



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

20th August 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on Sundays in the months of July and August.

The 12.15pm Mass will resume on Sunday 3rd September.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Mary Duckett (Virginia, USA) sister of James Roche (Baltrasna) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

The **Viatores Christi** members who made their appeal last weekend at all Masses wish to thank the parishioners of the parish for the very warm they received. A special thanks to all who contributed to their collection which so far has raised €1,750.

Next week **church gate collection** (26th/27th August) is for **the Altar Society** of Ratoath Parish. This collected is used by the altar society for flowers for the altar, linen for the church, cleaning equipment, detergents etc and other items in collection with the various ceremonies held in the church throughout the year. We ask you to support this collection. Thank you.

Summary of the words of Pope Francis at the General Audience on 9th August reflecting on World Youth Day

Dear brothers and sisters: During my recent Apostolic Journey to Portugal for the celebration of World Youth Day, I witnessed a moving demonstration of the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, at work in the hearts and lives of young Christians throughout the world.

Following the example of Mary, who “set out in haste” after the Annunciation, the young pilgrims expressed their desire to set out towards the future of hope promised by the Gospel.

The encounter of so many young people from different countries, all united by the love of Christ and the joy of the Spirit, reflected the face of the Church as the People of God, to which everyone, in every place and time, is called to belong.

In a world torn by poverty, injustice and war, we joined in prayer for the spread of the Gospel, the conversion of hearts, and the healing and peace that the Lord alone can give.

In this spirit, I also went as a pilgrim to Fatima, where I renewed the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May this great outpouring of spiritual joy and love for Christ that marked these days foster an abundance of vocations and serve as a leaven of hope for the future of Portugal, the Church and our world.

20 August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Fergal Ronan	7.00pm	Jacqueline Mannering
9.00am	Catherine & Patrick Cowley & the deceased members of the family	9.00am	
11.00am	Margaret Cahill	11.00am	Anne O’Boyle (Month’s Memory) Geraldine Turley Peggy, Michael & Pauline Flood Mary Carey Tony Dowling
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Monday Special Intention

Friday Special Intention

Two Reflections from “A Year to Remember”

“How rich are the depths of God – how deep is God’s wisdom and knowledge and how impossible to penetrate God’s motive or understand God’s methods. Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?”
from St Paul’s letter to the Romans

These lines are one of the most beautiful that St Paul wrote. They were not just written for the sake of putting a few lines together. They were written by Paul over much reflection on how he felt that God was present in his life. Like all of us Paul grappled with the great issues of life only to end up in admiration of God’s boundless wisdom. Paul had an appreciation of the richness and depth of God’s blessings in his life. Sometimes we might not be as confident or as sure as Paul. But with careful reflection we know that we can point to God’s influence and presence in our lives. Such an influence and presence has been a cornerstone of our lives. No event or person can ever take it away from us.

The following prayer for strength was written by St Pope John 23rd

“Every day I need you Lord, but today especially I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring.

And so dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

Be with me Lord this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me.

May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen

Monday is the Feast of St Pius X

St Pius X was pope from 1903 to 1914. He encourage pastoral and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope PiusXI I prescribed the memorial for the whole church at the end of the Marian year in 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary’s queenship with the Assumption on 15th August.

Wednesday is the Feast of St Rose of Lima (1586-1617).

She helped the poor and marginalized and seen originator of social services in Peru.

Thursday is the Feast of St Bartholomew.

His name occurs only in the list of the apostles. He is probably to be identified with Nathanael of Cana, whom Philip brings to the Lord. He preached the gospel in India.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 12th under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan.

The 4 night and 6 night options are booked out. Places are available for the 5 night option.

Booking can be made by contacting JWT Travel Ltd, Tel: 01-2410800.

50th Anniversary of the East Meath Pioneer Region

The 24th September 2023 will mark the 50th anniversary of the East Meath Pioneer Region.

To celebrate the occasion, Mass will be held at 3.00pm in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady Johnstown, on Sunday 24th September 2023. This will be followed by dinner and social evening in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. Music by Matt Leavy. Tickets €30

Presentation of Pioneer Silver, Gold, and Diamond Emblems and certificates will be made on the day to eligible members, if you are due one of these please let us know. Tickets are now available from the regional committee, and from local centres.

Further information available from Jim 0876501915 and Mary 086 3592636 Chris 087 6766586