

The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

29th November 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

**We are very happy to announce the return of public Masses to Three Patrons
From Tuesday 1st December 2020**

**Everyone who visits the church must wear a face covering, and practice hand
sanitising and social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health**

Welcome back! – and stay safe and well everybody

Three Patrons

Sunday: 8.45am;10.30am; 12 noon; 5.30pm.

Monday to Friday: 7.30am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10.00am

Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

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

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday (as Gaeilge) 9.00am; 10.45

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

Webcam: Beechwoodparish.com



Eucharistic Adoration
will take place
Monday – Saturday
6.00pm – 7.00pm

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen

- Henri J.M. Nouwen
(1932-1996)

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today, as we enter the Church New Year and the season of Advent, we are invited to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

We are not getting ready to indulge in an orgy of 'excess' in all sorts of things. If we stuff and clutter our lives, we leave no space for Jesus to enter into our lives. The biblical story of 'no room at the inn' is not all about an event in the past; it is about our lives now.

Is there room in our life for prayer? Is there room in our life for spending time with someone who is lonely? Is there freedom in our life to be a giving type of person, and not a grasping egotist?

During the four weeks of Advent, we are not called to a 'passive waiting' like we do when we are stuck in a traffic jam, or waiting for the bus. The Spirit of God calls us to an 'active waiting'. We should be like parents expecting the birth of a new baby, who are focussed on all sorts of practical tasks, in anticipation of the happy event. Antenatal exercises, purchasing cot and buggy are just a few of the energy demanding things that are done with joyful hope.

Everything we can do to alleviate misery and suffering, assists in creating a world where no one should feel that there is no room at the inn.

We look back to the first Christmas in order to look forward to a better future. Through faith and prayer we nourish a vision of what is 'not yet', that empowers us to change ourselves and our world.

One of the names we give Jesus is *Emmanuel*, and that word means 'God is with us'. And yes, it is true; He is.

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 th and 15 th Dec Time: 1-2pm Please contact vcummins@crosscare.ie if you need to make an alternative drop-off arrangement.	Community Food Bank St Thomas the Apostle Fortunestown Road Tallaght Wed 9 th and 16 th Dec Time: 1-2pm
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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

Copies of Pope Francis's Encyclical
'Fratelli Tutti'
are available at the back of the church
€5.00

Collections on 22nd November 2020

First Collection €445

Second Collection €160

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 extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of

Henry Martin-Reid

**whose funeral took place in Three Patrons this week.
May he 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. 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.

Biodiversity garden The Laudato Si Group would like to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of contributions of over €200, and also the many plants received during the past two weeks for the development of the biodiversity garden to the rear of the church. Planting, which is taking place on a phased basis has already started.

