

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

31st January 2021

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*Beannachtai
na Féile Bríde*

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

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

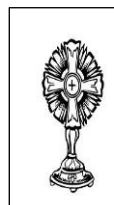
These Masses will be available to view on the parish webcam at rathgarparish.ie

Beechwood Parish
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am;
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.
Webcam: 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



From the Pastor's desk.....

On the 8th December 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 the 'Year of St Joseph' for the Catholic Church. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as the 'Patron of the Universal Church'.

In a beautiful and inspiring short letter called *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as "the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father" (No 7) who quietly unobtrusively watched over Jesus and cared for Mary.

On various visits to the Holy Land, I have often reflected on the fact that the body of Saint Joseph lies in an unknown and unmarked grave somewhere in Nazareth. Does that not speak in itself of the humility of Joseph?

The recent 'Report into the Mother and Baby Homes' reminds us all of how hardness-of-heart in Church, State, and society at large, led to gross ill-treatment, neglect, and suffering for thousands of young mothers and children. While we cannot undo the past, let us learn from it.

Pope Francis notes that: "the Evil One makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light and tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us." (No 2).

All of us are called to live with tenderness. As Saint Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (4.32).

Tenderness is required, not only in our interpersonal relationships, but in the way we care for our damaged planet and other species of life.

In this year of Saint Joseph, may the Holy Spirit help each of us to live with greater tenderness.

I will leave copies of the Pope's apostolic letter *Patris Corde* in the church, and you can also read it on the Vatican website: www.vatican.va.

The Holy Father ends his letter with this prayer to Saint Joseph:

Holy Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Virgin Mary
To you, God entrusted his only Son;
In you, Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became a man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil.
Amen

Collections on 24th January 2021

First Collection €455
Second Collection €260

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, or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility mentioned below. *Thank you*

Tap and Pay Facility

We have now installed two 'Tap and Pay' machines at the back of the church.

These will allow non-cash donations to be made to the Archdiocese; 60% of your donation will go towards the priests of the Diocese, and 40% will go to Share.

Thank you all for your continued generosity during these difficult days.

Fr Paul

We extend our sincere
sympathy
to the family and friends
of
Angela O'Toole
whose funeral took place
in **Three Patrons**
on **Tuesday**.
May she rest in peace



First Friday Divine Mercy Devotions will take place this First Friday 5th February (on webcam only) at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil

Installation of Dermot Farrell as Archbishop of Dublin

will take place on
Tuesday 2 February 2021
in **St. Mary's Pro Cathedral at 10.30.**

The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Farrell, and he will be joined by **Archbishop Diarmuid Martin** and His Excellency **Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo**, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. Due to public health restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, this will not be a public Mass. However, you are invited to participate in the Mass which will be livestreamed on the cathedral webcam **Watch & Listen Live** [\[Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)\]](http://Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie))