

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

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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, there will be no public Masses in Three Patrons until further notice.**

**The church will remain open for private prayer**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 10.30am - 7.00pm**  
**Tuesday and Thursday 10.30 – 5.00pm**  
**Sunday 11.00am to 7.00pm**

Mass will be celebrated in Three Patrons at the following times:

**Sunday: 10.00am**  
**Monday, Wednesday Friday, Saturday: 10.00am**  
**Tuesday and Thursday: 5.30pm**

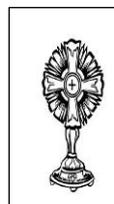
These Masses will be available to view on the parish webcam at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie)

**Beechwood Parish**  
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am;  
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.  
**Webcam: [Beechwoodparish.com](http://Beechwoodparish.com)**

**We ask 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.**

**Stay safe and well everybody**

Eucharistic Adoration  
takes place  
Monday – Saturday  
6.00pm – 7.00pm



## Excerpt from 'Fratelli Tutti' by Pope Francis

"The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement, even under the guise of defending certain values. Today, in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarization have become political tools. Employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways one denies the right of others to exist or to have an opinion. Their share of the truth and their values are rejected and, as a result, the life of society is impoverished and subjected to the hubris of the powerful. Political life no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people's lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others. In this craven exchange of charges and counter-charges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation"

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### "Hope for a small blue planet"

A talk by Fr. Brian Grogan SJ

Via Zoom

at 7.30pm Thursday 11th March



The Rathgar Parish Laudato Si Group is delighted to announce that Brian Grogan SJ has accepted an invitation to deliver a talk via Zoom. The title of the talk is 'Hope for a Small Blue Planet'. This is the sub-title of his recent book *Creation Walk*, (Messenger Publications) which tells, from a faith perspective, the story of our planet from its beginnings, and then asks about its future."

**Prior registration essential – email your request including your name to obtain the Zoom link to: [pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com](mailto:pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com)**

*Fr Brian Grogan is a former Director of the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in Manresa, Dublin and was President of Milltown Institute, where he was Associate Professor of Spirituality. is a well-known lecturer and speaker on theology and spirituality, his writings include Alone and on Foot--A Life of Ignatius; The Characteristics of Jesuit Education; To Grow in Love, and Making Good Decisions. His focus now is on the spirituality of Laudato Si, as in Finding God in a Leaf--The Mysticism of Laudato Si; and Creation Walk--The Amazing Story of a Small Blue Planet (Messenger Publications, Dublin). For more, see his web-site [www.lovingstisterearth.com](http://www.lovingstisterearth.com).*

### Year of St Joseph

In 'Patris Corde' ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a 'Year of Saint Joseph' from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

*There will be a Novena to St. Joseph here in Three Patrons from 11th March to 19th March.*

Copies of Patris Corde are available on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please feel free to bring a copy home.

## Collections on 21st February 2021

**First Collection €440**

**Second Collection €210**

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 mentioned below. *Thank you*

### First Friday Mass and Vigil

**First Friday** Divine Mercy Devotions will take place this First Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm (webcam only) to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil

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



### Trócaire Lenten Campaign

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

**Trócaire boxes** are available at the back of the church, and will be gathered on Good Friday and forwarded to Trocaire.

Our Organist, **David McConnell** recently marked sixty years since he took up his first position as church organist in the Second Church of Christ Scientist, Rathmines Park. He then served in Tullow Church, Carrickmines from 1962; Christ Church Leeson Park, 1965; Rathfarnham Parish 1977; Zion Church, Rathgar, 1997 and concurrently in Three Patrons since 2003. David describes his work as a church musician as one of the pillars of his life, and we in Three Patrons have been most fortunate in being the beneficiaries of his time and talent. We congratulate David, and wish him many more years of wonderful service in our midst.

### Lenten discussion on 'Fratelli Tutti'

Would you like to join an afternoon tea group with Fr Paul each Monday during Lent from 4pm to 5pm? Via Zoom we will meet and discuss our responses to reading one chapter of the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis 'Fratelli Tutti' (all brothers and sisters). Copies of Fratelli Tutti are available in the church or you can access it on the Vatican website. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be included