

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent

20th December 2020

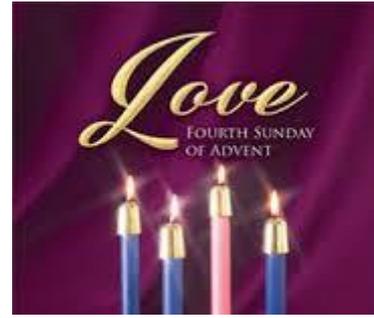
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The Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy is published on all notice boards in the Church and the Parish Centre, and copies of the document are available to read in the Parish Office and the Parish Centre. For further information please see www.csps.dublindiocese.ie

**We are very happy to announce the return of public Masses to Three Patrons
From Tuesday 1st December 2020
With a limit of 50 people in the church at any time.**

**To allow for one hour between Masses, we have had to change
our Sunday schedule:**

Three Patrons

Sunday: 10.00am; 12 noon; 5.30pm.

Monday to Friday: 7.30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am
Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

These Masses will also be available to view
on the parish webcam at rathgarparish.ie

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; 10.45
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

Webcam: Beechwoodparish.com

Christmas and New Year Liturgies 2020/21

Sun 20 th Dec	10.00am; 12.00 noon; 5.30pm
21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	7.30am; 10am
Tues 22 nd Dec	Penitential Service 7.30pm (Webcam)
Christmas Eve	10.00am; 4.00pm; 7.00pm
Christmas Day	8.00am; 10.00am; 12.00 noon
St Stephen's Day	11.00am.
Sunday 27 th Dec	10.00am; 12 noon; 5.30pm
Mon 28 th ; Wed 30 th	10.00am
Tues 29 th ; Thurs 31 st	5.30pm
Fri 1 st Jan 2021	11.00am
Sat 2 nd Jan 2021	10.00am
Sun 3 rd Jan 2021	10.00am; 12 noon; 5.30pm
Mon 4 th Jan 2021	10.00am
Tues 5 th Jan 2021	5.30pm
Wed 6 th Jan 2021	Feast of the Epiphany 7.30am; 10.00am; 5.30pm.

7.30am Mass will resume on Wednesday 6th January

**Everyone who visits the church must wear a face covering, and practice hand
sanitising and social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health**

Welcome back! – and stay safe and well everybody

Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
Monday – Saturday
6.00pm – 7.00pm



An extract from

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future

by Pope Francis in conversation with Austen Ivereigh

Our sin lies in failing to recognise value, in wanting to possess and exploit that which we do not value as a gift. Sin always has this same root of possessiveness, of enrichment at the expense of other people and Creation itself. The sin is in exploiting what must not be exploited, in extracting wealth (power or satisfaction) from where it should not be taken. Sin is a rejection of the limits that love requires.

That's why I spoke in 'Laudato Si' of distorted mindset known as the "technocratic paradigm". It is a mindset that despises to limit that another's value imposes. I made the case there that an ecological conversion is necessary not only to save humanity from destroying nature, but from destroying itself. I called for an "integral ecology", an ecology that is about much more than caring for nature; it's about caring for each other as fellow creatures of a loving God, and all that implies.

In other words, if you think abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty are acceptable, your heart will find it hard to care about the contamination of rivers and the destruction of the rainforest. And the reverse is also true. So even while people will argue strenuously that these issues are different in moral terms, as long as they insist that abortion is justified but not desertification, or that euthanasia is wrong but polluted rivers are the price to pay for economic progress, we will remain stuck in the same lack of integrity that put us where we are now.

I think Covid-19 is making this apparent, for those with eyes to see. This is a time for integrity, for exposing the selective morality of ideology and to embrace the full implications of what it means to be children of God. That is why I think the future we are called to build has to begin with an integral ecology, an ecology that takes seriously the cultural and ethical deterioration that goes hand in hand with our ecological crisis

Mass of Christmas

All Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have now been pre-booked, but during the current restrictions, attendance at Mass on any of the days from 21st December to 6th January fulfils your obligation and the Liturgy of the Mass of Christmas will be celebrated on the following days:

Monday 21st 7.30am; 10am

Tuesday 22nd 7.30am; 10am

Wednesday 23rd 7.30am; 10am

Christmas Eve 10am

Collections on 13th December 2020

First Collection €1,234

Second Collection €505

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

Christmas at St Vincent de Paul.



As Christmas approaches, we know many of you have been wondering how to contribute to the usual household collection for St Vincent dePaul. This year, it has been decided instead to purchase vouchers for those in need. With that in mind, we will leave envelopes at the back of the church for your donation, which you can then put into the safe beside the Pieta shrine, and there is also a St Vincent de Paul donation facility on the 'DONATE' button at: rathgarparish.ie. Your continued generosity at this time is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Christmas Dues envelopes are available on the tables in the entrance area for those who did not receive any in the post. Dues are for the support of the priests of the parish and the sick and retired priests of the diocese. As some of the retired priests are now being cared for in nursing homes it is really helpful if everyone could make some contribution to the Dues. Your priests, past and present are deeply grateful for your ongoing support

Poinsettias and Red Plants to decorate the Church for Christmas will be most welcome. Please leave your gift at the altar rails any time in the next few days. Thank you.



May the
Miracle of
Christmas
fill your heart
with joy.