



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

31st July 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

There will be no 12.15pm Mass for the months of July and August.
The Sunday Mass at 12.15pm will resume on Sunday 4th September.

The **sick and the housebound** will be attended to in their homes this Friday.

We welcome Elise Raythorn, Thomas Hampson, Beth Radmore, Finn Flanagan, Levi Kenna and Isabelle Colreavy into the Christian Community. They were **baptised** recently.

Reek Sunday – this Sunday The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on this Sunday 31st July at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass hourly from 8:00am - 2:00pm.

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock on 14th August .The Meath Diocese pilgrimage to Knock will be renewed this year and will take at the start of the Knock Novena on Sunday 14th August. The Pilgrimage will be by Bishop Thomas Deenihan. The Anointing of the Sick takes place in the Basilica at 2.30pm and Mass is at 3.00pm. The Rosary procession will follow outside on the grounds of the Shrine, weather permitting. See also Knock Shrine website. www.knockshrine.ie .

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday August 14th A bus will leave Navan Fairgreen at 8.00am, Dunshaughlin Church at 8.30am, Dunboyne Church at 8.45am.

Please contact May 0871334872 and Peggy 087 7846455

Medjugorje: Ex Dublin to Dubrovnik, September 14th for 7 nights, half board staying in P I M K House, 5 minutes from the church. Cost €765.00. Contact Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682

The annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022 will take place on Saturday 17th September. The cycle raises vital funds for the housing and homeless charity founded by Fr Peter McVerry. The event is open to all abilities and is a great day out.

To find out more visit www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle or call 01 823 0776.

31 July	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Aug	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Gerard Oakley (Months Memory) Patrick O'Sullivan Special Intention	7.00pm	Liam McLoughlin
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Harry, Nan & Peg Everard Jackie O'Sullivan Molly Maher	11.00am	James Ralph Ann Kerrigan
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Monday Joe Fernandes & Special Intention (Bank Holiday Mass at 9.45am)
 Tuesday Special Intention
 Wednesday Special Intention
 Thursday Special Intention
 Friday Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Pope Francis in Canada

Excerpt from the Address of Pope Francis on Monday last at his meeting with indigenous peoples: First Nations, Metis and Inuit

I have been waiting to come here and be with you! Here, from this place associated with painful memories, I would like to begin what I consider a pilgrimage, a penitential pilgrimage. I have come to your native lands to tell you in person of my sorrow, to implore God's forgiveness, healing and reconciliation, to express my closeness and to pray with you and for you.

I recall the meetings we had in Rome four months ago. At that time, I was given two pairs of moccasins as a sign of the suffering endured by indigenous children, particularly those who, unfortunately, never came back from the residential schools... The memory of those children is indeed painful; it urges us to work to ensure that every child is treated with love, honour and respect...

To remember: brothers and sisters, you have lived on these lands for thousands of years, following ways of life that respect the earth which you received as a legacy from past generations and are keeping for those yet to come. You have treated it as a gift of the Creator to be shared with others and to be cherished in harmony with all that exists, in profound fellowship with all living beings...

The place where we are gathered renews within me the deep sense of pain and remorse that I have felt in these past months. I think back on the tragic situations that so many of you, your families and your communities have known; of what you shared with me about the suffering you endured in the residential schools. These are traumas that are in some way reawakened whenever the subject comes up; I realize too that our meeting today can bring back old memories and hurts, and that many of you may feel uncomfortable even as I speak...

It is necessary to remember how the policies of assimilation and enfranchisement, which also included the residential school system, were devastating for the people of these lands....how the policies of assimilation ended up systematically marginalizing the indigenous peoples; how also through the system of residential schools your languages and cultures were denigrated and suppressed; how children suffered physical, verbal, psychological and spiritual abuse; how they were taken away from their homes at a young age, and how that indelibly affected relationships between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren.

Today I am here because the first step of my penitential pilgrimage among you is that of again asking forgiveness, of telling you once more that I am deeply sorry. Sorry for the ways in which, regrettably, many Christians supported the colonizing mentality of the powers that oppressed the indigenous peoples. I am sorry. I ask forgiveness, in particular, for the ways in which many members of the Church and of religious communities cooperated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools....

I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the indigenous peoples.

Dear brothers and sisters, many of you and your representatives have stated that begging pardon is not the end of the matter. I fully agree: that is only the first step, the starting point.... An important part of this process will be to conduct a serious investigation into the facts of what took place in the past and to assist the survivors of the residential schools to experience healing from the traumas they suffered.

Here, today, I am with you to recall the past, to grieve with you, to bow our heads together in silence and to pray before the graves. Let us allow these moments of silence to help us interiorize our pain. Silence. And prayer. In the face of evil, we pray to the Lord of goodness; in the face of death, we pray to the God of life. Our Lord Jesus Christ took a grave, which seemed the burial place of every hope and dream, leaving behind only sorrow, pain and resignation, and made it a place of rebirth and resurrection, the beginning of a history of new life and universal reconciliation.

Our own efforts are not enough to achieve healing and reconciliation: we need God's grace.

We need the quiet and powerful wisdom of the Spirit, the tender love of the Comforter.

May he bring to fulfilment the deepest expectations of our hearts.

May he take us by the hand and enable us to advance together on our journey.