is not just a right-wing group. It appeals to many people who are disgruntled with established political parties, organisations and institutions. It has as its target elites, whom it believes have the full backing of the media.

Yes, it all sounds bizarre, but guess what, millions of people around the world are listening to QAnon.

Experts in social behaviour, who are currently studying the phenomenon, say that QAnon has traces of a religious cult about it.

It all sounds beyond crazy. A central tenet of QAnon is anonymity, which is an evil.

Anonymity is a plague and raises its ugly head right across all sectors of society. And one of the places where you might not expect to see it is within the churches. Unfortunately, it is well embedded within the churches. Church postbags contain sizeable numbers of anonymous letters.

In 2018 retired papal nuncio to Washington, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vignano called on Pope Francis to resign. The letter caused a furore at the time and rumours began to circulate. In June this year Trump proudly tweeted that he received a letter from Vignano warning him against certain people, including those within the church who were pushing for a new atheistic world-order. Vignano talks about a deep state and a deep church. That is exactly the same language that QAnon peddles.

The Covid-19 pandemic has played perfectly into the hands of QAnon. It is constantly hinting that the pandemic is all the work of the elites.

QAnon manages to feed on people's fears. It spreads evil and crazy rumours. That QAnon can gain such traction certainly says something about the times in which we are living.

English author Terry Pratchett's words are well worth keeping in mind: 'A lie can run around the world before the truth has got its boots on'.

Collections on 6th September 2020

First Collection €809

Second Collection €343

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

We extend our sincere
sympathy
to the families and friends
of
**Terry Roberts and
Roma O'Connell**
whose funerals took place
in
Three Patrons this week.



CONFIRMATION 2020

We are delighted to confirm that the long awaited Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of the Parish will be held on Saturday the 26th September. There will be two Services at 11.30am and 12.30pm. Parents of Confirmation children will be contacted with further details. The Confirmation Services will be restricted to Confirmation Candidates and their families only.

FAMILY MASS

As many of you will be aware, the Family Mass normally resumes after the Summer break on the first Sunday in September. And even though we have all been looking forward to having families return, unfortunately the current restrictions affect every aspect of the Family Mass, as we know it. It will be impossible to have Altar Servers, children processing, the Childrens' Choir, multiple children reading, or refreshments afterwards. **For this reason we have decided to defer the resumption of the Family Mass to a later date.** We will monitor the re-opening of the schools over the next few weeks, and we will also try to connect with many of the parents/guardians to find a way for the Family Mass to go forward. In the meantime, if anyone would like to give their input, thoughts, ideas or worries please contact our Pastoral Worker Jackie Hearne at 087 7422653. *Please note that the 10.30am Mass will continue in the same format as the last few weeks.*

Parish Pastoral Council Would you like to become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)?

The PPC identifies the needs of the parish community and involves the whole parish in response to those needs. It meets once a month in St Patrick's Hall.

If you think you would be interested, please contact the parish office at office@rathgarparish.ie, and we will be in touch with you. No previous experience is necessary, but an interest in the pastoral life of the parish is essential.

Jackie Ryan, the chair of the PPC will speak at all Masses on Sunday 20th September about the role of the PPC.

Thank you, The Parish Pastoral Council