

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

18th October 2020

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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

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 at the following times:

Sunday: 10.30am
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.

Pope Francis's Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' 3rd October 2020

In today's world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalized indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all-powerful, while failing to realize that we are all in the same boat. This illusion, unmindful of the great fraternal values, leads to "a sort of cynicism. For that is the temptation we face if we go down the road of disenchantment and disappointment... Isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather, it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter. Isolation, no; closeness, yes. Culture clash, no; culture of encounter, yes"

Fratelli Tutti, 30.

From the Pastor's desk.....

In West Africa, the people of Niger have suffered for too long from poverty, drought and conflict. Famine has left over 2.4 million, including 800,000 children, starving and vulnerable. Women endure the most, battling child marriage, female circumcision and lack of education. Now COVID-19 is taking hold, bringing more hardship. The virus is more than a health crisis, it is an economic disaster. Prices have sky-rocketed, and there is little work. The pandemic has shut down borders, meaning no one can leave, and desperately needed supplies cannot enter. As many village men attempt to illegally leave to find work, the women remain, doing their best for their starving children. Much of the health care system has collapsed, and mothers have the added fear of an increase in other diseases due to COVID-19. Thankfully the Catholic Church offers hope. Hardly any other organisation, through its global network of solidarity, can stand by so many. In the rural villages of Niger, Sister Marie Catherine, and her small community of fellow sisters are bringing the courage of the Church. They deliver life-giving programmes, specifically educating and enabling women and girls with the skills they need to survive. To ease their suffering and limit the risk and spread of the virus, Sister Marie Catherine has developed a hygiene programme. Through the programme, women learn how to make soap and avoid diseases like malaria. Together with her sisters, she works with women's groups from 125 villages. Each group has at least 40 women, meaning nearly 5,000 women can be reached. Before the pandemic, Niger food supplies were decimated due to drought. To further help, the sisters are now buying maize to improve the food supply. The maize is distributed through women's groups, ensuring it reaches the families who need it the most. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, it is missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine who are on the front line. Without World Mission Sunday, work like hers cannot be funded.

On Sunday the 18th October, World Mission Sunday Mass collections will take place in 120 countries. However, it is in real jeopardy, as the pandemic means that fewer parishioners are attending Mass, resulting in fewer offerings in support of mission. Missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine need our help more than ever. Please show your care by donating in Church, online at www.wmi/mission, or by calling Fiona on 01 497 2035

Collections on 11th October 2020

First Collection €190

Second Collection €120

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, or the **DONATE** button at rathgarparish.ie. *Thank you*

World Mission Sunday 18th October.

World Mission Sunday is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and Churches for marginalised communities and missionaries in our church family in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

It provides missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future and it is vital for us to generously support this special collection as the pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries but also these crises will remain thereafter.

How to donate:

- The Mission Sunday collection will replace the 2nd collection today;
- there are envelopes at the back of the church into which you can place your offering, and put the envelope into the safe beside the Pieta statue;
- to donate online, please go to: www.wmi.ie/mission;
- call Fiona on: 01 497 2035; or
- to lodge directly: **IBAN: IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36; BIC: BOFIE2D; A/c: Society for the Propagation of the Faith.**

ALONE is a member of the NPHET Covid-19 Subgroup for Vulnerable People and is managing a national support line for older people with concerns regarding the Coronavirus and COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Priory Institute is taking registrations now for the autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are heavily subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. All details available at: prioryinstitute.com

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers who are free on weekdays and who could commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus only drivers under the age of 70 years are permitted.