



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

21st July 2024

No **12.15pm Mass** on the Sundays of July and August.

The Parish Office may not be open at the usual times for the summer months, awaiting the recruitment of a new parish secretary, but all mass bookings, baptisms, weddings, appointments etc can be done by telephone, email or online if there is no one available at the office.

Recruiting the new secretary will start after a period of reflection and consideration of the skills needed, the optimum office hours and the duties of this key role in modern parish life.

Many thanks to those who have already expressed an interest in the position.

Thanks to our dedicated **Altar Society** and church cleaning teams, **Na Glantori**, and to **Deirdre** in the sacristy, for ensuring the church is so well kept, cared for and decorated at all times and all liturgical seasons and occasions. They may be unseen, but their work is seen and appreciated by all and by the Lord, whose house this church is. We recall the words of psalm 26 verse 8: *Lord how I love the beauty of Your house. The place where Your glory abides.*

Baptisms on the first and third Saturday of the month. Booking online and at the Parish Office.

Confession, as needed, in the open confessional at the back of the church.

21 st July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	For the People of the Parish	7.00pm	Patsy, Rita and Agnes Mc Cabe Patrick O'Sullivan Fr John Cogan PP of Ratoath
9.00am	Beenie Reilly Deborah Cleary	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
11.00am	Rose McCarthy; Desmond Kelly; Noeleen Crowley.	11.00am	Jackie O'Sullivan Peg Everard and Harry & Nan Everard Molly and Frank Maher Louise Nevin Noel & Marie Giles and son Donal Tommy O'Neil, First Anniversary Andrej Rowicki, Month's Mind
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

A week of Feasts! Monday is the Feast of **St Mary Magdalen**, who witnessed the crucifixion and burial of Christ and is known as *the Apostle to the apostles* as she was the first to set foot in the empty tomb (Mk16:1-8) and ran to bring the news to the other disciples. Tuesday is the feast of **St Brigid of Sweden**, wife and mother of eight then a Religious when widowed, little known in Ireland but a great mystic of the 14th century who founded a huge double convent of male and female Religious in Vadstena in Sweden. The Order was re-founded in the 19th century and based in Piazza Farnese in Rome is dedicated to ecumenism and the ongoing cause of Christian Unity. Thursday is the **Feast of St James the Greater**, ie the Elder, whose tomb in Compostela has been for centuries and is still today the object of pilgrimage and spiritual searching for many. Friday is the Feast of **Sts Joachim and Anna**, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and so grandparents of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, next Sunday is observed as a *Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly*, whom we cherish and respect for their wisdom and role in family life and society today.

Confirmation in 2025 will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7th February.

First Communion ceremonies will be celebrated in May. The dates to be decided in the autumn.

Happy Hour – Holy Hour! Treat yourself to some quality time apart in stillness and peace before the Lord by spending an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Family Room every Wednesday from 10.00am to 7.00pm. Come along and bring a friend.

How to be a missionary synodal Church—The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has published the working document (known as the *Instrumentum Laboris*) for the second session of the Universal Synod to be held in Rome in October. This document is the fruit of consultation and discernment that took place across the world earlier this year. The consultation that took place in the Diocese of Meath formed part of the submission of the Irish Episcopal Conference.

To read the working document and find out more about the Synod, visit www.synod.ie.

To read the submission of the Diocese of Meath, visit “Synod 2024” page on www.dioceseofmeath.ie.

Cemetery – please keep dogs on a leash at all times and, when necessary, clean up after them out of respect for the dead and those who visit their graves on this holy ground in our parish.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on 10th September led by Bishop Deenihan, accompanied by the diocesan choir. All pilgrims accommodated in hotels with 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 in various hotels available. Further information and booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St, Dublin, www.joewalshstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800

Lough Derg **Three Day Pilgrimage** season continues until 15th August.

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Sunday, 21st July. Mass at 3pm followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine.

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 11th August led by Bishop Deenihan and accompanied by the Diocesan Choir.

The **Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ, Pilgrimage** will also take place on Sunday 11th August.

Croagh Patrick - Reek Sunday falls on 28th July, with thousands of pilgrims expected to scale (2,510ft/765m), Ireland's Holy Mountain, to pray and, on reaching the summit, to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), and the Eucharist.

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, and this year's pilgrimage theme is: 'To pray for and honour grandparents and the elderly'.

Confessions on the summit from 7:30am - 2pm,

8am. First hourly Mass on the summit. 2pm last Mass on the summit.

Postgraduate study programme in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, sppu.ie/courses. Applications close 2nd August.

Musical Bingo for children aged 9-12 in Claremont Stadium, Navan, Saturday 27th July from 3-5pm. Minimum of one adult per table. €5 per table of 4. Pre-booking essential to guarantee a place.

Car Boot Sale in Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan from 10am-3pm on Sunday 28th July. Vendors set up from 9am-10pm and pre-booking is essential to guarantee a space. Registration for vendors is €15. To book call Joanne on 086 202 6383.

A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people with dementia and their families participate fully and where others are aware of and understand dementia— The Venue, 5th Sept at 7pm.