

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

17th January 2021

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Christian Unity Week
18th - 25th January

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

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

Excerpt from: 'Making peace with nature'

Sean McDonagh

Covid-19 defined 2020 and may define 2021. But devastating though it has been, something more serious became clear last year: the destruction of the environment taking place over decades globally is now accelerating alarmingly

To avoid the next pandemic we must control the enormous global wildlife trade, eradicate illegal bushmeat, and protect forests. This would benefit the global economy significantly according to a report by the intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

It estimates that implementing these policies would cost between €40-\$58 billion each year – but the report claims that the Covid-19 pandemic had cost the global economy up to \$9 trillion by July 2020. However, the health benefits for humanity are even more important. If we continue our attack on nature, the next virus to cross over to infect humans might be as infectious as Covid-19 and more deadly than Sars.

Our world is under threat and it is the poorest and most vulnerable – even in rich countries – who are facing the brunt of the consequences. As Pope Francis writes in 'Let us Dream': "For a long time we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the [pandemic] has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world...The green and the social go hand in hand. The fate of Creation is tied to the fate of all humanity."

In his address, António Guterres declared: "Making peace with nature is the defining task of the twenty-first century." And, he added, echoing Pope Francis, "ultimately this is a moral test... We cannot use [our] resources to lock in policies that burden [future generations] with a mountain of debt on a broken planet"

Sean McDonagh is a Columban priest and President of An Taisce – the National Trust for Ireland.

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Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
(webcam only)
Monday – Saturday
6.00pm – 7.00pm



Collections on 10th January 2021

First Collection €150

Second Collection €155

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'Abide in my Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit'. It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (John 15:5-9).

18th to 25th January marks the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's Liturgy was prepared by the monastic community of sisters in Grandchamp, Switzerland, who draw much from the spirit of the Taizé Community. This year's Inaugural Service, hosted by Christ Church Rathgar Presbyterian Church, and organised by the Dublin Council of Churches, will be available as a pre-recorded YouTube video featuring participants from 14 Christian denominations in the Dublin area. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is the preacher.

There are leaflets at the back of the church to guide you through a ceremony at home, and the leaflet is also available on the website

Priory Institute – Online Open Day

Priory Institute is moving its **Open Day, Saturday January 23**, to an online format. The courses have offered people the chance to study from home in their own time and be part of a supportive student community. This is much appreciated particularly in these restricted times.

The next semester starts **on February 13, 2021** and the Open Day is a chance to look into what it would be like to study with them. PrioryInstitute.com