

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Parish Newsletter

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

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**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 in Three Patrons at the following times:

**Sunday: 10.00am**

**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;

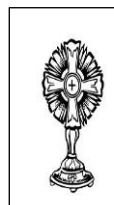
Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am.

**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.**

**Stay safe and well everybody**

Eucharistic Adoration  
takes place  
Monday – Saturday  
6.00pm – 7.00pm



## A young man's courageous stand against the darkness

Michael Commane

The world is always a dark place when we lose our freedom. I have just read a powerful book about the impending doom of what it means to have our bodies and minds incarcerated by evil.

Robert Seethaler's novel 'The Tobacconist' tells the story of young a man, who has the innate goodness and courage to stand up to the all-powerful invading Germans who arrived in Austria in 1938.

Seethaler weaves a story of so many parts around 17-year-old Franz Huchel, who leaves his sleepy Austrian village and moves to Vienna to work in a kiosk that sells newspapers and magazines. It's owned by Otto Trsnjek a former friend of his mothers. Franz grew to respect Otto. He listened to him, picked up tips of the trade and began reading newspapers and magazines.

The world-famous neurologist and founder of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud bought his newspaper and cigar at the kiosk. On one occasion Franz runs after him to give him his hat which he had left at the Kiosk and so begins a wonderful friendship between 17-year-old Fanz and 81-year-old Sigmund Freud.

Franz meets Anezka at a fair in the city and instantly falls in love with her, or at least so he thinks.

He turns to Freud to discuss his love troubles, who tells him that having worries about women are usually unwise but never unimportant.

In a letter he writes to his mother he tells her about his friendship with Freud and that it does not bother him that he is a Jew.

All the time in the background there is the ghost of the arrival of German troops in Austria. It's not long before the Nazis turn up at the kiosk and take away Otto. It's the last that Franz sees of him.

While most of Vienna is now giving the Heil Hitler salute, Franz refuses, indeed, lets people know his opposition to the growing darkness. It's never easy to oppose the prevailing wind.

He is broken-hearted when he discovers that his old fragile friend Sigmund Freud is leaving for London. Unbeknownst to Freud, Franz stands at the back of the railway station the day that Freud is boarding his train for his journey to London.

Goodness and courage stay with Franz Huchel right to the end. In the midst of Austria's overwhelming enthusiasm for the Nazis, the young idealistic man stays loyal to all that is good and right.

'The Tobacconist' is a great read. I strongly recommend it.

## Accord Collection on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The annual ACCORD collection will take place on  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

This year you can donate in one of the following ways:

**Online:** with DONATE button at [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie)

**By post:** Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre,  
Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

Many thanks for your continued support

We extend our sincere sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
**Gerard McHugh**  
whose funeral took place in  
**Three Patrons**  
on **Tuesday.**  
**May he rest in peace**



## Excerpt from the homily of Dr Dermot Farrell at his installation as Archbishop of Dublin

Today, I stand before you more than aware of my own inadequacies. But you and I also stand before God, the giver of gifts (see Matt 6:25–33), who is our hope and our help (see Pss 61:5, 26:1). It is a daunting task, but I am sufficiently acquainted with the calls of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Mary and others to realise that the enormity of the challenge is more than matched by the power of the One who has called me.

I am happy to embrace this new mission. I come to you with hope in my heart. It is not a naive hope that everything will be better tomorrow, but a hope born of a conviction that transcends these difficult days through which we are living, and a hope that transcends the limits our own capabilities. Faith is not an invitation to put up with life's difficulties and frustrations. Rather, faith asks us to see these as a time of grace. This time – both in the crisis that is the global pandemic, and in the many crises confronting the Church – this very time, with all its frustration and fear, is rich with possibilities, already carrying the future, overflowing with Christ (see Walter Burghardt, *Sir, We Would Like to See Jesus*, p. 36). What we do in the coming months and years, how we live out of these challenges and opportunities, will define who we really are as a people of faith. We must embrace the future: after all, today and tomorrow are God's gift to us. Christ goes before his disciples: we follow.

But the future is God's gift to us. I come to Dublin knowing very few of you. But such is our experience all through life: we come to new places, we meet new people, and we are changed, we are enriched. We live in new ways. There is no pre-packaged plan to address the reality in which we find ourselves. There is a direction; there are way markers, we know them well: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see Gal 5:22–23). They call us to build, or to re-build parishes marked by welcome, openness, forgiveness, resilience, and courage. They call to the service of communities which put flesh on new ways of living in our common home (see in particular, *Laudato Si* §2), and of praising the One who gives us life (see John 6:33).

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