



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

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Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

**The Sunday Mass at 12.15pm will resume on
Sunday next 4th September**

We welcome Sive & Faye Niclot; Archie Hand, Alex Reder; Liadh Gleeson and Hannah Goulding into the Christian community. They were **baptized** recently.

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €2,329.50 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Next Sunday is a **blue envelope** collection day.

Legion of Mary Centenary Concert: To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday 3rd of September at 8pm (doors open at 7:30pm) with very special guests including award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Celtic Calling, Lorraine Mathews and other guests on the night. Bookings: Eventbrite: Search Legion of Mary Centenary Concert Tickets: €30 (premium - seating in reserved area) & €20 (general admission)

Alpha Course: Following on from the Synod meetings, an Alpha Course will be held in the Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar from 8th September for 11 weeks, 7.30pm – 9pm.

St Finian's Day at Clonard: Sunday 17th September, 10.30am – 4.00 pm in St Finian's Church, Clonard. Inspirational Talks. Pilgrim Walk to site of St Finian monastery.
Speakers: Dr Pdraig O'Riain, Professor Emeritus UCC and Dr Holger C. Lonze, Dealbhoir/Sculptor.
Music: Maire Ni Dhuibhir.

Meath Alzheimer Cafés are still being held online. The next Virtual Café is on Wednesday 7th September at 11:00 am. Guest Speaker is Danielle Timmons, ASI Dementia Adviser for Meath. The title of her talk is: "The Dementia Adviser Service". All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to join us. If you wish to take part, please email: meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie and you will receive an invitation to attend.

28 Aug	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Jacqueline Mannering John & Kathleen Staunton Conor Fogarty	7.00pm	
9.00am		9.00am	Michael O'Callaghan
11.00am	Mary Carey Val Murrihy Mary Joe & Patrick Deasy Fergal Ronan	11.00am	John Colreavy John Roche
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	Angelo & David Mulvaney Mary & Joseph White Pauline Everard Rose & Ralph Richardson

Monday
Friday

John Moore
Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

**“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and
the one who humbles himself will be exalted”**

Jesus tells his listeners that it is better to take a lower place at table. Then the host may come to you and say “My Friend, move up higher”. The other guests then may hold you in high esteem.

In today's world, every day individuals vie for fame, fortune, power and status. The people who have achieved any of these “gifts” typically are held in high esteem. However, Jesus completely reverses this idea. He proposes that it is always best to choose a lower place rather than a higher place. Thus, you will never be embarrassed by being asked to move to a lower place. And possibly you may be invited to move up to a higher place.

Status seeking is rampant in our world. Many people seek fame, power and recognition. However there are also many individuals who live their lives quietly and simply. They are content with God, family, friends and a simple lifestyle. Fame may look glamorous. However, almost every day in our newspaper or on television we hear stories of how the famous and glamorous have fallen or been defamed, often by their own choices.

Today Jesus encourages us to be content what seemingly is “lowly and least”. Often it is the small insignificant gifts of everyday life where we experience the greatest love, joy, peace and contentment. Today be mindful and notice the many small gifts you receive. Thank the giver and thank God.

Sr Kristine Anne Harpenau OSB

Prayer for a Blessing on a Long Life

God of mercy, you have given your children the gift of long life and they ask for your blessing.

Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence.

As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy.

As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade.

To you be praise and glory forever. Amen.

Pope Francis speaking on Old Age at the General Audience last week:

“Old age must bear witness – for me this is the core, the most central aspect of old age – old age must bear witness to children that they are a blessing. This witness consists in their initiation – beautiful and difficult – into the mystery of our destination in life that no one can annihilate, not even death. To bring the witness of faith before a child is to sow that life. To bear the witness of humanity too, and of faith, is the vocation of the elderly. To give children the reality that they have lived as a witness, to bear witness. We old people are called to this, to bear witness, so that they might bring it forward”.

Beginning of a New School Year

We wish all our students, teachers and all who work in our schools, God's blessing at the start of this new school year.

Prayer at the beginning of the New School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff in our parish schools, that together they may grow in faith, hope, and love as they learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of their minds, that they may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen their commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven their faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen