



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

4th October 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. All are welcome.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 4th October - <https://youtu.be/n8F64QnScLw>

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 11th October - <https://youtu.be/ZiyNKGbwzEc>

We welcome into the Christian community. Alex Duffy, Isabelle Gaffney, and Aaron Larkin, They were **baptised** recently.

Please pray for the **repose of the souls** of Robert Brunton (Mill Tree Park) and Betty Barker (Dunboyne), sister of Teresa Eiffe (Curragha Road) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Day of Life: This Sunday is set aside by the Church to raise awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. We grieve the loss of life at any stage of life. On the child in the womb Pope Francis writes “the gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life” (www.dayoflife.org)

October is Mission Month and the theme this year is “Together we can do more – Blessed are the peacemakers”. The theme recognises that many of our missionaries are on the front line in many parishes in mission lands.

Vocations: 13 new students have begun studying for the priesthood bringing the total number studying to 72 for Irish dioceses. The Diocese of Meath currently has three seminarians in preparation for priesthood. The vocations director for the diocese of Meath is Fr Tony Gonoude who can be contacted on 044-9373923. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

“The tragedy we are experiencing at this time summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that life is of no use if not used to serve others. For life is measured by love” (Pope Francis – Palm Sunday 5th April)

4 Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Patrick Cowley	7.00pm	Christy Donnelly Robert Davis
9.00am	Mary Kate, Michael & Anthony Gaughan	9.00am	Jim Eiffe
11.00am	Charles & Elizabeth Keogh & deceased members of the family Alice Burke Michael & Mary Carey	11.00am	Michael McIntyre & the deceased members of the family Youlanda Kelly
12.15pm	Sean McGrath Michael Scannell Ronnie Branigan	12.15pm	Charlie Synnott (Months Memory)

Monday	Christy Fagan & the deceased members of the family & Special Intention
Tuesday	The deceased members of the Molloy & Maguire families & Special Intention
Wednesday	Special Intention
Thursday	Terry O’Sullivan & Special Intention
Friday	Matthew & Molly Duffy

October is the month of the Rosary and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on Wednesday next (7th October). Many people of faith use the beads to quiet the mind. The repetition of prayers and the handling of the beads create a space to allowing the spirit to whisper to our hearts the wonder and mystery of God's love for us. October invites us to recover a renewed appreciation of the rosary as a contemplative and Christ-centred prayer.

Reflection of Pope Francis on the Rosary

The rosary is a "simple contemplative prayer, accessible to all, great and small, the educated and those with little education.

In the Rosary we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an ever closer union with her Son Jesus to bring us into conformity with him, to have his sentiments and to behave like him.

Indeed, in the Rosary while we repeat the Hail Mary we mediate on the Mysteries, on the events of Christ's life, so as to know and love him better.

The Rosary is an effective means of opening ourselves to God".

Each time we pray the Rosary, the Pope said, "we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life" – heaven.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People. ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Ratoath Junior National School: Notice re enrolment of children for 2021/22.

If you have a child or know of a child who is due to start school in the year 2021/22 and wishes to be considered for a place in Ratoath Junior National School The Parents/Guardians of the child should fill out and submit our "Notification of Enrolment Form " available on the school web site

www.ratoathjuniorns.ie or phone 01 8256639 to request the form.

Cleaner Position in Rathbeggan National School for 2 Hours per day. Expressions of interest to office@rathbeggans.ie by closing date 15th October.

Meath Alzheimer Café: Meath Alzheimer Cafes are now being held on-line. The next Virtual Café will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday October 7th. Speaker is Elizabeth Hughes, Occupational Therapist, Memory Technology Resource Room who will give a talk on 'Everyday Technologies at the Memory Technology Resource Room'. 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.

Just to remind ourselves in relation to coming to Mass

It is important that our parishes and churches give good example of our common responsibility to prevent the spreading of the virus and now is the time to be particularly vigilant.

The HSE guidance states that you should wear a **face covering** in an enclosed indoor space with other people. We appreciate that some people are exempt for medical reasons but we encourage everyone to do their best, by wearing a face covering to Mass, to keep everyone safe.

Please use the **hand sanitizers** that are available in the church porches.

It is important to observe **social distancing** at all time – in approaching and leaving the church and in the church building. It is especially important not to congregate outside the church after Mass.