

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

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**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](http://rathgarparish.ie)

### **Beechwood Parish**

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am;  
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

**Webcam: [Beechwoodparish.com](http://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.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with your gifts, look down upon all the souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of your loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfil their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold you face to face in your glory. May they soon be united with you and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home:

***“Come, blessed of My Father,  
take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”***

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# A time to talk and a time to listen

Michael Commane

On October 11, 1962, the Second Vatican Council was formally opened by Pope John XXIII. It lasted three years and was closed by Pope Paul VI on December 8, 1965. The Vatican Council was summoned to address the relationship between the Catholic Church and the modern world.

It attempted to heal divisions and make the Word of God and those who serve it more accessible and more real for all people of goodwill.

During the council meetings and in the years immediately succeeding it an atmosphere of hope and enthusiasm was evident. It had many offshoots, including liberation theology, especially in the Latin American church.

In a Gospel we read on Sunday, October 4, Matthew (22: 1 - 14) tells the story of a king who throws a banquet for his son's wedding. What happens? No one wants to come to it and one of those who eventually arrives is dressed in a disrespectful way. What seems a great occasion, an event that turns all eyes to the future, ends up in turmoil and disarray.

Is that simply the way of the world? Is it the state that we find ourselves in right now?

The Vatican Council tried to lift the church by its bootstraps into the modern world. It was an attempt at dusting down old tawdry habits and restoring the Word of God into the exciting and compelling message that it originally contained. As always happens, some mistakes were made.

But just like what's happening right across the world, it seems right now that the church is in a tired place. This affords great opportunities to fanatical views of all shapes and sizes. Battalions of people have walked away. In the developed world, a significant number of fine young priests left ministry in the 1970s and '80s, men who would have much wisdom to offer the church as priests today.

Listening to the rhetoric of Donald Trump and his followers, his call to make America great again, his refusal to disassociate himself from far-right white supremacist groups and how he appeals to evangelical and conservative Christians, I keep thinking that the world seems to be tired and there's no one about who will genuinely carry the baton of the aspirations of the Vatican Council.

We sorely need a guiding star to bring us back to what the Vatican Council was attempting to do, a conversation between the church and the world. Pope Francis is trying to get that process going.

We need to start talking to each other in love and truth, and listening too to each other.

## Collections on 25th October 2020

**First Collection €475**

**Second Collection €165**

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](http://rathgarparish.ie). *Thank you*

We welcome  
**Millie Dunne**  
**Frankie Haskins**  
**Toby Lalor**

who were baptised in  
Three Patrons during  
last week  
May their parents and  
families find joy in the  
love, growth, and holiness  
of their children



We extend our sincere sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
**Philomena Griffin**  
whose funeral took place in  
Three Patrons last week.



**First Friday in November. There will be no Divine Mercy celebrations this First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Bethany Remembrance Mass

Our annual Mass in remembrance of all deceased parishioners will be celebrated on  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 10.30am,**  
on the parish webcam.

Candles will be placed on the altar in the name of all parishioners whose funerals took place in Three Patrons, and also a candle to remember all our families and friends who died during the year. We will have a remembrance tree at the back of the church, and you can write the name of your loved ones on the leaves provided, during the week before the Remembrance Mass.

**The November Altar List of the Dead** is one of the many ways in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends, and join our intentions in the Masses the priests offer for the repose of their souls. Please feel welcome to complete a list of your own and drop it in one of the special envelopes provided at the back of the church into the safe anytime during this month.