

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

6th December 2020

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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

**We are very happy to announce the return of public Masses to Three Patrons
From Tuesday 1st December 2020**

With a limit of 50 people in the church at any time.

**To comply with new Archdiocese recommendations, we have had to change
our Sunday schedule:**

Three Patrons

Sunday: 10.00am; 12 noon; 5.30pm.

Monday to Friday: 7.30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am
Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

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

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; 10.45
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

Webcam: Beechwoodparish.com



Eucharistic Adoration
will take place
Monday – Saturday
6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Everyone who visits the church must wear a face covering, and practice hand
sanitising and social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health**

Welcome back! – and stay safe and well everybody

**Tuesday 8th December 2020
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holyday of Obligation**

Masses: 7.30am; 10.00am; 5.30pm

From the Pastor's Desk.....

It appears that the great majority of those who end up in prison are not capable of deferred gratification. Like a very small child, they see something, and they want it NOW! Of course, impulse control is always a challenge no matter what age you are. Just look at the world of tweets!

Our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is still 3 weeks away, and already Christmas lights, trees, decorations, and indulgent shopping, eating and drinking are in full swing for some. I wonder what "newness" Christmas morning will bring them?

Advent is a time for looking forward and preparing for what is not yet here. The Holy Spirit calls on us to "prepare a way for the Lord". We can focus on clearing clutter away. We can act to promote kindness, compassion and a sense of belonging. Let us strive to draw in under the roof of our tent those who feel isolated or lonely.

Because of the Covid 19 situation, only 50 people can attend a given Mass at Christmas. Archbishop Martin has suggested that we consider taking part in Mass just once over the 12 Days of Christmas, i.e. from 24th December until 6th January. Each day you can participate in the Eucharist, via webcam or tv masses. Over the 12 days of Christmas make a visit to the church and kneel and pray at the crib. There, pause to (1) thank God for all that is a blessing in your life, (2) resolve to show appreciation for all that you have that is gift, (3) ask for the wisdom and courage to make our world a better place in 2020.

Booking for Christmas Masses

To allow you to plan your attendance at Mass for Christmas, it has been decided to set up a booking system for Masses on the following days:
(with a maximum of 50 people at each Mass)

Christmas Eve: 4.00pm; 7.00pm
Christmas day: 8.00am; 10.00am; 12 noon

There are forms at the back of the church which you can complete and place in the safe at the Pieta shrine, or email your name, phone number, and choice of Mass to Caroline at: cnolan@rathgarparish.ie

Amendment to Crosscare Appeal

A simple way communities can support each other

This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions Crosscare will not be able to launch a food collection in the Diocese of Dublin as usual. However, in order to ensure they have adequate supplies, they are asking people to support them by making a donation on line to make sure families struggling to cope can have food on the table this Christmas.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has appealed to those parishioners who would ordinarily have supported food drives and the unwanted gifts appeal to go on line and make a donation www.crosscare.ie

Copies of Pope Francis's Encyclical
'Fratelli Tutti'
are available at the back of the church
€5.00

Collections on 29th November 2020

First Collection €695

Second Collection €365

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. *Thank you*

Christmas at St Vincent de Paul.



As Christmas approaches, we know many of you have been wondering how to contribute to the usual household collection for St Vincent dePaul. This year, it has been decided instead to purchase vouchers for those in need. With that in mind, we will leave envelopes at the back of the church for your donation, which you can then put into the safe beside the Pieta shrine, and there is also a St Vincent de Paul donation facility on the '**DONATE**' button at: rathgarparish.ie. Your continued generosity at this time is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Bethany Bereavement Support Service Rathgar, Rathmines and Milltown

Bethany is an Irish parish-based support service for the bereaved and all who have suffered significant loss of any kind. We are conscious of the need for support in these difficult times and whilst we normally offer monthly group meetings, we are currently offering a free and confidential phone listening service. If you would like to talk to a trained, supportive listener, please phone: 087 2841276

Teacher for First Communion Programme 2021

We wish to employ a teacher to teach the First Communion Programme to 8-year-olds. The position would ideally suit a retired teacher or a current Mater Dei student. We have two small classes at the moment and the commitment would be for approximately two hours a week. During the current restrictions, the classes will take place in St Patrick's Hall on Leicester Avenue, which will have hand sanitising facilities, and will provide good ventilation and plenty of room for social distancing. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact our Pastoral Worker, Jackie Hearne at 087 7422653 for further information.

Laudato Si Biodiversity Garden

Many thanks to all who continue to share plants, advice, and finance. Our donated plants need regular watering, yes, even on these winter days. A watering can is tied to the tap, and it would be great if anyone passing the garden on Leicester Avenue could give our thirsty transplants a drink! *Thank you*