

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

15th November 2020

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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.csp.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.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Ní imithe uainn atá siad, ach imithe romhainn.

They are not gone from us, but gone before us.

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.

We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness.

We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief.

Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

What's happening to the church garden on Leicester Ave?

Many of you will have noticed that landscape gardeners have rotovated the grassed areas under the trees and have levelled the area with top soil.

This is the first stage in the development of a biodiversity garden which has been made possible by generous funding from our parish resources.

The idea of developing a biodiversity garden (often referred to as a pollinator garden) was put forward by the parish Laudato Si Group which was originally formed to read and reflect on Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si', which catalogues the environmental damage being done to the planet including the loss of biodiversity. The encyclical is an exhortation to all people of the world to take action to protect "our common home".

The biodiversity garden is a community response to this call for action. Information on the Laudato Si group including other environmental and spiritual initiatives undertaken by the group will be posted to the parish website in the near future.

THE PLAN

We would like to plant as many flowers, plants and shrubs as possible during the current planting season. The key criterion is that all plants must be recognised pollinators. For information on pollinators see the All Ireland Pollinator Plan <https://pollinators.ie/>

In Ireland, we have one type of managed honey bee and 98 types of wild bee species all of which are vulnerable. We have a wonderful opportunity with this space to attract our precious and beautiful pollinators, and you can help this community project in three ways:

1. Advice

If you have any knowledge of plants and/or planting in general, we would be delighted to hear from you. We have opened an email address: pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com to facilitate communication.

2. Plants

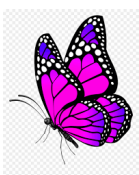
Should you be thinning or dividing plants or would like to donate spare plants you have now or later, please let us know and we will make arrangements for collection.

The following are among the plants regarded as good pollinators (and with low maintenance requirements): Heathers, Hellebores, Verbena, Salvia, Comfey, Stachys, Pulmonaria, Wallflower, Aster, Catmint, Thyme, Rudbeckia, Oregano and Lavender.

3. Financial contributions

As you know plants are expensive, and if you would like to help by making a contribution to the development of the garden, please place your donation in the envelopes marked 'Biodiversity Garden' available at the back of the church, and drop into the safe beside the Pieta shrine.

All contributions will be very much appreciated.



Collections on 8th November 2020

First Collection €550

Second Collection €280

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*

Society of St Vincent de Paul, Rathgar

As you are probably aware, the St Vincent de Paul monthly collection has not taken place since March, and we are hoping to have a fundraising campaign over the next few weeks to help increase the income for their busy Christmas period ahead. There will be envelopes at the back of the church which you can put into the safe beside the Pieta shrine, and we also have a St Vincent de Paul donation facility on the 'DONATE' button at: rathgarparish.ie. Your continued generosity at this time is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Teacher for First Communion Programme 2021

We wish to employ a teacher to teach the First Communion Programme to 8-year-olds. The position would ideally suit a retired teacher or a current Mater Dei student. We have two small classes at the moment and the commitment would be for approximately two hours a week. During the current restrictions, the classes will take place in St Patrick's Hall on Leicester Avenue, which will have hand sanitising facilities, and will provide good ventilation and plenty of room for social distancing.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact our Pastoral Worker, Jackie Hearne at 087 7422653 for further information.

Young Church Dublin has started a connected group for Young Adults (20's-30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday from 8.00-9.00pm, and have time for catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and time in prayer together. This group provides an opportunity to connect with other young adults in a community of faith, and if you would like to join us, please email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

ALONE is a member of the NPHET Covid-19 Subgroup for Vulnerable People and is managing a national support line for older people with concerns regarding the Coronavirus and COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.