

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

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**Parish Office Opening Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 12.30pm  
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**NOVEMBER**  
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

**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](http://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](http://rathgarparish.ie)

### **Beechwood Parish**

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

**Webcam:** [Beechwoodparish.com](http://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.**

## **A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

*Ní imithe uainn atá siad, ach imithe romhainn.*

*They are not gone from us, but gone before us.*

Jesus, dear Saviour, we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died.

Please give them comfort and hope, and may they be at peace,  
knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.

Thank you for our memories of them and for the good times we shared.

We ask you through their intercession to deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope, and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before you,  
ready to enter your Holy Kingdom.

Amen

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

In order to keep fit and stay sane, I do enjoy walking around roads in the parish for an hour, two or three times a week. At this time of year, these perambulations normally occur at dusk. My eyes are always drawn to houses, where warm light falls out from uncurtained windows. Each and every radiant room displays different styles of colour, furniture and taste. They remind me of that old saying that "behind every door there is a story".

The Lord alone knows all the stories.

This Sunday we mark the end of the church year. We live our lives within the wheels of many types of year; the "calendar year", "school year" "law year" "golf year". On the Feast of Christ the King, we pull together into one image the whole of the Christian life. We proclaim the King who reigns from a cross, the Saviour, who invites all to be his disciples.

Moving into the 4 week season of Advent, the new Church year calls us to look beyond frenzied shopping, and focus on what nourishes hope. We look forward in hope because we can look back and see that God never abandons us.

Starting from next Sunday, the 29th, can I invite you to explore the Interactive Advent Calendar?

Each day, just click on the door of each day of the virtual calendar, and discover something to nourish your spirit. The website is: [www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar).

Using our mobile phone or iPad this offers us the chance to experience now what Jesus says:

*"Behold, I knock at the door, if anyone opens, I will come in."*  
(Revelation 3:20)

### Crosscare Appeal

*A simple way communities can support each other*

#### A Message from our Community Food Banks

*Times are challenging times for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increases, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand.*

#### We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products.

Donations of new toiletry products in their original packaging may be delivered to the following local areas:

Community Food Bank  
Dundrum Methodist Church  
Ballinteer Rd  
Dublin 16  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Time: 1-2pm

Community Food Bank  
St Thomas the Apostle  
Fortunestown Road  
Tallaght  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Time: 1-2pm

Please contact [vcummins@crosscare.ie](mailto:vcummins@crosscare.ie) if you need to make an alternative drop-off arrangement.

Also, if you wish to support the work of Crosscare financially at this difficult time for those most in need in our Diocese, please remember you can donate on line at [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)

## Collections on 15th November 2020

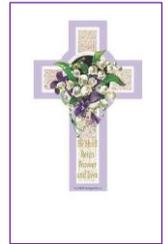
**First Collection €455**

**Second Collection €280**

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](http://rathgarparish.ie). *Thank you*

**We extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of**  
**Anne O'Keeffe**  
**Rita Costello**

**Whose funerals took place in Three Patrons this week.**  
**May they rest in peace**



### 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](http://rathgarparish.ie). Your continued generosity at this time is very much appreciated.

*Thank you.*

### Teacher for First Communion Programme 2021

We wish to employ a teacher to teach the First Communion Programme to 8-year-olds. The position would ideally suit a retired teacher or a current Mater Dei student. We have two small classes at the moment and the commitment would be for approximately two hours a week. During the current restrictions, the classes will take place in St Patrick's Hall on Leicester Avenue, which will have hand sanitising facilities, and will provide good ventilation and plenty of room for social distancing.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact our Pastoral Worker, Jackie Hearne at 087 7422653 for further information.

**ALONE** is a member of the NPHEC 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.