

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

## 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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**The Ascension 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](http://www.csps.dublindiocese.ie)

**In accordance with Government and Archdiocese guidelines,  
public Masses will return to Three Patrons from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021,  
with an attendance of 50 people**

The following is the schedule:

**Sunday** 10.00am; 12noon; 6.00pm.

**Monday to Friday:** 7.30am

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday** 10.00am

**Tuesday, Thursday:** 5.30pm

These Masses will be available to view on the webcam at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie).

**We ask everyone who visits the church to wear a face covering, and to practise hand  
sanitising and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health**

### **Beechwood Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

**Sunday** (as Gaeilge): 9.00am; 11am

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am

**Webcam:** [Beechwoodparish.com](http://Beechwoodparish.com)

Stay safe and well everyone  
and

**WELCOME BACK !**

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

### Pope Francis's Prayer during the Coronavirus

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.

### Regina Coeli

(replaces the *Angelus* from Holy Saturday to Pentecost)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. *Alleluia.*

For He, whom thou was worthy to bear. *Alleluia.*

Has risen as He promised. *Alleluia.*

Pray for us to God. *Alleluia.*

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. *Alleluia.*

Because the Lord is truly risen, *Alleluia.*

*Let us pray*

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life

Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen

### Collections on 9th May 2021

**First Collection** € 290

**Second Collection** € 130

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 at the back of the church. *Thank you*

### Sherpas

Thank you once again to all our Sherpas who have volunteered their time and skill to ensure we all stay safe and well while attending Sunday Mass at Three Patrons -

We really appreciate all you do for us.

### Laudato Si 6th anniversary May 2021

The 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of 'Laudato Si' is being celebrated during the week 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

As many of you may know, the encyclical which is published in book format, catalogues the environmental damage being done to the planet including the loss of biodiversity. The encyclical is an exhortation to all people of the world to take action to protect "our common home". It was highly acclaimed at the time and is just, if not more relevant today.

It is addressed to every living person on the planet.

Some of key messages in LS could be summarised as follows:

Everyone must act responsibly to save our world.

- All human beings are affected, & everything in nature, by the crises of climate change, misuse of natural resources, waste & pollution, poverty & dislocation.
- Everything is interconnected; we cannot understand the social or natural world or their parts in isolation.
- We must be truthful; let no one hide or distort facts in order to gain selfish advantage.
- We must engage in honest, transparent, constructive dialogue based on the principles of solidarity, subsidiarity, working for the common good, universal destination of goods, and preferential option for the poor and for the earth. Particular interests must not hijack the negotiations. We must transcend ourselves in solidarity.

Shortly after the publication, a Laudato Si group was formed in the parish to read and reflect on the encyclical.

#### Rathgar parish's response

The activities of the Laudato Si Group have since expanded. It has responded to the Pope's exhortation in many ways including arranging talks from guest speakers, the incorporation of prayers for the environment in the parish liturgy, raising environmental awareness generally and latterly the development of a biodiversity garden to the rear of the church.

The garden project commenced some 6 months ago and great progress has been made to-date. The garden has been rotovated and a range of pollinating plants and shrubs have been planted. In addition, a bird feeder, a hose pipe, bird boxes and an insect hotel have been installed. We would like to thank parishioners and others for their generous gifts of plants, advice and finance to-date.

The biodiversity garden is a community response to the Pope's call for action on our environment, and we always welcome any offer of assistance particularly during the planting and growing season.

Our email address is [pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com](mailto:pollinatorgarden1@gmail.com), and we also welcome new members for the Laudato Si Group including those who may not wish to get involved with the garden.