



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Alice Ui Ruairc (Artane) aunt of Gerry Murphy (Wilkinstown) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

This weekend the boys and girls who are receiving the **Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion** will join us along with their parents for their second Masses in the “Do this in Memory of Me programme”. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Board of Management meetings** for Ratoath Senior National School will be held on Monday evening and for Ratoath Junior National School on Tuesday evening of this week.

The **sick and the housebound** will be attended to in their home on Friday.

**Parish Envelopes – can you help?** In the next few weeks the parish envelopes will be distributed and we thank and are grateful to all who assist in leaving boxes of envelopes at the door of houses. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with this work. If you can spare about an hour in the next few weeks, we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Synod 2021-2024:** During Lent, many people in the Diocese of Meath took part in synodal conversations. The Church now invites us to consider how our voices have been heard, and how our voices resonate and/or diverge with the voices of others across the world. A working meeting will be held in **Dunshaughlin Parish Centre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00pm to 5:00pm** at which we will read the working document “*Enlarge the space of your tent*” in conjunction with our diocesan and national syntheses. All are welcome to participate but please note that this is a working meeting which requires preparatory work in advance.

Anyone interested in participating must register at [meathsynodalpathway@gmail.com](mailto:meathsynodalpathway@gmail.com).

27 Nov	First Sunday of Advent	4 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
7.00pm	Ann & Frank O’Reilly Patsy & Christy Smith Frank & Irene Regan Kenneth Cullen Paddy & Henry Laffey Tommy & Rosemary Wallace Karen & Joan Monahan	7.00pm	Sergei Buga Alan Rafferty
9.00am		9.00am	Dan & Joan Moore
11.00am	Olive McCann Nicholas O’Connor Michael Ryder	11.00am	Frank & Molly Maher Kathleen, Billy & Liam Lynch Joe Keogh
12.15pm	Ciaran Kilcline & deceased members of the Kavanagh family. Louis Collins. Lorraine Bracken Stephen Daly	12.15pm	Sean Eiffe Eamonn Coyne Steve Lynch

Wednesday Lena Donnelly (Month’s Memory)

Thursday Vera Hatch

Friday Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

The countdown for World Youth Day 2023 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August, which will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, has begun. It is time to save the date and prepare for the journey.

Pope Francis has registered and invites those aged 18-35 to gather from all parts of the world in joyful celebration of the faith and identity we share in Jesus Christ, Saviour of the World.

We look at the example of the young Mary of Nazareth and seek her to intercede and guide all young people. **“Mary arose and went with haste” Lk. 1:39** Follow [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) & Facebook: Meath Diocese WYD. Watch this space for more info in the coming weeks.

Pope Francis had this to say at his Angelus address last Sunday.

*“I would like to extend a special thought and send my love to the young people! As of last year, the local Churches observe World Youth Day specifically on the Solemnity of Christ the King. The theme, the same as the [next World Youth Day in Lisbon](#) – I renew my invitation that you participate in it – is “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39). Our Lady did this when she was young, and she tells us that the secret to remaining young is found precisely in those two verbs, to arise and to go. I like to think of Our Lady who went in haste. She really went quickly; she went in haste.*

*And many times, I pray to Our Lady: “Hey, hurry up and resolve this problem!” To arise and to go – not to stay still thinking about ourselves, wasting our lives and chasing after comforts or the latest fads, but to aim for the heights, get on the move, leaving behind our own fears to take someone in need by the hand.*

*And today, we need young people who are truly “transgressives”, young people who are truly “transgressives”, non-conformists, who are not slaves to their mobile phones, but who change the world like Mary, bearing Jesus to others, taking care of others, building fraternal communities with others, making dreams of peace come true!”*

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### **Pope Francis on Advent**

"Advent is the season for remembering the closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst. Let us make the traditional Advent prayer our own: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' ... We can say it at the beginning of each day and repeat it often, before our meetings, our studies and our work, before making decisions, in every important or difficult moment of our lives: 'Come, Lord Jesus,'"

Pope Francis stressed that Advent is both a time of "God's closeness and our watchfulness".

"It is important to remain watchful, because one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God. Drawn by our own interests ... and distracted by so many vain things, we risk losing sight of what is essential.

Being watchful in expectation of his coming means not letting ourselves be overcome by discouragement. It is to live in hope.

Without making an effort to love God daily and awaiting the newness he constantly brings, we become mediocre, lukewarm, worldly. And this slowly eats away at our faith, for faith is the very opposite of mediocrity: it is ardent desire for God, a bold effort to change, the courage to love, constant progress,"

"Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns; it is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love. That is why Jesus above all else detests lukewarmness."

Pope Francis said that prayer and charity are antidotes to mediocrity and indifference.

The pope quoted the opening prayer for the first Sunday of Advent: "Grant [us] ... the resolve to run forth to meet Christ with righteous deeds at his coming."