

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

**7<sup>th</sup> March 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 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

## **Prayer for the Novena of Grace** **4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March**

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here ask the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. *Amen.*

## Letter from Archbishop Dermot Farrell regarding Covid-19 regulations

Dear Father,

Further to questions raised at some of the deanery meetings during the week, I have been asked to clarify the following matters:

• The sacrament of Baptism must be celebrated only in exceptional circumstances, that is in danger of death.

• Under current restrictions all religious services continue to take place online. In the interest of health and safety priests and parishes ought not to succumb to requests to distribute Holy Communion before or after Mass, in or outside churches. Drive-in Masses are not permitted as no gatherings of people outdoors or indoors are permitted. Holy Communion can only be distributed in the church to mourners attending a Funeral Mass, to those celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage and to the essential ministers that make celebration of Mass online possible, (e.g., Minister of the Word, Sacristan).

• Arrangements for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation should not be made until Government / HSE / diocesan guidelines indicate that it is safe to do so.

• Churches remain open for private prayer only, liturgies and devotions (exposition of the blessed sacrament, rosary, stations of the cross) can take place in closed churches, online only.

These queries arose at the deanery meetings via Zoom earlier this week. I hope these clarifications will help solidarity between confreres and parishes so that together we can overcome the threat of the coronavirus in the community. Hopefully we will be able to return to public worship and the celebration of the Sacraments as soon as possible thus strengthening and supporting faith communities on our pilgrim journey.

+Dermot Farrell

### New Webcam Provider.

Three Patrons is using a new provider for the webcam. It can still be accessed through the parish website at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie); or at [churchmedia.tv](http://churchmedia.tv) by entering 'Three Patrons' or by scrolling down to the picture of Three Patrons.

If anyone has any queries or needs help, please contact Jackie Hearne at 087 7422653

### Collections on 28th February 2021

**First Collection €395**  
**Second Collection €145**

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](http://rathgarparish.ie), or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility mentioned below. *Thank you*

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY ART COMPETITION.

Children! Get your **crayons**, **markers** or **paints** out and draw a picture of Shamrock or St. Patrick. Send a photo of your picture to Jackie Hearne via Whatsapp on 087 7422653. (Please include the child's name and age). The age categories will be 0-6, 7-10 and 11-14. All entries to be received before 5pm, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The winners of each category will be announced at the St. Patrick's Day Mass at 10am which can be accessed through our Webcam.



### First Communion 2020 and 2021 Groups.

The 10am Mass on Sunday the 14th March will be celebrated for the children preparing for their First Eucharist. Please join us via our Webcam. A candle will be lit on the Altar Rails during the Mass to represent each child and their families.

### "Hope for a small blue planet"

A talk by Fr. Brian Grogan SJ  
Via Zoom

at 7.30pm Thursday 11th March

The Rathgar Parish Laudato Si Group is delighted to announce that Brian Grogan SJ will deliver a talk via Zoom on 'Hope for a Small Blue Planet'.

Prior registration essential – email your request including your name to obtain the Zoom link to: [pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com](mailto:pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com)



We extend our sincere sympathy  
to the families and friends of  
**Winifred (Una) McDermott**  
**Antoinette Kiernan**

Whose funerals took place in Three Patrons this week.  
May they rest in peace



### Lenten discussion on 'Fratelli Tutti'

Would you like to join an afternoon discussion with Fr Paul on 'Fratelli Tutti' Pope Francis's encyclical?

**Mondays during Lent from 4pm to 5pm?**

Copies of 'Fratelli Tutti' are available in the church or you can access it on the Vatican website. Please contact the parish office at 01 4972215 or [office@rathgarparish.ie](mailto:office@rathgarparish.ie) for the link.

The Stations of the Cross  
will be prayed  
on the webcam  
each Friday at 3pm  
during Lent.

