

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

10th January 2021

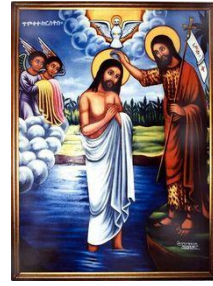
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The Baptism of our Lord

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

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

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

The many twists and turns to our lives

Michael Commane

The week before Christmas in a German class I attend, we were reading a book set in Vienna in the 1930s. Our conversation wandered off the topic and we were discussing a place along the River Rhine near Cologne. Someone mentioned Walberberg. It is a small village between Bonn and Cologne. In the summers of 1972 and 1973 I spent weekends there while attending language school in Cologne. Back then the Dominicans had a large priory in Walberberg, which was the house of studies for the German Dominicans.

So at our class I said that I had links with Walberberg. The teacher said that her late mother knew one of the young priests back in the 1960s in Walberberg. Naturally, I was interested and asked her the man's name. It turned out that I know him. The teacher told me that she still has a photograph at home of the priest with her late mother.

She and I were intrigued by the coincidence spanning two countries and 50 years.

I emailed the priest the details of what happened in our German class.

Fr David well remembers my German teacher. Not only that, he has a photograph in his room of her half-sister and him on their first day in their primary school in 1949 in Cologne.

He went on to tell me of how he witnessed a tragic accident where my German teacher's father's first wife was engulfed in a fire while cooking at a stove and subsequently died. Remember, this would have been in Germany some short few years after the war, when the city of Cologne had been razed to the ground. The people would have been living under extremely difficult conditions. The famous Cologne cathedral, though badly damaged, was one of the few buildings still standing in the city at the end of the war.

Fr David emailed me explaining how he became friendly with the man's second wife, who was the mother of my German teacher. In her old age he visited her in her nursing home every time when he was home on holidays.

I'm always thinking of how our lives are intertwined with other people.

I can imagine David and my German teacher have so much to talk about. And isn't that wonderful that they can chat, laugh and maybe even cry about their lives and what they have done since those post-war days in Cologne.

Life itself writes the best of stories.

Collections on 3rd January 2021

First Collection €110

Second Collection €80

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, or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility mentioned below. *Thank you*

Tap and Pay Facility

We have now installed two 'Tap and Pay' machines at the back of the church.

These will allow non-cash donations to be made to the Archdiocese; 60% of your donation will go towards the priests of the Diocese, and 40% will go to Share.

Thank you all for your continued generosity during these difficult days.

Fr Paul

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE is a member of the NPHECT 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.

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone-in, Zoom Support, Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress, to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
Monday – Saturday
6.00pm – 7.00pm

