

A few words from the Parish Priest....

This evening at 7.00pm three young women are leading an hour or so of Lenten Prayer and Reflection here in Three Patrons. Kerrie, Mary Louise and Naomi live locally and are very talented; they love their liturgical music and have created an event to which we are invited to come and let song, music, and God's Word sustain us as Lent comes towards its close. What I love about this event is that the three women have decided themselves to do something; they designed a format, rehearsed their music and advertised the event, and now are happy to come here for no fee or reward because that is what they feel God is calling them to do. They are modelling something that we really need to see in the parish and the wider Christian community: moving from a moment of inspiration, to a decision to take action and then to trust in Lord that what they are doing has the potential to serve the needs of others in the community. As we move towards Palm Sunday and Holy Week there will be many opportunities for parishioners to volunteer time, take on responsibility, and enrich the various liturgies. Who will lead the Morning Prayer, the Holy Hour, the Stations of the Cross? Who will hold the palms, have their feet washed, carry the cross, distribute the candles? Who will read; who will distribute communion; who will preach and preside? This is without question the week when there is opportunity for people to step up and take responsibility; to make the liturgy our common prayer, and to be of service to the wider community. What will the Lord inspire you to do?

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting takes place this Monday 8th April at 7.30pm in St Columba's Room, 49 Rathgar Road.



Lenten Reflection in Three Patrons, Rathgar.

A Journey in song from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection: Psalms, Plain Song and Dánta Dé (Hymns of Ireland). Join vocalist Kerrie O Connor; harpist Mary Louise O Donnell; and violinist Naomi O Shea for this reflection

This evening Sunday 7th April at 7pm.

See notice board for further details. All welcome.

Listen – Sing – Reflect

There are 7 Readings in the Reflection, and if you would like to be a reader, please leave your name in the Parish Office. *Thank you*

Collections 31st March 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,460
Share Collection: €818

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

The Annual Advocate Collection for the Sunshine Fund will take place next Sunday 14th April. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday; this collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass in St. Brigid's Room. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

Lent in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral: Come along to St Kevin's Oratory – (Entrance from Cathedral) for '*Lent Wednesdays: A Springtime of Faith*' with Fr Kieran J. O'Mahony, OSA from 11.15am to 12.30pm on 10th April. Masses will be at 10.30am and 12.45pm. All welcome.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 11th April at 10.30am in St Columba's Room, 49 Rathgar Road. New members always welcome.

Gianna Care provides compassionate, life-affirming and confidential care during pregnancy. If you would like further information, please see notices at back of church or call 086 0293727

St Peter Claver Annual Spring Sale will be held on today Sunday 7th April in St Joseph's Hall, Terenure, from 10.30am to 2.30pm

Lough Derg St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage 2019 will take place on three Fridays: 31st May; 5th July; and 9th August. See poster at the back of the Church for details, or phone Miriam at: 01 4941171.

The Bethany Bereavement Group meeting will be held in Rathgar Parish Centre, 52 Grosvenor Road, Rathgar on Wed 10th April at 8.00pm and at The Milltown Parish Centre on Wed 17th April at 8.00pm

Our Lady's Choral Society, the Diocesan choir, is performing a free concert of Handel Highlights in Merchant's Quay Church on Sunday, 14th April at 3pm with soloists and orchestra. In aid of the homeless

Rathgar Ladies Club ****Change of Venue**** to Harold's Cross Pastoral Centre beside Holy Rosary Church. The next event will be a musical evening from *Liz Ryan and Friends - the Drawing Room Opera Company* on Thurs 11th April at 8.00pm. New members always welcome.