

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.csp.s.dublindiocese.ie

Act of Consecration to St Joseph

I consecrate myself to you, good St Joseph, as my spiritual father.

I choose you to rule my soul and to teach me the interior life,
the life hidden away with Jesus, Mary, and yourself.

Above all, I want to imitate the humble silence with which
you shrouded Jesus and Mary.

For me everything lies in that – self-abnegation like our Lord in his
hidden life, making the world forget me by my silence and my practice of virtue.

I consecrate myself to you as my guide and model in all my duties,
so that I may learn to fulfil them with meekness and humility,
with meekness toward my brethren, my neighbour, and all with whom I come in contact;
with humility toward myself and simplicity before God.



I choose you, good saint, as my counsellor, my confidant, my protector in all my difficulties and trials.

I do not ask to be spared crosses and sufferings, but only from self-love
which might take away their value by making me vain about them.

I choose you as my protector. Be my father as you were the father of the Holy Family in Nazareth.
Be my guide; be my protector.

I do not ask for temporal goods, greatness, or power.

I ask only that I serve you with Mary, my mother, and never shall I separate her name from yours.

O Jesus, give me Joseph for a father as you have given me Mary as a mother.

Fill me with devotion, confidence, and filial love. Listen to my prayer. I know that you will.

Already I feel more devout, more full of hope and confidence
in good St Joseph, your foster father and my spiritual father. Amen

Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila when she could not take part in Mass because of her travels

My Jesus, really present in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar,
since I cannot now receive you under the Sacramental veil,
I ask You, with a heart full of love and longing,
to come spiritually into my soul
and abide with me forever.

Amen



Being respectful in the time of Covid-19

Michael Commane

It was good news to see St Patrick's Day pass off relatively quietly.

May I make a suggestion? We stop criticising all those who are right now trying to get us through this pandemic.

I'm greatly impressed with what is being done to protect us from Covid-19.

Of course mistakes are made, some people will drop the ball but there is a genuine combined effort to rid us of the scourge of this virus that is raging now for a year.

Government and Nphet with all their skills and expertise instil a sense of hope and security.

The HSE's CEO, Paul Reid appears to be a genuine leader, a manager who brings his team with him. Our frontline workers are saving lives and they deserve our support and respect. While the situation is much improved since January and February nurses, doctors, cleaners, cooks, maintenance staff and all their teams are still working in extraordinary circumstances to save lives. Can you imagine what it must be like to do extremely heavy work, wearing all that PPE gear for extended periods of time. And then they go home, exhausted, to their families, where they have to turn around and do more work.

If ever the expression you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't had resonance it surely has to be now.

It's time we stopped the criticism. Remember, there is a great resilience about us. Look at our history and see how we have overcome great suffering and difficulty and come out the other side stronger and better.

Instead of criticising wouldn't it make far more sense if we put our energy into keeping an eye out for the weak and vulnerable.

The majority of people, are putting their shoulder to the wheel and playing an integral role in banishing this plague.

Our bins are being collected, our grocery shops are open, our mail is being delivered, public transport is running and that's all because of the dedication of those who do the work. And do it with a smile.

It is inspirational to see how an emergency brings out the best in most people. Why is it so easy to miss the extraordinary people? This pandemic certainly has brought them into the limelight. We need to keep them there.

And what can one say about those who have flouted the rules during these terrible times? Not much. We'll be victorious without them.

Roll on the vaccine.

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



Collections on 14th March 2021

First Collection €295

Second Collection €190

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 at the back of the church. *Thank you*

The Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter

will be shared between the parishes of
Three Patrons and Beechwood
and will be available on the webcams at
rathgarparish.ie and beechwoodparish.com

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	<u>Three Patrons</u>	<u>Beechwood</u>
Sat 27th March	10.00am	Vigil 5.30pm
Palm Sunday	10.00am; 6.00pm	9.00am; 10.45am
Mon 29th March	10.00am	Service of Reconciliation 7.00pm
Tues 30th March	5.30pm	10.00am
Wed 31st March	10.00am	
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm	
Good Friday	Way of the Cross 12noon Stations of the Cross 6.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil 9.00pm	
Easter Sunday	10.00am; 12noon; 6.00pm.	9.00am; 10.45am
Easter Monday	10.00am	

Lenten discussion on 'Fratelli Tutti'

Would you like to join an afternoon discussion via webcam with Fr Paul on 'Fratelli Tutti', Pope Francis's encyclical?

Mondays during Lent from 4pm to 5pm?

Copies of 'Fratelli Tutti' are available in the church or you can access it on the Vatican website. Please contact the parish office at **01 4972215** or office@rathgarparish.ie for the link.

New Webcam Provider.

Three Patrons is using a new provider for the webcam. It can still be accessed through the parish website at rathgarparish.ie; or at churchmedia.tv by entering 'Three Patrons' or by scrolling down to the picture of Three Patrons. If anyone has any queries or needs help, please contact Jackie Hearne at 087 7422653