

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

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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.

Plans and Preparations for re-opening of Three Patrons

Dear Parishioners

As we rejoice in the return of the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, these are the plans and preparations for re-opening on Monday, 29th June, and first Sunday Masses on 5th July.

A huge thank you to all of you who have volunteered as ‘Sherpas’ to assist with the implementation of the plans, and we look forward to seeing you at the training sessions during the coming week.

The number of people permitted in an indoor gathering has been limited to 50 people, and this will represent a considerable reduction on our normal Sunday Mass attendance. The Archdiocese has recommended that some parishioners might choose instead to attend Mass during the week, and this will fulfil the Sunday Obligation.

We have changed the schedule slightly, and you will see the changes in bold print:

Three Patrons

Sunday: 10.30am; 12 noon; **5.30pm.**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am

Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; **10.45am.**

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

On Sundays, our stewards will be on hand to help at the entrance, and to ensure as smooth a movement as possible before, during, and after Mass:

- Everyone is encouraged to wear face coverings in the church
- We will enter the church by the centre (glass) doors, and exit by the side (wooden) doors.
- Hand sanitisers will be placed by the centre aisle.
- A one-way system will mean everybody moves up the church by the centre aisle and down by the side aisles.
- The markings on each pew will show seating positions which maintain the 2m distance.
- Holy Communion will be distributed row-by-row, and the stewards will be there to assist.
- There will be no collection baskets, but instead there will be two boxes at the rear of the church after Mass: (red) for the support of the priests of the diocese; and (blue) for the upkeep of the church.
- Toilet facilities will, unfortunately, not be available for the moment.
- When we reach our capacity, we will close the church doors, and place a notice outside.

We hope these plans will help us to renew our relationship with our parish and with each other, and ensure that we all continue to stay safe and well.

Fr Paul Taylor, PP and

The Parish Pastoral Council

Even with punctures, cycling is magic

Michael Commane

Have you noticed the number of people out on bicycles? It seems the entire country has taken to cycling.

Because of Covid-19 cocooning restrictions I have been off my bicycle for many weeks, indeed it may have been my longest bicycle break in over 65 years.

A friend and I decided to take to the hills last Saturday week.

He is significantly younger than I, so there was a certain nervousness and trepidation on my part as to how I would manage.

Before we had gone seven kilometres I felt that terrible sensation of flatness. No, not with my mood, but with my back wheel. I had a puncture.

I cycled circa four kilometres to a bicycle shop, a silly thing to do but there was a tiny drop of air still in the tube. A new tube fitted. All done in less than 30 minutes. We're off again, this time with a solid back tyre.

Four kilometres later what happens? Another puncture, this time the front wheel. No chance of cycling this time as there's not a whiff of air in the tube. Luckily it was only two kilometres to the next bicycle shop, where another tube is fitted.

Within an hour, we are cycling through the Bohernabreena reservoir, just a short distance south of Tallaght. It is an exquisite place, magic for walking and cycling.

There was a mist or haze floating just above the water. You could even smell it and it certainly added to the beauty of the place.

We got chatting to a man who was about to go trout-fishing. One thing led to another and just before we parted company he said that if we were coming back later in the day, and he had caught a few trout, we would be welcome to them. Is there anything like a freshly caught trout, and fried with a knob of butter?

Alas, we would not be coming back this way later in the day. What a pity, though, I was tempted to change our route for the sake of a trout supper.

We cycled along the side of the reservoir, out on to the road, back down to Tallaght and home.

It was magic. But the magic doesn't end once you get off the bicycle. For the next day or so I was walking about on air, oops, that reminds me of those punctures. But even the punctures added to the story of the day.

We covered 45 glorious kilometres and I was delighted with myself. My companion had no problem keeping up with me.

Parish Schedule and Webcam

As the church re-opens on 29th June, there are some changes to our schedule, and these are marked in **bold** print. The Sunday dispensation is still in place, and Mass will be available via the webcam at: rathgarparish.ie.

The following is the schedule: (changes in **bold** print)

Sunday 10.30am; 12 noon; **5.30pm**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10am
Tuesday, Thursday 5.30pm

Mass in **Beechwood Avenue** is as follows:

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

We encourage everyone who visits the church to wear face coverings, and to practice hand sanitisation and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health.

Volunteers required by UCD

UCD Researchers are looking for participants aged 18 to 65 years for a dietary study. The study involves 4 visits to UCD where you will receive advice on how to improve your diet, and an assessment of your normal diet. If you think you could participate in this important study, please contact: elaine.hillesheim@ucdconnect.ie or 01 7166806

First Friday 3rd July 2020

Divine Mercy Devotions will take place this First Friday 3rd July at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil, and the current social distancing and public health regulations will apply.

Online Course in Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience

This course consists of 10 one-hour online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks delivered entirely online. It is offered twice: 13 - 24 July and 10 - 21 August

For further information and to register, please visit: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/summer-school-2020-theology,-spirituality-and-religious-experience>

An Appeal from Rathgar Society of St Vincent de Paul

During the current crisis, we are making every effort to continue to support those who need our assistance. There are envelopes at the back of the church, and you can leave your donation in the safe beside the Pieta shrine. *Thank You*