

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

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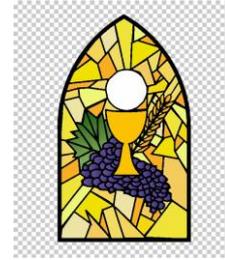
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The Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy is published on all notice boards in the Church and the Parish Centre, and copies of the document are available to read in the Parish Office and the Parish Centre. For further information please see www.csp.dublindiocese.ie

Three Patrons

Sunday: 10.30am; 12 noon; **5.30pm.**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am

Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; **10.45am.**

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

We encourage 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.

Words of Pope Francis

In his greetings during the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis looked ahead to the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, celebrated on 15 August:

“May the Mother of God today help humanity to defeat the coronavirus,” said Pope Francis, “and may she assure generous blessings for you and your families”

Pope Francis, continuing his catechesis on the effects of the current pandemic in light of the Church's social doctrine, noted how Covid-19 has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is:

“If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation”, he said, “we cannot heal the world. Christians are called to combat all violations of human dignity as contrary to the Gospel, and to work for the wellbeing of the whole human family and our common home.

While the world awaits a cure to the coronavirus, Pope Francis stressed that

“...faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity; faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective.”

May the Lord “restore our sight”, the Pope said, “so as to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family.

Horrendous tales of dog theft

Michael Commane

Happy is four months old. He has a lovely face and gorgeous eyes. He's small and looks up at you with an adoring smile.

But it's been a tough few months. He is now living here in our parish. When he arrived in his new home, he was covered in fleas and was most disruptive.

Matters have greatly improved, the fleas are gone, and mum, dad and the three children now adore Happy.

He's a cross between a King Charles and a Bichon Frise.

Happy is a nice little dog and I have no doubt he brings great joy to the family and he in turn will be well cared for and loved.

The mum of the home told me that when he first arrived he was snapping at everyone.

'He was an arrogant little fecker. He sees the world as his oyster. I felt he was not a good fit. It was during the lockdown. I had to move from home-schooling the children to looking after him. It added an extra element to the day.

But it has all changed now. The first thing the children do when they come down in the morning is say hello to Happy,' mum smiles.

A dog brings positive energy to a home.

I recall my late father often saying that if people are kind to animals it's most likely they will be kind to humans. Wise words. Any time I see people being cruel to animals I'm wondering how they behave at home.

Over the last number of weeks, it has come to my attention that dog theft is on the increase. It seems that during the lockdown there has been a spike in the number of dog thefts. More and more people have been looking for dogs so that has caused an increase in their value. Isn't that what capitalism is about, supply and demand? It seems to be how our lives are regulated from birth to death.

There have been some horrendous stories.

There have been other stories about bitches and litters being stolen. In one case a bitch had her microchip crudely removed before she was thrown on the side of the road. Eventually the owner was reunited with the dog but all the pups were gone.

Gardaí have been warning people about the problem and advising them to be more vigilant in caring for their dogs.

Yes, human beings are capable of extraordinary goodness but we can also stoop so low. A dog is a great companion and we can learn so much from them.

Problems with Parish Office phones and email.

Apologies to all who have been unable to contact the parish office during the last few weeks; our phone line was accidentally cut by builders working locally.

We have a mobile phone for the Summer months, and if you wish to contact Fr Paul or the parish office, please use this number:

089 4241185

Our new email address is:
office@rathgarparish.ie



Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a pilgrimage on the lough shore; walk in their footsteps. Contact 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org. Advance booking essential.

DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies – (Scholarships Available) Are you interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time, flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a number of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at www.dcu.ie/dc300, or contact Brad Anderson (brad.anderson@dcu.ie)

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Online Courses at Lumen The autumn 2020 semester is now open for application – this year four modules on the topics of seeking to understand the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and how the early Church devoted much time to reflecting on the Psalms is offered not only in the Lumen building but also online. Online modules are distinct events, independent of their in-centre equivalent, and require separate booking. Each online module (OM) consists of five pre-recorded talks (30-40 minutes each) and a webinar and costs €35. For please visit our www.lumenop.ie or Tel: 01-2882075; Mobile: 085 8727482; Email: info@lumenop.ie or Lumen, Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, A94 A3C7.