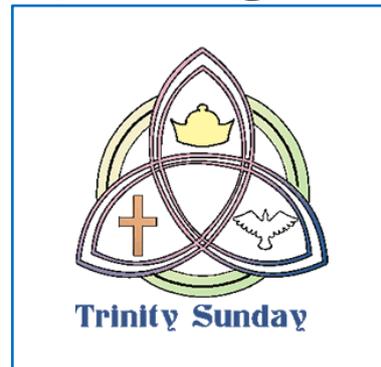


The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

Parish Newsletter

30th May 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.csps.dublindiocese.ie

**In accordance with Government and Archdiocese guidelines,
public Masses will return to Three Patrons from Monday 10th May 2021,
with an attendance of 50 people**

The following is the schedule:

Sunday 10.00am; 12noon; 6.00pm

Monday to Friday: 7.30am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am

Tuesday, Thursday: 5.30pm

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

**We ask everyone who visits the church to wear a face covering, and to practise hand
sanitising and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health**

Beechwood Parish

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday (as Gaeilge): 9.00am; 11am

Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am

Webcam: Beechwoodparish.com

Stay safe and well everyone

and

WELCOME BACK !

From the Pastor's Desk.....

In this week's newsletter

I have printed a copy of the painting called 'Two Trinities' by the great Spanish artist Bartolome Murillo (1618-1682). Murillo was the youngest of fourteen children and both his parents were dead by the time he was nine.



Throughout his life, he loved painting images of the Holy Family. He saw the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a, "little Trinity" - a communion of life and love. Part of the uniqueness of the Christian Faith is that we believe at the heart of the mystery of God is a dynamic communion of life and love between God the Father, Christ the Son and The Holy Ghost. God is not a solitary, isolated being. In Murillo's painting at the National Gallery in London, Jesus is at the heart of the vertical axis, with the image of the Father above him and the dove representing the Holy Ghost in between. Jesus is at the centre of the horizontal axis of the painting with Mary and Joseph. We first experience our belonging to God, through the unconditional acceptance and love that embraces us through our parents. Just as in the Holy Trinity, in family life too, there is equality and difference. Of course, when speaking of the reality of the Divine, all language falls short and imperfect - we can never grasp the mystery of God fully. However, Jesus reveals God to us as, 'Father' and through the Holy Spirit, weaves us into the dynamic of his Divine Love. In and through each of us, that Divine Love seeks to embrace others, and draw them into the circle of belonging to God

St Ignatius 500 Years

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has launched a year of celebrations to mark the conversion of St Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits. During a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop on 20th May at St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street, Dublin he said "This evening we thank God for Saint Ignatius' life and for the members of the Society of Jesus, who down the centuries, have been searching, creative and generous in the service of the Church and society." There will be a Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart taking place at Gardiner Street Church from 3 - 11 June. You can find out more about their planned events for the year on <https://www.iesuit.ie/ignatius500/>

Mass Cards

are available in the parish office
9.30am-12.30pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri,
or in the sacristy after Mass.

Collections on 23rd May 2021

First Collection € 405
Second Collection € 387

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 at the back of the church. *Thank you*

INTERDIOCESAN RETREAT ARDS FRIARY RETREAT CENTRE

We are pleased to advise that due to the easing of restrictions in June we are able to schedule the Interdiocesan Retreat this year from Sunday, 20th to Thursday, 24 June. Kindly let us know if you would like to join the retreat; you can call us at: 074 913 8909. It would be helpful to our catering staff if, at the time of booking, you could advise of any special dietary requirements that you may have.

SURVEY OF PARENTS OF RECENTLY-BAPTISED CHILDREN

Jessie Rogers (Dean of Theology, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) and Cora O'Farrell (Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, Dublin City University) are exploring ways of supporting young parents in the spiritual nurture of their children using *Godly Play* principles.

To begin, they are conducting a Baptism research project which seeks to hear the voices of parents/care-givers of recently baptised children (within the past two years).

The survey is the first phase of the project, and they hope to get some of those who fill in the survey to volunteer to take part in focus group interviews at a later stage. Ultimately they are looking to develop a programme or guidance to support young parents as they prepare for baptism and beyond, as their children journey through the early years. A key underpinning of the research is that it is informed and led by young parents themselves. Please email: baptismproject@gmail.com for further information

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

An initiative called 'Walking Together in Hope' will be launched on 25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes, starting in September 2021. The aim of the initiative is to encourage families to take part in various projects to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. The goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living, and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information, and you can contact us on the web: <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services are available on www.aware.ie