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#### 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.

#### Crosscare Annual Collection at all Masses this weekend.

The impact of the global pandemic continues to effect those working with people in need, as demand on essential services increased dramatically in 2020 and funding decreased. Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, is this week appealing to people to contribute to their annual collection to ensure all services can be maintained in the coming months. Crosscare provides accommodation and support to homeless families and individuals, food services - through its community foodbanks and cafés - youth services throughout Dublin and Wicklow and support for migrants, refugees and emigrants.

When the Covid crisis began at the start of last year, Crosscare services were stretched to capacity. The charity provided 100 extra beds for homeless people to protect them in good quality accommodation with their own rooms to ensure social distancing and safety. That service remains open at present as the pandemic continues. Demand for food in Crosscare community cafés and community foodbanks has remained high. For the first time some families, who previously did not need support before, turned to Crosscare for help in 2020.

Throughout last year:

- \* 750 people (individuals, couples and families) stayed in Crosscare Homeless Services;
- \* 3,000 people who were homeless or at risk of losing their home were helped by their Information and Advocacy teams;
- \* Thousands of children and young people were supported through Crosscare Youth Services, Teen Counselling and Drug and Alcohol Programmes;
- \* Over 60,000 support phone calls were made to elderly and isolated people;
- \* 9,500 people from 122 countries sought help from Crosscare's Refugees and Migrant support service.

This week, Archbishop Dermot Farrell said, "In 2021, more than ever, as families face greater uncertainty and insecurity intensified by the pandemic, people who are homeless and in need continue to rely on Crosscare for shelter, food, help and support. Crosscare's work with young people at risk in our communities has continued and flourished amid the challenges of lockdown and related impact on the mental health and stability of teenagers and young adults. Every day, people in need of support are welcomed by Crosscare in a spirit of respect, dignity and love. All who work in Crosscare take their work and responsibilities very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal."

Crosscare's CEO, Conor Hickey said, "2021 is proving to be another challenging year as demand on our services increases. Sadly, the Covid crisis particularly affects the most vulnerable. I cannot stress enough how much our services depend on the funds raised through this collection to help our homeless, community and youth services as well as our supports for migrants and refugees." Mr Hickey paid tribute to Crosscare staff and volunteers who continue to adapt to the incredible challenges brought about by the pandemic, and who ensure that, each day, those most in need are treated with love, respect and kindness.

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

##### First Holy Communion

Saturday 9th 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!

#### 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".

We ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of the late Carol O'Riordan whose funeral took place here this week. We offer our sympathy to her bereaved family. May she rest in peace.  
May all our faithful departed rest in peace.

With the easing of restrictions 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.

#### Season of Creation

In common with many Christians throughout the world, we are marking the "Season of Creation" which runs from 1 September until 3 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. During this time, we celebrate the joy, beauty and diversity of nature and its fruitfulness as we move towards harvest time.

Act of love for the Season of Creation

*Every day the earth receives an amount of solar energy equal to thirty years of world fossil fuel energy use. Turn off lights and unplug appliances not in use. Appliances on stand-by can use up to 20% of the electricity used when they are turned on.*



At this time in human history, we are mindful that the survival of our planet and the well-being of humanity is threatened. Let us pray that UN Agreements to reduce global warming and to care for the poor will be honoured by governments throughout the world. Give courage to world leaders as they meet in the coming months to make crucial decisions for our common home.