

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.dublindiocese.ie

Three Patrons

Sunday: 10.30am; 12 noon; **5.30pm.**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am
Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; **10.45am.**
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

We encourage 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.

Words of Pope Francis

The Lord served us to the point of experiencing the most painful situations of those who love: betrayal and abandonment. Jesus suffered betrayal by the disciple who sold him and by the disciple who denied him...We can think of all the small or great betrayals that we have suffered in life. It is terrible to discover that a firmly-placed trust has been betrayed. From deep within our heart a disappointment surges up that can even make life seem meaningless. This happens because we were born to be loved and to love, and the most painful thing is to be betrayed by someone who promised to be loyal and close to us.

We cannot even imagine how painful it was for God who is love...Jesus had suffered the abandonment of his own, who had fled. But the Father remained for him...Why did all this take place? Once again, it was done for our sake, to serve us.

Jesus experienced total abandonment in a situation he had never before experienced in order to be one with us in everything.

Homily 5th April 2020

7.30am Daily Mass

**We are happy to announce the return of our
7.30am daily Mass
Monday to Friday
starting on Monday 31st August 2020**

From the Pastor's Desk

Since the arrival of the Covid-19 virus, surveys say that there has been a large increase in the numbers of people reporting symptoms of anxiety, depression and poor quality sleep. One in four people have experienced distressing effects.

One could say that 'the rug has been pulled out from under us' ; projects, plans, priorities and predictable parameters of all kinds have collapsed. Faith and hope for the future have taken a battering.

Angelo Roncalli, John XXIII, who was Pope from 1958 to 1963 and is recognized now as a saint, said that when going to bed at night he would say to the Lord 'I am off to sleep, it's your church, look after it'.

Like Peter in today's Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) we too can become stable, secure, strong and rock-like, if we confess Jesus to be the Messiah, the Son of God. In faith, we let Jesus Christ hold us. Prayer is the awareness of being held in the warm embrace of divine love.

I wonder how many of us are just clutching at the straws of the various strategies to exit the present crisis, while neglecting to hold up in prayer our pain and anxiety? Prayer is a little bit like running up the sail on a yacht. It opens up possibilities. Each of us should pray daily that the Covid crisis will be overcome. Strengthening our spirit in prayer and applying the wisdom of science will bring a good result.

Perhaps it is all summed up in the old Danish proverb '*In a storm, pray and keep on rowing*'.

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Recent Collections

	First	Second
2 nd August	€607	€239
9 th August	€536	€294
15 th August	€255	none
16 th August	€1080	€521

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

Messenger Magazine in September The 'Places of Worship' article in September's issue of the 'Messenger' features Three Patrons Church, in a comprehensive review of its history, its architecture and its place in the Rathgar community.

DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies – (Scholarships Available) Are you interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time, flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a number of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at www.dcu.ie/dc300, or contact Brad Anderson (brad.anderson@dcu.ie)

Donate: Thank you for all your contributions to date, and your generosity to the parish and to the clergy is very much appreciated. If you would like to continue to contribute to the 1st collection and Share collection in this manner rather than bringing cash to Mass, you can set up these as recurring payments on the website. If you are having any difficulty with Easy Pay please click on the refresh button. Otherwise please contact the office and we will assist you. Contactless payments are a convenient and safe method of donation during this time.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 22nd, 26th & 30th August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a pilgrimage on the lough shore; walk in their footsteps. Contact 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org. Advance booking essential.