

# 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.

## 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.

Welcome back to everyone as we all rejoice in the return of our public Masses. On Sundays, our stewards will be on hand to help at the entrance, and to ensure as smooth a movement as possible before, during, and after Mass.

- Everyone is encouraged to wear face coverings in the church
- We will enter the church by the centre (glass) doors, and exit by the side (wooden) doors.
- Hand sanitisers will be placed by the centre aisle.
- A one-way system will mean everybody moves up the church by the centre aisle and down by the side aisles.
- The markings on each pew will show seating positions which maintain the 2m distance.
- Holy Communion will be distributed row-by-row from the front and from the crossover point; the stewards will be there to assist
- There will be no collection baskets, but instead there will be boxes at the rear of the church after Mass: (red) for the support of the priests of the diocese; and (blue) for the upkeep of the church.
- Toilet facilities will, unfortunately, not be available for the moment.
- When we reach our capacity, we will close the church doors, and place a notice outside.

At weekday Masses, we encourage everyone to wear a face covering, to observe social distancing at all times, and to occupy only the marked spaces in the pews.

We hope these plans will help us to renew our relationship with our parish and with each other, and ensure that we all continue to stay safe and well.

Fr Paul Taylor,PP *and*  
The Parish Pastoral Council

## Treat others as we would like them to treat us

Michael Commane

In the last month I have experienced hospital life from the vantage point of the patient.

In the first hospital I felt humiliated. It was a matter of protecting myself against bad behaviour. Whosever fault it was, I felt stupid and anxious for the entire six hours I spent in the hospital.

I left the place psychologically bruised, nervous too.

The moment I arrived in the Kerry hospital I was welcomed with open arms. During my 10-day stay I experienced nothing but kindness.

In the days leading up to the surgery of course I was a little nervous but those reactions and feelings were totally assuaged by the people in whose care I was. And that included everyone, those who made my bed, the surgeon, the anaesthetist, the nurses, those who brought my food, the cleaners, who always enjoyed a good sense of humour.

I've been looking back on the experience and thinking about how we all connect and disconnect with one another.

These days most companies and institutions have Human Relations departments. Over the years in the various places I have worked, it has often struck me that HR departments need to play a far more active role in making sure there is a good and healthy atmosphere across the organisation.

It's all in the name. The purpose of a HR department is to ensure good relationships among employees, and between employees and management. Far too often HR is seen exclusively as the department that hires and fires.

Might it be that HR departments are far too beholden to management, in which case, they lose the purpose for their being?

It's important that the individual is always treated with respect and decency. When we feel we are respected and treated in a correct and proper manner, it's then that we will perform at our best.

It has been interesting these last two weeks observing how we react to how other people deal with us and how they treat us. And most normal people behave accordingly and in proportion to how they feel they are being treated.

So much of our opinions and views of our life experiences, the places we've been, the jobs we have done, depend on our relationships with other people.

Invariably, we like a city or country because of the people we meet there.

St Matthew spells out the golden rule: "Always treat others as you would like them to treat you" (Matthew 7:12)

## Parish Schedule and Webcam

The Sunday dispensation is still in place, and Mass will be available via the webcam at: [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie).

The following is the schedule: (changes in **bold print**)

**Sunday** 10.30am; 12 noon; **5.30pm**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday** 10am

**Tuesday, Thursday** 5.30pm

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Mass in **Beechwood Avenue** is as follows:

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30pm

**Sunday** (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; **10.45am**

**Tuesday** 10.00am

**Thursday** 10.00am

We encourage everyone who visits the church to wear face coverings, and to practice hand sanitisation, and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health.

**Funerals** We extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of **Liobháin Meenan**, and **Matt Gilsenan**, whose funerals took place in Three Patrons this week. May they Rest in Peace

**Gianna Care** provides compassionate, life-affirming, and confidential care during pregnancy. If you would like further information, please see notices at the back of the Church or call 086 0293727

## Online Course in Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience

This course consists of 10 one-hour online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks delivered entirely online. From 10 - 21 August For further information: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/summer-school-2020-theology,-spirituality-and-religious-experience>

## New for September 2020: Part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies via Blended Learning

This one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Suitable for those with an undergraduate degree (or equivalent), in any discipline the course will run from September to May, with online lectures taking place on Wednesday evenings, complimented with self directed study. Closing date for applications: 14th August. For more information, please contact Barbara Mahon, Admissions & Marketing Officer, at [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie) or 017084772

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