



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

13th March 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Augustina Jonathon, sister of Fr Yohanna who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

Lent is a season dedicated to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

On the Fridays of Lent: The Stations of the Cross will be held after the 9.45am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Fridays from 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Trocaire: Please bring home a Trocaire box this Lent and support the Trocaire Lenten Appeal. Your donation this Lent will help build a lasting, sustainable future in over 20 countries that Trocaire personnel are working in. Thank you for the hope you bring.

St Patrick's Day: The Vigil Mass will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th and the Masses on the 17th are at 9.00am and 11.00am. No 12.15pm Mass on St Patrick's Day.

Standing Orders for February €3,699.13 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Ukrainian Refugees Appeal

Many thanks to all who supported the appeal to donate supplies for the 40ft Container that is going to the Ukrainian/Polish border, organised by a local logistics company. It is now full and ready to go.

Ratoath Parish - Ukrainian Refugee Appeal

As we indicated last weekend, we will leave a donation box and envelopes at the back of the church for the next three weeks for Lent (12th/13th; 19th/20th, 26th/ 27th March) for anyone who wishes to contribute to our Parish Appeal for Ukraine. The bulk of the refugees are going to Poland and Romania and the churches in these countries will be doing all they can to house and accommodate refugees in parishes, convents and monasteries. It is our intention to send all our donations to the Papal Nuncio to Poland, Archbishop Pennacchio and to the Papal Nuncio to Romania, Archbishop Maury (both of whom have visited Ratoath in the past). They will very quickly be able to distribute the monies raised, to parishes that are providing accommodation and essential needs to those most in need.

13 Mar	Second Sunday of Lent	20 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent
7.00pm	Thomas & Mary Wall	7.00pm	Eileen, James, Margaret & Patrick Woods
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Sheila Naughton Vincent McAuley Leigha & Eddie McKeon Paul, Kitty, Joe & Margaret Sherwin	11.00am	
12.15pm	Nicky Sherry (Month's Memory) Seamus, Kit, Bridget & Noel Ennis John Kellett Irene Dunne Baby Marcus Crawley	12.15pm	Marie Lattin Patrick Cleary

Monday Mass offered for all those who sympathised with the Rooney family on the death of Michael
 Wednesday Veronica Mannion Thursday Caoimhe Hughes (11.00am)
 Friday Tony Pierce

The Synod and the Ratoath Deanery

All parishioners are welcome to attend one of the Synod meetings to be held in the **Parish Hall in Ashbourne on Tuesday 15th March at 8pm or Tuesday 22nd March at 8pm.**

People who are active in parish life are encouraged to attend one of the consultation meetings.

On **Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm** those involved in the liturgical life of the parish (e.g. readers, extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, choir members, organists, stewards/ collectors, sacristans etc) and those involved in prayer and apostolic groups (Society of St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, Teams of Our Lady, Meals on Wheels etc) are invited to attend.

On **Tuesday 22nd March at 8.00pm** those involved in the administration of parish life (e.g. parish staff, members of Parish Pastoral Councils, members of Parish Finance Committees, members of Baptism Teams, Safeguarding Representatives, counters, etc) and those involved in schools (e.g. pupils/students, teachers, school staff, members of parents' associations, members of BoMs, etc) are invited to attend.

However if you can't make the night that your group is assigned, please come on the other night.

And **most importantly**, if you are not a member of any of the above groups, you are most welcome and we want you to come along. The meeting will benefit from your presence and participation.

And please feel free to bring someone along with you. **Everyone is welcome.**

A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place in **Ashbourne Church on Tuesday 29th March at 8pm.**

Everyone will be welcome to come to this Mass, asking God to bless the parishes in the Ratoath deanery as we set out to discover God's will for the church and how best to strengthen the faith in our parishes.

Cemetery Sunday 29th May

It will be three years since we gathered for our annual Cemetery Sunday. So this year we ask you to make a special effort to come on 29th May when as a community we remember all those who are buried in the parish cemetery, recalling in particular all those who have died in the past three years.

We will begin our prayers in the church where we will pray the evening prayer of the dead at 3.00pm and then we will walk to the cemetery for the rosary and blessing of the graves.

Please pass on the date to family members and those who have loved ones buried in Ratoath Cemetery

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12th-17th September 2022 led by Bishop Deenihan.

Booking forms available from: Joe Walsh Tours, 69 O'Connell St, Dublin 1. Tel: 01-2410800.

The pilgrimage this year will be for Hotel Pilgrims only.

Welcoming a return to full public worship

The Irish Bishops stated, "As the remaining Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, it is encouraging to see a return to full public worship in our parishes, and the resumption of all aspects of Church and community life. At the heart of the life of our parish communities is the Sunday Mass. When we gather for the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, we do so to express our joy in the Risen Lord and to unite with our brothers and sisters in the Church in thanksgiving and praise to God. This is a communal celebration which shapes us as a community of faith, life and charity.

During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together. From Easter Sunday, 17 April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better.