

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

14th February 2021

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Celebrating
Saint Valentine

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 in Three Patrons at the following times:

Sunday: 10.00am
Monday, Wednesday Friday, Saturday: 10.00am
Tuesday and Thursday: 5.30pm

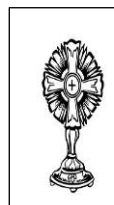
These Masses will be available to view on the parish webcam at rathgarparish.ie

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.

Stay safe and well everybody

Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
Monday – Saturday
6.00pm – 7.00pm



From the Pastor's Desk.....

Next week we begin the season of Lent. Our heads are marked with ashes and we hear the words 'turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel'.

Aware, that 'dust we are and unto dust we will return', we are invited to lay hold of the gift of time. Lent is a privileged time. We are invited to allow the Holy Spirit to change us for the better. It is not about 'giving up things' but growing in love of God and others. Of course, changing direction is a giving up of one pathway but not the goal. The goal is a deeper awareness of our belonging to God and to one another in the unfolding creation.

Through prayer in its many forms, we let God embrace us.

Through positive action, like diverting some of our money to help Trocaire, we make a real difference to the lives of others.

It is a folly and an illusion for any of us to think of ourselves as perfect. Each of us is a work in progress. We should be like a good gardener who rejoices in the flowers while keeping an attentive eye for weeds.

Pope Francis, in his recent book 'Let us Dream' says that 'INDIFFERENCE is a great danger'. Indifference, he says, armour plates the soul, hardens the heart and drains us of vitality. Pope Francis says 'God is never indifferent. The essence of God is mercy, which is not just seeing and being moved, but responding with action'.

If by Easter, there is less of the expression 'who gives a --- ! (in Italian 'che me ne frega' or in Spanish 'y a me que')? a quite significant shift will have taken place and some change for the better will have begun. Let us be part of it!

Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence for us as Catholics. No meat or meat products should be eaten. Ashes in small purple envelopes will be blessed at 10.00am Mass and can be collected from baskets in the church afterwards.

If you would like to have ashes delivered to your home, please phone Jackie on 087 7422653

How to apply the blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Take a tiny drop of water, mix it with the ash, then pray:

'Lord Jesus, in the water of baptism we became a new creation and received the Holy Spirit. As we mark our foreheads with these ashes may I turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Amen'.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on webcam each Friday at 3pm during Lent.

Collections on 7th February 2021

First Collection €915

Second Collection €550

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, or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility mentioned below. *Thank you*

Tap and Pay Facility

We have now installed two 'Tap and Pay' machines at the back of the church.

These will allow non-cash donations to be made to the Archdiocese; 60% of your donation will go towards the priests of the Diocese, and 40% will go to Share.

Thank you all for your continued generosity during these difficult days.

Accord Collection on 14th February 2021

The annual **ACCORD** collection will take place today **Sunday 14th February 2021.**

This year you can donate in one of the following ways:

Online: with **DONATE** button at www.accorddublin.ie

By post: Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

Many thanks for your continued support

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church, and will be gathered on Good Friday and forwarded to Trocaire.

Covid 19 and Church 21

The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU invites all adult churchgoers in Ireland to take part in their new survey Covid19 & Church 21. It aims to gather information on how churchgoing and faith have been impacted by the pandemic and to find out more about the different online and socially distanced services that have taken place during the varying restrictions. Your input is much appreciated. All adults, lay, clergy, and religious are invited to participate in this confidential study. Please see: [Covid-19&Church-21](#), or bernadettesweetman@dcu.ie

Annual Trócaire Lecture

"Caring for the Human Family and our Common Home"

Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle will deliver the keynote address

Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 6.30pm

Registration for this free online event is required at:

https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLnu0_aLSYSONMPEi3AYpg