

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

**Naming and numbering proposal for new development of 9 houses at Purser Gardens,
Rathmines, Dublin 6**

Coram Deo

A request to name and number a development of 9 houses at Purser Gardens has been received.

The applicant has chosen the name Coram Deo because:

“In 1828 when Holy Trinity Church was built by the renowned architect Mr. John Semple, he wanted the new church to be a place “that showed the presence of God’s love and also where people could be present in the local Rathmines area.” Then in the early 1930s , Mr Ernest Jobling-Purser, who owned and lived in Rathmines Castle and was a famous Irish business person and also a parishioner in Holy Trinity, sold a site directly adjacent to the church building built by John Semple , so the parish could build a new house known as the rectory. Mr. Jobling-Purser sold this rectory site, to further develop John Semple’s dream “so the parish could build a new home where the church leader (Rector) and his family could live in the area and that their presence would be a blessing to others.” Now the parish would like to increase this physical presence by building more homes on this rectory site they purchased in the 1930s. Where there once was only one home built in the 1930s, now there will be nine new homes. As this is a housing project where people from the parish will be present and live physically in this new development to love and serve their local area, we chose the name Coram Deo. Coram Deo is a Latin phrase translated “in the presence of God” which summarises the idea of people living physically in a place to interact with and serve others in their neighbourhood.” We think this is a very appropriate name given the above history of the church and the rectory site. It also highlights why we are building these new homes and how we want to expand on the parish’s original vision of being a loving presence in the local area. The parish has been present here for just over 193 years and we want to maximise the entire site potential, by having even more members of the parish live beside the church and serving the community.”

The development is outlined on the attached Map Index No: SM- -2021 -0733. The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate and accordingly the scheme is recommended for approval. An Brainse Logainmneacha has approved use of the name and recommended that the name not be translated.

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