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**Mass times in Three Patrons Rathgar**  
Sunday 10.00am, 12.15pm,  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
10.00am  
Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm  
You may access our parish webcam at  
<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/the-church-of-the-3-patrons>  
**Exposition: Daily**  
**Mon — Sat — 6pm — 7pm**  
**Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat — 10.30am to 11.30am**

**Please note, the final 6pm mass is on Sunday the 6th of February 2022**

From today collection bags for the first and second collection will be passed along the Aisles.

Volunteers will be needed every Sunday to help with collections.

### A Prayer for the Synod

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
As we gather together in your name.  
With you alone to guide us,  
Make yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
And how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful,  
Do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
Nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You, our unity  
So that we may journey together to eternal life  
And not stray from the way of truth  
And what is right.  
All this we ask of you,  
Who are at work in every time and place,  
In the communion of the Father and the Son,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

## HOMILY

Each of these three readings deals in one way or another with someone's experience of having been called by God, interrupted by God, and set by Him to the accomplishment of some task, the playing out of some role in the midst of his people.

Isaiah's experience was a deeply mystical one. St Paul was practically mugged by God. His life was interrupted whilst on the road. Finally, Peter, in the Gospel reading, is called in an almost theatrical way.

In the face of all that we may think, *"wouldn't it be nice if the call from God in our lives could be so clear, so obvious. So unmistakably divine!"* Well, it is. Clarity, so many times, is not so much a function of the one who speaks, as it is of the one who listens.

If we are uncertain in the face of God's call because we don't think we have the ability to respond to that call, then that uncertainty is of our own making. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul and so many others all became certain of their call and their mission only when they stopped concentrating on their own weaknesses and began to concentrate on God's strength. So many times in Scripture God calls and human beings respond with something like, *"I can't do it"*. And so many times in Scripture God's response to that is, *"Of course you can't. Nobody can"*.

The disproportion between our abilities and what we are asked to accomplish in our prophetic roles is far greater even than the disproportion between Peter's ability as a fisherman and the catch he finally makes. The great thing is that God doesn't really ask us to do very much at all.

Rather, he asks us to let him do it through us. Our contribution to the prophetic process is no great wisdom or exceptional skill. Our contribution is rather an openness to truth, a willingness to learn and grow, a sense of responsibility and a generous spirit. Each of us can muster that. And if we do, each of us can be absolutely certain that we are doing precisely what the Father calls us to do.

The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 12 & 13 February 2022. ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.