

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

20th September 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

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.

St Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today, through the strength of heaven,
The light of the sun, radiance of the moon, splendour of fire,
The speed of lightning, the swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea, the stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.
I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me
From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.
Against every cruel and merciless power, that may oppose my body and soul,

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

Crosscare Appeal from the Archbishop

My Dear People,

This weekend the Annual Collection to support the work of **Crosscare** takes place and replaces the **Share Collection** at all Masses. Now more than ever before Crosscare need our help to sustain their critical services to people in need. This current pandemic has put enormous pressure on the agency as it strives to reconcile increasing demands on services with cuts in funding across the board. Crosscare are determined to continue to offer the care and support we know them for and thousands of young people, families and service users need them to continue.

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and sets out to ease the harsh burden that so many feel. This year of 2020 has been extraordinary and I am very proud of the way the staff and volunteers in Crosscare have responded to the challenges. Quickly, in March, Crosscare adjusted to the Covid threat. To ensure that all of their vulnerable clients and services users remained safe services were adjusted and a new 100 bed cocooning service for particularly vulnerable homeless people was established.

Where services could not be adapted to allow face to face contact they moved to telephone and on line support. New initiatives particularly in the area of food support were provided for thousands of families who were unable to cope in the initial stages of the pandemic. Where services had to close, staff were quickly redeployed to support the front line residential and food supports that were under enormous pressure.

What needs to be done is being done without hesitation. However, Crosscare like many other charities are now finding it difficult to sustain their efforts due to shortfalls in funding.

Crosscare needs our help now more than ever before. Please give as generously as you can in the collection today by donating at the back of the church, taking away one of the **free post envelopes** and posting a contribution or by giving on line at www.crosscare.ie

Yours sincerely
+ Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin.

Collections on 13th September 2020

First Collection €559
Second Collection €291

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

We welcome
Jude Griffin
who was baptised in Three
Patrons on 13th September 2020.
May his parents and
family find joy in the love,
growth, and holiness of their
child



First Reconciliation Congratulations to all the First Communion children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, and who were looking forward to their ceremony on Sat 3rd October. We hope the ceremony will take place as soon as it is safe for everyone to attend.

First Communion and Confirmation 2020

We are so disappointed to have to defer the long-awaited Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for the children of the Parish. In adhering to Government and Archdiocese guidelines, our priority is to look after ourselves and each other, and to keep everyone safe and well.

We look forward to re-scheduling the ceremonies at a date when it is safe for everyone to attend, and we will remember all the children and their families in our prayers this week.

Our Lady's Hospice Coffee Morning

Bridget Murphy's Coffee Morning in aid of Our Lady's Hospice could not take its usual format this year, but if you would like to donate, there are envelopes on the tables, and you can place your donation in the safe at the back of the church

Thank you for your continued support



Parish Pastoral Council Would you like to become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)?

The PPC identifies the needs of the parish community and involves the whole parish in response to those needs. It meets once a month in St Patrick's Hall.

If you think you would be interested, please contact the parish office at office@rathgarparish.ie, and we will be in touch with you. No previous experience is necessary, but an interest in the pastoral life of the parish is essential.

Thank you *from* The Parish Pastoral Council