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Mass times in Three Patrons Rathgar

Sunday 10.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Monday to Friday 7.30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am
Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm
You may access our parish webcam at
<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/the-church-of-the-3-patrons>

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 7pm Monday to Saturday.

Mass Times in Church of the Holy Name

- Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am
- Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday 9.00am (as Gaeilge), 11.00am
- Holy Days 10.00am
- First Friday of each month 10.00am

Please use <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-holy-name> to access Beechwood webcam link.

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 11.30am every Tuesday.

There will be Divine Mercy Devotions here next Friday evening 1st October from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.
There will Mass, Benediction, Chaplet and Blessing with first-hand relic of St Faustina.

Diocesan Safeguarding Day, 2021—Letter from Archbishop Farrell

Sunday, 26 September, is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. This year our focus is on safeguarding in a time of pandemic.

Our Safeguarding Day poster, which is available to download on www.csps.dublindiocese.ie draws attention to some of the ways we have tried to protect each other during this time: by observing social distancing guidelines; by wearing face masks; by caring for the poor as we see two people putting together hampers for distribution to poor families at Christmas. When we refer to safeguarding we think of the steps we take to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse. Our recent experiences of Covid-19 remind us that this is not something new or alien. The terminology may be different, but the activity of protecting the young and the vulnerable has always been central to who we are as a Christian community.

While the term 'vulnerable adult' has a particular meaning within our policies and guidelines, we have all learned a little bit more about what it means to be vulnerable during this time. We have been vulnerable to illness, to the loneliness that goes with social isolation, and to poverty as traditional sources of income dry up. We have experienced this at diocesan level through the very painful experience of letting go of some of our much loved and valued colleagues. We have had to make do with less. However, that opens up fresh challenges and opportunities as we learn to share with each other, across parishes and across dioceses, our time and our expertise in the work of safeguarding.

There have been some changes over the past year. Safeguarding training has been delivered via Zoom, though it is hoped that people will be able to attend training in person again sometime in 2022. The National Vetting Bureau have limited the number of roles for which vetting can be obtained. We, along with others who work with children and vulnerable persons, have appealed against what we consider an overly restrictive interpretation of the legislation. While we await the outcome of a review of the vetting legislation, we must not allow this to weaken our safeguarding practices. We need to explore other means to ensure that those who minister in our parishes do not represent a threat to the safety of children and vulnerable adults. All this is a reminder that there is never just one way of doing things. If one door is closed to us, we must open another.

Some things have changed, but others remain the same. In 2015, Pope Francis told us that: "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home". Our safeguarding practices may have to change to adapt to new circumstances. Our commitment to make the Church in Dublin a safe and secure home for children and vulnerable adults remains undiminished.

I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

+ Dermot Farrell

Acts of love for the Season Of Creation

- Switch off engine when idling where practical
- Switch off the rear screen demister when the window is clear
- When your sunroof is open fuel consumption rises
- Use air-conditioning sparingly as its use considerably increases fuel consumption.



33 Day PREPARATION AND CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH : OCTOBER 1ST TO NOVEMBER 2ND

In this special year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis, as a saint for uncertain times, we begin a 33 day time of preparation on October 1st. You are invited to pray the special prayer each of the 33 days. Just as a diamond has many facets, each day we will reflect on some aspect of the life of Joseph.

Tradition tells us that Jesus lived for just 33 years until his crucifixion. Each year was another step on the way to glory. The 33day "Camino" or "Way" we begin on October 1st can deepen our discipleship of Jesus Christ.

The word "Joseph" is derived from the word "increase". Individually, and as a parish over the 33 days we open our lives to the call to increase in holiness.

We ask the Holy Spirit to assist us in seeing what is tarnished or of sin in our reality. By Confession and absolution our sin is taken from us. Once that is done there is a new space to cultivate the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. One can say that the weeds are cleared away, and new seeds of faith, hope and love can take root. Individually and as a parish we can experience a new vitality and joy. The 33 DAY PREPARATION will end with an act of consecration to saint Joseph and 40 Hours exposition and adoration of Christ Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A time of grace is approaching; a time of renewal, let it embrace you. *Fr Paul*

Important Notice for parents regarding First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates

First Holy Communion

Saturday 9th October at 2pm—class of 2020 (children now in 4th class)

Sunday 17th October at 2pm—class of 2021 (children now in 3rd class)

A rehearsal will take place in the church in the week preceding the celebration.

Confirmation

Tuesday 9th November at 7pm—class of 2020 (children now in 2nd year)

Wednesday 10th November at 7pm—class of 2021 (children now in 1st year)

Please contact Fr Paul at 01 4971058 or Rathgar Parish Office at 089 4241185 if you have any queries. We very much look forward to welcoming the children and their families to the church over the next few weeks!

With the recent easing of restrictions we are delighted that congregations can increase in the church to 50% capacity. We ask that you remain vigilant, wear masks and maintain social distance while in the church in order to protect the health and welfare of all who come into the church.