

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> January 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 from Christmas Day 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**

Extract from the message of  
His Holiness Pope Francis for the  
54th World Day of Prayer for Peace on 1 January 2021.

### A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

1. At the dawn of a new year, I extend cordial greetings to Heads of State and Government, leaders of International Organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. To all I offer my best wishes that the coming year will enable humanity to advance on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.

The year 2020 was marked by the massive Covid-19 health crisis, which became a global phenomenon cutting across boundaries, aggravating deeply interrelated crises like those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, and causing great suffering and hardship.

I think especially of all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs. I think too of physicians and nurses, pharmacists, researchers, volunteers, chaplains and the personnel of hospitals and healthcare centres. They have made, and are continuing to make, great sacrifices to be present to the sick, to alleviate their sufferings and to save their lives; indeed, many of them have died in the process.

In paying tribute to them, I renew my appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.[1]

9. *There can be no peace without a culture of care*

The *culture of care* thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance.

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the “rudder” of human dignity and the “compass” of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course.

As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance.

May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way;[26] instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, “to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”. [27]



*We wish you all  
a very happy  
and healthy  
New Year*

### Collections on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**First Collection** €1,691

**Second Collection** €856

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, or the **DONATE** button at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie). *Thank you*

### New Archbishop of Dublin

We extend a very warm welcome to the Most Reverend Dr Dermot Farrell who has been appointed by Pope Francis to be Archbishop of Dublin.

Archbishop-elect Farrell replaces the Most Reverend Archbishop Diarmuid Martin whose request for retirement has been accepted by the Pontiff and is effective from 29<sup>th</sup> December.

In his letter to the people of the Archdiocese on Tuesday, the Archbishop said:

*“I know that my successor will receive the full support of the priests and people of this Diocese. I wish him well and pray that the Lord will bless him with good health and strong pastoral vision to lead the Catholic community in what will be challenging times.*

*Finally, I ask you to keep me in your affection and in your prayers”.*

We wish Archbishop Diarmuid long years of health, happiness, and joy in his retirement.

### Thank You

We would like to say a huge thanks to all who helped with the preparations for the Christmas ceremonies: to the flower team for the beautiful altar; to the sacristy team; to the altar servers; to the musicians and singers; to all who donated Poinsettias to decorate the altar; and of course, to our ‘Sherpas’, all of whom gave so generously of their time to keep us safe and well.

**Christmas Dues envelopes** are available on the tables in the entrance area for those who did not receive any in the post. Dues are for the support of the priests of the parish and the sick and retired priests of the diocese. As some of the retired priests are now being cared for in nursing homes it is really helpful if everyone could make some contribution to the Dues. Your priests, past and present are deeply grateful for your ongoing support