

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

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## Three Patrons

Sunday: 8.45am (from 6th Sept); 10.30am; 12 noon; 5.30pm.

**Monday to Friday 7.30am**

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.

**We encourage 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.**

## WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis opened his catechesis on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August by inviting the faithful to “welcome the gift of *hope* that comes from Christ”, especially during the pandemic, in which “many risk losing hope”.

The Pope explained that it is Christ who “helps us to navigate the tumultuous waters of sickness, death and injustice, which do not have the last word over our final destination.”

Continuing his catechesis on *Healing the World*, the Holy Father focused on the universal destination of goods and the virtue of hope.

Pope Francis went on to note that many social inequalities have been “highlighted and aggravated” by the pandemic. Many children are unable to continue receiving their education while many others instead can; some people are unable to continue their work from home, but many others can; and many nations cannot issue money to deal with the emergency without harming their financial future, while others can.

*“These symptoms of inequality reveal a social illness. It is a virus that comes from a sick economy...the result of unequal economic growth, which disregards fundamental human values.”*

## 7.30am Daily Mass and new Sunday Mass

We are happy to announce the return of our  
7.30am daily Mass Monday to Friday  
starting on

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 at 7.30am**  
and

**an additional 8.45am Mass on Sunday**  
starting on

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am**

## Never a good idea to be fulsome about anything

Michael Commane

In the days after the Oireachtas golf dinner in Clifden apologies were swirling around as if they were about to go out of fashion.

I'm always amused with public apologies.

Maybe I have a cynical way of thinking about things but I'm forever asking myself would there be any public apologies if those making them had not been caught?

Is this another instance of the 11th Commandment: thou shalt not get caught?

On the Sunday after the golf dinner Phil Hogan made a second apology and in that apology he said: 'I thus offer this fulsome and profound apology, at this difficult time for all people, as the world as a whole combats Covid-19'.

Ouch, I wonder does Phil know exactly what the word 'fulsome' means.

Mr Hogan has now resigned from his job.

I was told by an insider that he had been a top-class commissioner and had done trojan work in the area of agriculture in Africa.

Language is interesting and can prove great fun at times.

I still have a dictionary, which was my mother's.

It's The Concise Oxford Dictionary, printed in 1964. The first edition was published in 1911 and my mother's was the fifth edition.

Under the word 'fulsome' is the following meaning: 'Cloying, excessive, disgusting by excess, (of flattery, servility, exaggerated affection).

According to the 1964 Oxford definition of the word it seems to mean the complete opposite to the meaning intended by Phil Hogan.

Some days earlier the Taoiseach Micheál Martin used the word when he was interviewed on RTE's Six One News by Catriona Perry. He also used it in a way similar to that of Phil Hogan.

The Collins English Dictionary gives two meanings for the word. The first meaning: 'Excessive or insincere, esp. in an offensive or distasteful way.' The second meaning: 'Not standard. Extremely complimentary'.

That leaves it all so ambiguous. Every time I hear the word being used I ask myself who actually has changed the meaning of the word?

I'm wondering how the legal people would deal with the meaning of this word? Take it a step further, who decides on the meaning of words. And let's go another step, who decides on anything?

In the past the theologians and bishops had a lot to say on matters of faith and morals, and other topics too.

Maybe the lesson of the day is that we should never be fulsome in our praise of anyone, whichever meaning the word has.

## Collections on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

**First Collection** €799

**Second Collection** €381

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

We welcome  
**Ella Gardiner**  
**Aoibheann O'Brien**  
**Cillian and Kate Cusack**  
**Eliza and Ruthie Martin**  
**Rocco MacNamara**



who were baptised in Three Patrons  
during this week

May their parents and  
families find joy in the love, growth,  
and holiness of their children

**First Friday** Divine Mercy Devotions will take place this First Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil.

### **FAMILY MASS**

As many of you will be aware, the Family Mass normally resumes after the Summer break on the first Sunday in September. And even though we have all been looking forward to having families return, unfortunately the current restrictions affect every aspect of the Family Mass, as we know it. It will be impossible to have Altar Servers, children processing, the Childrens' Choir, multiple children reading, or refreshments afterwards. **For this reason we have decided to defer the resumption of the Family Mass to a later date.** We intend to monitor the re-opening of the schools closely over the next couple of weeks, and we will also try to touch base with many of the parents/guardians to find a way for the Family Mass to go forward.

**Donate:** Thank you for all your contributions to date, and your generosity to the parish and to the clergy is very much appreciated. If you would like to continue to contribute to the 1st collection and Share collection in this manner rather than bringing cash to Mass, you can set up these as recurring payments on the website. If you are having any difficulty with Easy Pay please click on the refresh button. Otherwise please contact the office and we will assist you. Contactless payments are a convenient and safe method of donation during this time.

**Volunteers** We were unable to have our recruitment drive in March as planned, but if any parishioner feels they would like to help with the *Parish Finance Committee*, or with the *Money Counting on Monday morning*, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Caroline at 01 4972215 for more details.