

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://www.csps.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.**

## **The Eucharist and Creation – Pope Francis** **(Season of Creation 1st September – 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

‘The Eucharist is an act of cosmic love: yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. The Eucharist joins heaven and earth: it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration. In the bread of the Eucharist creation is projected towards divinisation, towards unification with the Creator himself.’

**Laudato Si 236**

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

The Jesuit priest and poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, in his poem 'God's Grandeur' reminds us that we are called to appreciate "the dearest freshness deep down things".

As we conclude this year's Season of Creation and celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, let us all say "Thank you, thank you, thank you for the gift of creation".

While our social and church congregating are limited in these Covid 19 days, we have more time and opportunity to stop, look, admire, smell, and taste, the mind-blowing beauty that is all around us.

The pandemic has unwound the ever more hectic pace of life that so many have experienced. The river of life has changed from being a whirlpool sucking us in, to a broader slower-moving river.

Here in our parish, our 'Laudato Si' group is about to begin making our green space beside St Patrick's Hall at the back of the church, into a garden of plants and flowers that will be attractive for bees, birds, and diverse insect life.

As Parish Priest, I would like to invite you to think about ways in which we can make our church carbon neutral; I personally would love to see us being able to generate our own electricity, for example.

Pope Francis says:" If we approach nature and the environment without an openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak to the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters.... By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously" (*Laudato Si*, 11).

The poet, Patrick Kavanagh put it so well in his poem 'The One':

"That beautiful, beautiful, beautiful God  
Was breathing His love by a cutaway bog".

To celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi  
on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October,  
here is a prayer for all pets and other animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the  
animals,  
especially for animals who are suffering;

for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or  
hungry; for all that must be put to sleep.

We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,  
and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of  
compassion and gentle hands and kindly words.

Make us be true friends to animals  
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

*Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)*

## Collections on 27th September 2020

**First Collection €265**

**Second Collection €325**

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*

**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](mailto: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 today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, and forms will be available all week at the back of the church

Thank you

The Parish Pastoral Council

**Shine a Light for Homelessness** Focus Ireland invites you to take part in this year's 'Shine A Light Night' which will take place on **Friday 16 October**.

You are asked to give one night to shine a light on homelessness and raise funds to help Focus Ireland's vital services. It's easy to get involved: You can safely sleep out in your gardens, living rooms or socially distanced at an organised sleep out in solidarity with Ireland's homeless community. **For**

**further information,** please visit [shinealight.focusireland.ie](http://shinealight.focusireland.ie)

**Gianna Care** provides compassionate, life-affirming, and confidential care during pregnancy. If you would like further information, please see notices at the back of the Church or call 086 0293727

*Day for Life* is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated in Ireland today, Sunday 4th October and will focus on the theme: 'Choose Life'.

**Irish Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers who are free on weekdays and who could commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at [gflinter@irishcancer.ie](mailto:gflinter@irishcancer.ie) or call 01 2310 566. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus only drivers under the age of 70 years are permitted.