

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

8th November 2020

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## *Remembrance Mass*

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 at the following times:

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
**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.**

## **REFLECTION FOR NOVEMBER**

Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
And after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
So that where I am you may be too.

*John 14:1-3*

## From the Pastor's Desk....

We sometimes laugh at what we fear. The ghoulish figures in gardens, and the leering candle-lit pumpkins of Halloween, put a light-hearted gloss on an underlying human anxiety.

Is this all there is? Are we all on a conveyer belt to nothingness?

During November, as the evenings close in, and leaves drift down from bare boughs, we are called by Jesus Christ, to keep the lamps of hope lit. As in the Gospel today (Matthew 25: 1 -13), the bridesmaids do not know at what time the bridegroom will return, so we live life not knowing the 'when' of our passing from this world.

As Christians, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, we keep the 'Lamp of Hope' burning. Death, for the child of God, is not annihilation. It is moving from the land of shadows into the light. Saint Paul insists, "those who had died in Jesus: God will bring them with him." (1, Thess: 4) A little girl learned this, when she asked her mother, where her baby brother, who had just died, had gone. "to be with Jesus" replied the mother.

Two weeks later, the mother, talking to one of her friends on the phone, was overheard to say, " I am so grieved to have lost my baby." Her daughter afterwards said to her, " Mom, is a thing lost when you know where it is?" "No. Of course not" replied the mother. "Well then," said the little girl, "how can the baby be lost when he has gone to be with Jesus?"

The mother never forgot those words. The child showed such wisdom! As the First Reading of the Mass today, from the Book of Wisdom, chapter 6 says:

"be alert for her (i.e. wisdom), and anxiety will quickly leave you".

### Three Patrons Parish Finance Committee.

We wish to congratulate Etain Doyle on her appointment as Chair of the Finance Committee and to express our appreciation to John Purcell, Kevin Gahan, and Damien Mara who have completed their years of dedicated service to the Finance Committee.

**The November Altar List of the Dead** is one of the many ways in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends, and join our intentions in the Masses the priests offer for the repose of their souls. Please feel welcome to complete a list of your own and drop one of the special envelopes provided at the back of the church into the safe anytime during this month.

## Collections on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

**First Collection €210**

**Second Collection €150**

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*

### Society of St Vincent de Paul, Rathgar

As you are probably aware, the St Vincent de Paul monthly collection has not taken place since March, and we are hoping to have a fundraising campaign over the next few weeks to help increase the income for their busy Christmas period ahead. There will be envelopes at the back of the church which you can put into the safe beside the Pieta shrine, and we also have a St Vincent de Paul donation facility on the 'DONATE' button at: [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie). Your continued generosity at this time is very much appreciated.

*Thank you.*

### Bethany Remembrance Mass

Our annual Mass in remembrance of all deceased parishioners will be celebrated today

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 10.30am,**  
on the parish webcam.

Candles will be placed on the altar in the name of all parishioners whose funerals took place in Three Patrons, and also a candle to remember all our families and friends who died during the year.

We will have a remembrance tree at the back of the church, and you can write the name of your loved ones on the leaves provided, during the week before the Remembrance Mass.

### Farewell to the Sunday Evening Mass Group.

It is with great appreciation but deep sadness we say goodbye to Avril, Caoimhe, Aoife and Anne-Sophie who have given so generously of their time over the years to bring such beautiful music and joy to Sunday evening Mass.

We will miss them, but we wish them well on the new paths their lives have taken, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Three Patrons as a visiting group or even as soloists.

Thank you all four of you - *agus go dté sibh slán.*

**ALONE** is a member of the NPHET Covid-19 Subgroup for Vulnerable People and is managing a national support line for older people with concerns regarding the Coronavirus and COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.