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Mass times in Three Patrons

Sunday 10.00am and 12.15pm

Monday 10.00am

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 10.00am

Saturday 10.00am

Please use <https://www.churchservices.tv/rathgar> to access our parish webcam link.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat — 10.30am to 11.30am.

Mon to Sat : 6pm to 7pm

Church Of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners

Rathmines

Sunday 9am , 11am and 6pm

Monday 10am

Tuesday 10am

Wednesday no mass

Thursday 10am

Friday 10am

Saturday 6pm

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Collections 22nd May 2022

1st Collection : Common Fund € 726

2nd Collection : Share € 483

Building Hope

The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

Rathmines & Rathgar Bethany Bereavement Support Service
(incl. Milltown & Ranelagh)

Bethany offers monthly listening sessions for those of you who have suffered a bereavement or other significant loss. Our service is confidential, non-judgmental and open to all who need to speak in a supportive setting. Our trained listeners are here to help.

Our June meetings will take place in:

Rathmines Parish Centre (to the left of the church entrance – please use intercom).

On: Wednesday, 1 June at 8.00 p.m.

Rathgar, St Patrick's Hall, access via rear of church (Leicester Avenue)

On: Tuesday, 21 June at 8.00 p.m.

This is a free service. For further information please phone: 087 2841276 (Siobhán) or 086 3602198 (Anne).

As the Apostles watched the physical departure of Christ, they must have been pretty well forced into the understanding that Christ, in person at least, had done all that he intended to do.

And that must have been, at first, a fairly disturbing idea: Because to all appearances, very little had been accomplished. Throughout his years with them, Christ had spoken in a promising, compelling way of a new heaven and a new earth, a world refreshed and purified for those who followed Christ faithfully.

Well, Christ was gone, and what was left was certainly nothing like a new paradise. To all appearances, the world was just about exactly as it was before Christ had come. If anything, for those who followed Christ openly, it was a good bit worse, as the first rumblings of long cruel persecutions could already be heard.

So certainly, the Apostles, the early Christians, had some reworking to do in their understanding of Christ and what he had come to bring into the world. The goal was still a new heaven and a new earth. But now they had to make room in their understanding for the fact that it was not going to come in a blaze of glory, or some earth-shaking display of power. Rather, it would come slowly, perhaps very slowly. The power that was to renew heaven and earth was not the dramatic, miraculous power of Christ raising the dead; rather, it would come about through their own patient, prolonged exercise of the very human power of faithfulness, endurance and self-sacrifice. Everything that they had expected Christ to do, He was now sending them to do.

And so, in an odd sort of way, it was not till Christ had seemingly at least left his people that they began to understand the true nature of his presence. Great things were yet to be done. The power of Christ would yet transform not just a handful of individuals but a whole world. They would see that begin to happen, they would begin to see Christ at work, when they could begin to look for Him in a totally new way.

From then on, the presence of Christ would be experienced by those who learned to look for Him, for the effects of His power, within themselves. Christ did not move out of the lives of his people: rather, He began to move literally into those lives as He still does this very day, so that now the skills, the talents, the virtues of ordinary human beings have become truly divine instruments, the means by which God's work in the world can be done. And so, we need to take Jesus' words to heart and ensure that we are focussed on preaching the Gospel, making Christ known, living His truth, and inviting people to experience the life of the Church.

The Ascension was not a departure ceremony but the beginning of a new way for the Apostles and for us to be part of Christ and His work.

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DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Devotions will take place on Friday 3rd June at 7pm to include Mass Benediction, chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina Devotions will be followed by vigil.