



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

☎ 01-8256207 | ✉ ratoathparish@gmail.com | 💻 www.ratoathparish.ie

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

16th August 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.

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 16th is <https://youtu.be/a03NTBSjhRQ>

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 23rd is https://youtu.be/_FKqLZTLzuA

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 30th is <https://youtu.be/l2bOS9pnjuo>

Monday (17th August) is the Feast of Our Lady of Knock

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland

you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son,
remembering His promise “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”.

Help me that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.

Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.

Teach me how to take part more reverently in the Holy Mass.

Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen

From the homily of Fr Paul Farren at the funeral of John Hume

“One of the tragedies of these times is that we have to be physically distant from people. It wasn’t the attitude of the Good Samaritan in the gospel. The first two people – they kept their distance. They didn’t get involved. They walked passed.

But the Good Samaritan – that person did something different. He got involved. He touched the wounded person and lifted him up on his mount. He gave him a dignity. He gave him life. Even though he didn’t come from his group he saw him as his neighbour- his brother – his friend.

This Jesus tells us, is what we must do if we are to inherit eternal life. We live our faith by how we treat one another – by how we give life to one another. This is the road we need to be on if our desired destination is heaven.

John Hume never passed by on the other side. John never kept his distance. He showed compassion. He got involved. He gave dignity and he gave life to so many people”.

16 Aug	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 Aug	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Roddy O’Neill	7.00pm	Jacqueline Mannering
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Deborah Cleary (Month’s Memory)	11.00am	Betty & Jimmy Mannering Margaret Cahill Michael Gilchrist
12.15pm	Christopher & Ann Donnelly Pudsar Toole Roger & Elizabeth Corcoran	12.15pm	Michael & Peggy Flood Pauline Flood Paddy & Linda O’Connor & Maria O’Connor-Howard Henry, Gladys & George Campbell Fergal Ronan

Some Guidance in relation to attending Mass.

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

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

Instructions will be given at Masses as how to approach for the reception of Holy Communion.

Holy Communion should be received in the hand.

Collection baskets will not be passed along during Mass, but collectors will collect at the entrance to the church/ or collection baskets will be placed near the doors of the church.

It is important to observe **social distancing** at all time – in approaching and leaving the church and in church building.

.....

From the General Audience of Pope Francis on Wednesday last 12th August

The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected we are all. If we do not take care of each other, starting with the least, those who are most affected, including creation, we cannot heal the world.

The commitment of so many people who in recent months have been giving proof of human and Christian love for their neighbour, dedicating themselves to the sick even at the risk of their own health, is to be praised. They are heroes!

However, the coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but the pandemic has brought wider social pathologies to light. One of these is the distorted vision of the person, a gaze that ignores his dignity and his relational character. Sometimes we look at others as objects, to be used and discarded. In reality, this type of gaze blinds and foments a culture of individualistic and aggressive waste, which transforms the human being into a consumer good.

In the light of faith we know, however, that God looks at man and woman in another way. He created us not as objects, but as people loved and capable of loving; he created us in his image and likeness.

In this way he has given us a unique dignity, inviting us to live in communion with him, in communion with our sisters and brothers, with respect for all of creation.

In communion, in harmony, we can say. Creation is a harmony in which we are called to live.

And in this communion, in this harmony which is communion, God gives us the ability to procreate and to guard life, to work and take care of the earth. It is understood that life cannot be procreated and preserved without harmony; will be destroyed.

We have an example of that individualistic gaze, that which is not harmony, in the Gospels, in the request made to Jesus by the mother of the disciples James and John. She would like her children to be able to sit on the right and left of the new king. But Jesus proposes another type of vision: that of service and of giving one's life for others, and confirms it by immediately restoring sight to two blind men and making them his disciples. Trying to climb in life, to be superior to others, destroys harmony.

It is the logic of domination, of dominating others. Harmony is another thing: it is the service.

Let us therefore ask the Lord to give us attentive eyes to our brothers and sisters, especially those who suffer. As disciples of Jesus we do not want to be indifferent or individualistic, these are the two bad attitudes against harmony. Indifferent: I look the other way. Individualists: just look at your own interest.

The harmony created by God asks us to look at others, the needs of others, the problems of others, to be in communion. We want to recognize human dignity in every person, whatever their race, language or condition. Harmony leads you to recognize human dignity, that harmony created by God, with man at the centre.