

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

21st February 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.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

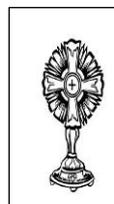
These Masses will be available to view on the parish webcam at rathgarparish.ie

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

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



What is it that makes a powerful speech?

Michael Commane

Do words ever grab you?

What makes for powerful and persuasive oratory? Has it something to do with narcissism? Narcissism is a personality disorder, whereby people have an inflated sense of their own importance. They fall in love with their own reflection but somehow or other they are constantly craving approval. Their outward show is a fragile mask.

Hitler was a great orator. They thronged to hear him. He fooled millions of people and they rushed to their deaths for him. He was the quintessential narcissist.

Over the years I have heard many speakers. Two stand out.

A Dominican Sister, who had spent her life teaching deaf children, wrote a book about her experience. The book was launched in the early 1990s. I went along to the launch.

Sir Anthony O'Reilly, aka Tony O'Reilly, who was a friend of the Dominican Sister, launched the book and spoke on the evening.

He was funny, smart, intelligent, bold but all the time brilliant and charming. And so reverential to the author, whom he knew. He had everyone in the palm of his hand.

Thirty years on I have no idea what he said but I can still say that he completely bowled me over.

In 2018 I had the good fortune to attend Concern Worldwide's 50th anniversary conference in Dublin Castle. Bill Clinton was the star speaker at the event. And just as with Tony O'Reilly, I was glued to every word he said. He was a class act. His pauses, his occasional jokes and then the content of what he was saying. Add to that, I got the impression he was actually talking to me.

Both O'Reilly and Clinton are star performers, at least they were for me. But why? Was it that I agreed with what they were saying but there is something far more to it than that.

What's that special quality they have?

Might it be that most great orators are narcissists? At least with Trump it's clear to see that he is, but is it possible that others, who are far more polished and refined are also steeped in narcissism?

And then how do we handle the demagogues, how do we protect ourselves against those who use words to manipulate and lead us to violent deeds?

How do we know whom to believe?

Maybe that's why words fascinate me.

Mark Twain's words are ringing in my ears: "I know all about audiences, they believe everything you say, except when you are telling the truth."

Collections on 21st February 2021

First Collection €220

Second Collection €190

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.

**The Stations of the Cross
will be prayed
on the webcam
each Friday at 3pm
during Lent.**



Trócaire Lenten Campaign

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church, and will be gathered on Good Friday and forwarded to Trocaire.

Survey on impact of exercise on older people

Siobhan Blackwell is currently undertaking an MBA at Trinity Business School. As part of the programme, she is doing research on the impact of exercise on older people, and the opportunities for older people to participate in tailored online exercise programmes during the pandemic. She has put together a short survey to better understand the current demand for exercise classes amongst the older age community in Ireland, and if you would like to take part, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JKBQ8VF>

Annual Trócaire Lecture

"Caring for the Human Family and our Common Home"

Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle will deliver the keynote address

Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 6.30pm

Registration for this free online event is required at:

https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLnu0_aLSYSONMPEi3AYpg