

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

## Parish Newsletter

### 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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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.s.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.csp.s.dublindiocese.ie)

### Excerpt from ‘Fratelli Tutti’ by Pope Francis

32. A worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person’s problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together. As I said in those days, “the storm has exposed our vulnerability and uncovered those false and superfluous certainties around which we constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities... Amid this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about appearances, has fallen away, revealing once more the ineluctable and blessed awareness that we are part of one another, that we are brothers and sisters of one another”.<sup>[31]</sup>

33. The world was relentlessly moving towards an economy that, thanks to technological progress, sought to reduce “human costs”; there were those who would have had us believe that freedom of the market was sufficient to keep everything secure. Yet the brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled pandemic forced us to recover our concern for human beings, for everyone, rather than for the benefit of a few. Today we can recognize that “we fed ourselves on dreams of splendour and grandeur, and ended up consuming distraction, insularity and solitude. We gorged ourselves on networking, and lost the taste of fraternity. We looked for quick and safe results, only to find ourselves overwhelmed by impatience and anxiety. Prisoners of a virtual reality, we lost the taste and flavour of the truly real”.<sup>[32]</sup> The pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realization of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organization of our societies and, above all, the meaning of our existence.

35. All too quickly, however, we forget the lessons of history, “the teacher of life”.<sup>[34]</sup> Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of “them” and “those”, but only “us”. If only this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing. If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators, partly as a result of the dismantling, year after year, of healthcare systems. If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might rediscover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human family can experience a rebirth, with all its faces, all its hands and all its voices, beyond the walls that we have erected.

36. Unless we recover the shared passion to create a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources, the global illusion that misled us will collapse and leave many in the grip of anguish and emptiness. Nor should we naively refuse to recognize that “obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction”.<sup>[35]</sup> The notion of “every man for himself” will rapidly degenerate into a free-for-all that would prove worse than any pandemic.

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

Recently I was helping a younger parishioner and his parent with a project on the Bible. The student had to do some research on the Book of Job in the Old Testament and later his parent said that she had never before read the Book of Job and that she found it fascinating when she did read it.

What we call the 'Bible' is a collection of Books. There are 47 Book in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. In the Bible, which we call the 'Word of God' we encounter the hidden God revealing Himself and speaking to us.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we should read the sacred scripture every day if possible. One of the saints said 'Ignorance of the sacred scripture is ignorance of Christ'. Ecumenical Bible Week will take place from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have more information closer to the date.

For a long time Catholics were not encouraged to read the Bible out of fear that each person would interpret it in all sorts of different ways and that disunity would result. Today we are strongly encouraged to nourish our spirits with the wisdom of the Bible. Since each of the 73 Books that make up the Bible were written at different times, in different situations and with different purposes, it is important to read each one in its proper context for a true understanding.

I would strongly encourage you to read the Jerusalem version of the Bible because there is an introduction to each particular book.

During Covid-19 we all have more time for reading so why not open the Bible and begin to explore it.

I would recommend the Book of Job from the Old Testament and the Gospel of Mark as good places to begin.

As you begin, ask the Holy Spirit, who guided those who wrote the texts, to be with you in your reading.

Like our parishioner's mother you too will find it fascinating.

### *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 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**First Collection 4<sup>th</sup> €255**

**Second Collection 4<sup>th</sup> €145**

**First Collection 11<sup>th</sup> €250**

**Second Collection 11<sup>th</sup> €135**

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*

**We extend our sincere sympathy**

**to the family and friends of**

**Marie Kearns**

**whose funeral will take place in**

**Three Patrons this week.**

**May she rest in peace**



### 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. There are Professional staff available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

### Trocaire Boxes

We did not have our usual collection of Trócaire boxes on Good Friday, so if you could drop your boxes into the safe at the back of the church, we will arrange to have them delivered to Trócaire. *Thank you*



### DUBLIN DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Dublin Diocesan virtual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The day will start with a programme of online workshops from Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road via webcam commencing at 12pm. At 2.30pm, the camera will switch to the Knock Shrine webcam for the rosary; the pilgrimage Mass at 3pm; and then an opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.

### Diocesan Vacancy – Finance Secretary/Bookkeeper

St Agnes's Church, Crumlin has a vacancy for a Finance Secretary/Bookkeeper (part-time; two days per week) The commencement date for the role is 6th July with closing date for return of applications 23rd April. Please email Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy at [info@crumlinparish.ie](mailto:info@crumlinparish.ie)

### Easter Garden

Please visit, and bring your children to see our Easter garden. It is situated on the left-hand aisle, and it is a beautifully quiet place for reflection during these difficult times.

