

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

## Parish Newsletter

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

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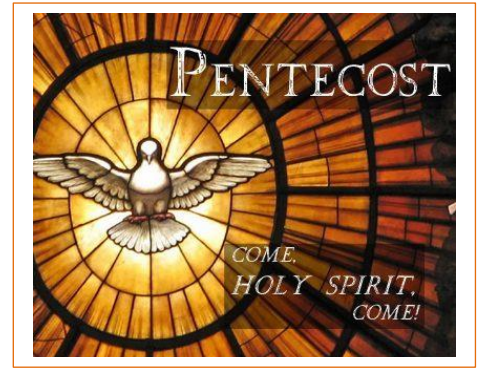
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The Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy is published on all notice boards in the Church and the Parish Centre, and copies of the document are available to read in the Parish Office and the Parish Centre. For further information please see [www.csps.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.csps.dublindiocese.ie)

**In accordance with Government and Archdiocese guidelines,  
public Masses will return to Three Patrons from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021,  
with an attendance of 50 people**

**The following is the schedule:**

**Sunday** 10.00am; 12noon; 6.00pm

**Monday to Friday:** 7.30am

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday** 10.00am

**Tuesday, Thursday:** 5.30pm

These Masses will be available to view on the webcam at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie).

**We ask everyone who visits the church to wear a face covering, and to practise hand  
sanitising and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health**

**Beechwood Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

**Sunday** (as Gaeilge): 9.00am; 11am

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am

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

Stay safe and well everyone

and

**WELCOME BACK !**

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today, on the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the Church. Without the gift of the Holy Spirit there would be no Christian church community.

The Pentecost event recounted in the 1st reading today, inaugurated a new era of self-understanding for the community of Christ's followers. From a lost, frightened and huddled group they were transformed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into a community that was empowered to encounter others and speak to them about 'God's deeds of power'.

Renewal and transformation have long been recognised as fundamental characteristics of the Holy Spirit. While not presented as 'person' in the Hebrew scriptures, ancient Israel understood the Spirit to be a divine power capable of transforming the human person and the world. In Genesis, it is the principal of order.

While Pentecost is a Christian feast, its roots lie deep in the feast of weeks, Shavuot (Leviticus 23), in the Jewish faith. It was a harvest festival celebrating the first fruits of the earth. As a church we are invited to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are the fruits that bring healing and build up a world that is damaged by the weeds of selfishness and lack of respect for creation and life in its diversity.

During the 6pm evening Mass this coming Sunday, you will hear the beautiful Benedictus of Michael Haydn's Mass. While only 50 can be present in the church, I invite you to join via the webcam.

The words are 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord'. Pause and reflect how in your own life the Spirit of God touches you through the many acts of care and kindness, of blessings mediated into your life through the deeds of others and all that is smile-producing.

### Regina Coeli

(replaces the *Angelus* from Holy Saturday to Pentecost)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. *Alleluia.*  
For He, whom thou was worthy to bear. *Alleluia.*  
Has risen as He promised. *Alleluia.*  
Pray for us to God. *Alleluia.*  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. *Alleluia.*  
Because the Lord is truly risen, *Alleluia.*

*Let us pray*

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life  
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen

## Collections on 16th May 2021

**First Collection** € 1605  
**Second Collection** € 515

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](http://rathgarparish.ie), or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility at the back of the church. *Thank you*

### Sherpas

Thank you once again to all our Sherpas who have volunteered their time and skill to ensure we all stay safe and well while attending Sunday Mass at Three Patrons -  
We really appreciate all you do for us.

### INTERDIOCESAN RETREAT ARDS FRIARY RETREAT CENTRE

We are pleased to advise that due to the easing of restrictions in June we are able to schedule the Interdiocesan Retreat this year from Sunday, 20th to Thursday, 24 June. Kindly let us know if you would like to join the retreat; you can call us at: 074 913 8909. It would be helpful to our catering staff if, at the time of booking, you could advise of any special dietary requirements that you may have.

### Survey of Parents of Recently-Baptised Children

Jessie Rogers (Dean of Theology, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) and Cora O'Farrell (Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, Dublin City University) are exploring ways of supporting young parents in the spiritual nurture of their children using *Godly Play* principles.

To begin, they are conducting a Baptism research project which seeks to hear the voices of parents/care-givers of recently baptised children (within the past two years).

The survey is the first phase of the project, and they hope to get some of those who fill in the survey to volunteer to take part in focus group interviews at a later stage. Ultimately they are looking to develop a programme or guidance to support young parents as they prepare for baptism and beyond, as their children journey through the early years. A key underpinning of the research is that it is informed and led by young parents themselves. Please email: [baptismproject@gmail.com](mailto:baptismproject@gmail.com) for further information

### Mass Cards

are available in the parish office  
9.30am-12.30pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri,  
or in the sacristy after Mass.

### AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information, and you can contact us on the web: <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services are available on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)