



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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Opening hours for the Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8th October 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm
New adorers always welcome

Next weekend we welcome the boys and girls in Second Class who are preparing for **First Confessions and First Communion** for next year. This is part of the “Do This in Memory of Me” Masses, whereby the boys and girls are accompanied by their parents, so that they can best prepare for the Sacraments. At the Masses next weekend, the boys and girls will present their enrolment forms. We ask you to keep them in your prayers in the coming months.

Synod of Bishops:

On the 4th October, Pope Francis opened the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops “For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, Mission”.

Cardinal Grech, who is the General Secretary of the Synod has said that “the synod, is above all, an event of prayer and listening that involves not only the members of the Synodal Assembly, but every baptised person and every particular Church. Indeed all of us are called at this time to unite in communion of prayer and insistent invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning what the Lord is asking of his Church today”.

Introduction to the bible on Kells webcam. John Byrne will continue his introduction to the Bible. This year he will introduce the St. John’s Gospel on Mondays at 12 noon. Each session will last 25 minutes (approx). You can access the talks as you would the Mass each day on www.kellsparish.ie (If you cannot access the talks on the webcam, you are welcome to come to Kells Church to attend in person). The sessions will be recorded. For queries, you may contact Fr. John on email: jplowebyrne@gmail.com

Safeguarding Sunday 8th October:

Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for parish communities to raise awareness of safeguarding, highlight, and celebrate the good work that is being done by so many to safeguard vulnerable people. We would like to acknowledge the children and young people who take part in our parish activities and hope they will continue to be part of our parish life. Thanks also to our parish volunteers and to the parents who support our young people. Your enthusiasm, care and welcome plays a huge part in ensuring that children and young people have a positive experience in our parish.

Thanks to our Parish Safeguarding Reps, Eileen Doherty and Gerardine Rogers.

We thank them for their oversight, support, and encouragement. See www.meathsafeguarding.ie

| 8 Oct | Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15 Oct | Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| 7.00pm | Christy Fagan Owen Murray | 7.00pm | Lizzie & John Madden Michael Garrett |
| 9.00am | Gerard Crehan | 9.00am | Mella Everard Anthony, Mary-Kate & Michael Gaughan |
| 11.00am | | 11.00am | Youlanda Kelly Joe & Masie McCormack |
| 12.15pm | Joseph & Mary White | 12.15pm | Vincent & Anna May Crowe Peter & Mary Moore Ursula Cleary |

Monday Special Intention
Wednesday Matthew & Molly Duffy
Friday Ann Kenny

Tuesday Mass for the Holy Souls
Thursday Christy Donnelly

“Praise God” (Laudate Deum)

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation building on his 2015 encyclical.

“Praise God” (Laudate Deum) is the title of this letter. He describes how care for our common home flows from the Christian faith. We’re not reacting enough, he says, we’re close to breaking point. He criticises climate change deniers, saying that the human origin of global warming is now beyond doubt.

For when human beings claim to take God’s place, they become their own worst enemies.” That’s how Pope Francis ends his new Exhortation, published on the 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

In particular, the Exhortation looks ahead to COP28, which will be held in Dubai between the end of November and beginning of December. The Holy Father writes: “With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons”.

It’s “one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community” and “the effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world”

“Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident,” says the Pope.

Moreover, Pope Francis says, “it is verifiable that specific climate changes provoked by humanity are notably heightening the probability of extreme phenomena that are increasingly frequent and intense.”

Therefore, “a broader perspective is urgently needed ... What is being asked of us is nothing other than a certain responsibility for the legacy we will leave behind, once we pass from this world”.

Viatores Christi’s (VC) Venture Training Programme. Viatores Christi’s (VC) live interactive online Venture training program takes place this autumn. It is designed for both current and aspiring development and humanitarian aid workers, missionaries and volunteers, aiming to equip them with practical skills for impactful work in the field. The programme covers modules such as mission and development, global awareness, community development, project cycle management, as well as social and climate justice. Programme dates are October 7th-8th, November 4th-5th, and 25th-26th. For just €300, candidates receive 6 interactive training days from a range of experts as well as access to 20+ hours of important online self-directed training material. Candidates can register their place via Google Forms here: <https://forms.gle/uEMw3oMFZs9NayAr6> For more information, contact VC’s Training Officer, Sorcha, at sorcha@viatoreschristi.com.

Local Drama Group. The Venue Players are seeking new members. Are you interest in acting, stage craft, costume, props, set design. Join us in the Venue on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm. No previous experience necessary. Over 18’s only.
Ring Michelle Kavanagh 086 3788874

50 Years of the Northern Ireland Peace Process: Retrospective & Reflections.

A Seminar in association with the Meath Peace Group and Meath County Library on Saturday 14th October at St Columban's College, Dalgan Park, Navan, 1.30-5.30pm. Speakers to include: Sean Donlon, Dermot Nesbitt, Brid Rodgers, Tim O'Connor, Lily Kerr, Pat Hynes, Katy Hayward, Duncan Morrow. Booking is essential via Eventbrite. Places are limited so early booking is essential.

Best of luck to **Ratoath GAA** in the Senior County Final this Sunday.