

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

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Beannachtaí na Féile Padraig

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

Poem for Mother's Day

My mother kept a garden,
A garden of the heart,
She planted all the good things
That gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine
And encouraged me to dream,
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem....

And when the winds and rain came,
She protected me enough –
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and
tough.

Her constant good example
Always taught me right from wrong
Markers for my pathway
That will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's garden
I am her legacy –
And I hope today she feels the love
reflected back from me.

Anon



Prayer of St Patrick for his people

*May the Strength of God guide us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Angels of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil one.*

*May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Grace, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and
forevermore. Amen.*

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Trafficking in human beings is not a recent invention. Saint Patrick was kidnapped and sold as a young teenager. Taken by force from his own people, probably in Wales, he was brought across the sea to Ireland. How many tears he must have shed!

It was in the midst of his abandonment and aloneness, that he came to a new and deeper sense of the presence of Christ. Down through the centuries Irish people, whether shipped as convicts to Van Diemen's land (Tasmania), or herded onto 'coffin' ships that landed them on the shores of America, carried within their scarred hearts the faith of Christ.

Is it any wonder that all around the world, after churches named in honour of Our Lady, the most popular saint's name found on churches is that of Saint Patrick?

As we honour and remember our Patron Saint, Patrick, let us cast aside the dross and travesty of the hollow 'Paddy's Day whackery' and focus on the person Patrick was. He was a victim of cruelty, abuse, and abandonment. May he inspire and pray for us. May we honour him by resolving to identify, name, and care for, victims of trafficking, abandonment, and neglect both at home and across the oceans.



Breastplate of St Patrick

I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.

I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before
me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall
wish me ill,
afar and near.

Wednesday 17th March 2021 St Patrick's Day Masses

Three Patrons

10.00am; 6.00pm

(Special St Patrick's Day Mass at 6.00pm.
with organist, Frank O'Donnell and Cantor)

Beechwood

Tuesday 16th : Vigil Mass 7.30pm
St Patrick's Day : 10.00am.

Collections on 7th March 2021

First Collection €455

Second Collection €300

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*

We extend our sincere sympathy
to the family and friends of
Anne Byrne
Whose funeral took place in
Three Patrons this week.
May she rest in peace



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 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. **The closing date has been extended to 5pm on Sunday 14th March**, and the winners of each category will be announced at the St. Patrick's Day Mass at 10am which can be accessed through our webcam at rathgarparish.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manages a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professionals are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am to 8pm. Phone: 0818 222 024.

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; or at 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

Lenten discussion on 'Fratelli Tutti'

Would you like to join an afternoon discussion via webcam 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 for the link.

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

