

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

27th 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.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.

The Hazel Nut by Julian of Norwich
(Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October)

'God showed me a little thing, the size of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand. I looked upon it and wondered, "What might this be?" And I was answered, "It is all Creation."

I marvelled how it could last, for I thought it might suddenly fall to nothing, it was so small.

And I was answered, "It lasts and ever shall last, for God loves it.'

In this little hazel nut I saw three truths: the first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; and the third is that God keeps it safe.'

Try saying hello to the stranger

Michael Commane

With our modern technology I'm wondering has homesickness been banished from the earth? I doubt it.

Last week I said hello to a new member of staff where I work.

He looked so young. I had not seen him before, so I stopped and greeted him. He told me he was from Poland and when I said that I had been in Cracow in 1985 he looked surprised. He was only in Ireland a few days. His English was good. I got the impression that he was profoundly homesick. Just as I walked away I was reminded of the chronic homesickness I experienced in Cologne in the summer of 1972.

I still remember the morning I arrived at Cologne rail station. I was 23 and probably had three words of German. After one or two hiccups I arrived safe and sound at the Dominican Priory in Lindenstraße, which was about a six or seven-minute tram ride from the main station.

I could not have received a better welcome. One man in the community had studied with Irish Dominicans in Oxford and spoke good English, so he took me under his wing. With a number of other German Dominicans, he had been sent to England after the war in an effort to heal the wounds the war had caused.

In 1972 it was not possible to phone Ireland directly.

And it was warm, some days over 30 degrees Celsius. I was attending classes in the city centre, which made the heat even more oppressive for a freckled-skinned Irishman.

I was homesick. It came in waves. There were times when I was fine, kept busy with things to do and then it would come down on me and I'd feel paralysed.

I can imagine being away from home can still bring pangs of homesickness. That's why it's important to greet the stranger. We never have any idea the impact our kind words may have on another person.

Every day we pass foreigners on the street and we have no idea the difficulties they might be experiencing. They need all the care and kindness we can give them.

What must it be like for foreigners who come here and work in low paid jobs and are forced to live in sub-standard accommodation? Only this week I heard of a young foreign woman who was upset by repeated questions she was asked by a prospective landlady.

Life can be tough enough for all of us but being away from home, away from our familiar surrounds and support systems, can make people feel extraordinarily isolated, the perfect condition for homesickness to reign supreme.

A friendly word, a kind deed from us, might well prove a lifesaver to the stranger, the foreigner among us.

Have you ever thought of asking a foreigner if they were homesick? Try it.

Collections on 13th September 2020

First Collection €106

Second Collection €223

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*

We welcome

Cillian Tierney

Cillian Walsh

Niall Campbell

who were baptised in Three Patrons during this week.

May their parents and families find joy in the love, growth, and holiness of their children



Carmelite Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes There will be no journey to Lourdes this year, but please join in spiritually on a virtual pilgrimage:

Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October

Live streaming each evening at 7.30pm

Details on the poster at the back of the church or at:

www.carmelites.ie

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 thanks to your kindness and generosity, the the amazing sum of **€2,150** was raised on the day. A huge thank you to all who contributed, and thank you again for your continued support



First Friday of October There will be no Divine Mercy celebrations this First Friday 2nd October.

Safeguarding Sunday Today 27th September is Safeguarding Day, and a copy of the Archbishop's letter is available at the back of the church, and on the website. In his letter, the Archbishop acknowledges the courage of those who have spoken of abuse in the Church, and says we must honour their contribution by making our parishes not just safe places but also welcoming and nurturing places for all children and vulnerable persons.

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.

Jackie Ryan, Chair of the PPC will speak during the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 4th October, and forms will be available all week at the back of the church
Thank you from The Parish Pastoral Council