



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Paul Hagan (Jamestown Park) and Audrey McKenna (Dublin), sister of Yvonne Ralph (Dunshaughlin Road) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

We welcome Naoise Hanley, Kaya Stachura, Poppy Kavanagh, Willow Browne and Rares Agu into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Lodged €2,244.45 to the **white envelope collection** (Development Fund Account) on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. This Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

## **ARISE – Catholic Family Holiday Conference Ireland – 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April**

TINE - The Irish for Catholic Evangelisation will be hosting a Family Holiday Conference from the evening of Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It will be held in Tramore, Co Waterford with the sponsorship and support of the Diocese of Waterford. The event intends to bring families together for 5 days of talks, workshops, concerts, liturgy, sports and fun. There will be different age streams. It is the first of its kind in Ireland and families can combine a holiday in the sunny Southwest. For booking and more information visit the website: [www.arisefamilyconference.ie](http://www.arisefamilyconference.ie)

**Christ Life:** ChristLife is a programme which equips Catholics for the work of evangelisation so others might personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples. The programme is based on three essential steps: Discovering, Following, and Sharing. It begins with a seven-week experience, 'Discovering Christ'. For more information on the programme itself or how to run a programme in your parish, visit the website [www.christlife.ie](http://www.christlife.ie) or email [info@christlife.ie](mailto:info@christlife.ie). A one-day training course takes place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am in the Céilí community, Harbour Road, Kilbeggan if any parishioner would like to attend. Please contact Albert Galea on 087 9789150.

## **Confirmation**

We congratulate all the boys and girls who were confirmed by Bishop Deenihan on Friday.

We thank their parents who have had a very special role in supporting the boys and girls for this day. We are most grateful to all their teachers and the whole school community who have guided and supported and prepared the children to receive the Sacrament.

20 Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 Feb	Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm		7.00pm	David Lynch
9.00am	Martin Cusack	9.00am	
11.00am	Kay & Brendan Menton Gordon Alford Kevin Brady Colm Donnelly	11.00am	Michael Gilchrist Michael & Bridget Carey
12.15pm	Jimmy & Peter Brady	12.15pm	Paddy Dolan

Monday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

Special Intention  
Margaret Hughes & Special Intention  
Margaret Hynes

Tuesday

Birthday Remembrance

## Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

Some robbers came once to a hermitage and said, "we've come to take everything out of your cell". The hermit said, "take whatever you see my sons". So they took what they found in the cell and went away. But they missed a little bag that was hidden in the corner. The hermit picked it up, and ran after them shouting, "my sons, you missed this; take it, They were amazed at his patience and restored everything and did penance before him. They said to each other "Truly, this is a man of God"

*(Sayings of the Desert Fathers)*

This story from the desert fathers, set in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Egypt, exemplifies perfect, literal fidelity to the words of Jesus. We find it delightful, and it makes us smile. We smile because although we find this hermit utterly admirable, it would never occur to us to imitate him.

The purpose of reading today's Gospel is not to make us feel guilty, but to inspire us, and to re-kindle our desire for the Kingdom.

We who belong to Christ are reminded today that our deepest desire really is for that holiness to which he calls us. We are here now to express and nourish that desire by coming to Jesus in the holy Eucharist. Ultimately, the reward we are promised is Christ Himself; the gift Christ makes of Himself.

[www.pluscardenabbey.org](http://www.pluscardenabbey.org)

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**Marriage Preparation Courses:** Accord Navan will keep all their marriage preparation courses on line for the remainder of 2022. Couples are encouraged to book their course well in advance. At present the Navan 2022 courses are fully booked until September.

**Job Opportunity:** Ratoath Junior National School is looking to fill the position of school Secretary. If you are interested please view the full detailed advertisement/job description on the school website [www.ratoathjuniors.ie](http://www.ratoathjuniors.ie) or on [www.educationposts.ie](http://www.educationposts.ie)

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Fully Escorted Trip 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Henry. Visiting: Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tiberias and more. Cost: €1895.00 HB. Details from: Travalue.ie Navan Travel 0818 333990 [www.travalue.ie](http://www.travalue.ie)

**Ratoath College.** In coming first year students for September 2022. Fittings takes place in Blondells for girls on 28<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March and for boys on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

**Ceili Classes** have resumed in St Patrick's Hall Dunshaughlin, at 8.00pm on Thursday Evenings. New people are always welcome. No experience or partners needed. Contact Monica at 087 2734446

### For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission The Synodal Pathway in the Diocese of Meath

All the baptised in the Diocese of Meath are invited to participate in the synodal process **during Lent 2022**. Opportunities to engage in the process locally will be announced soon.

*The Synodal Process is first and foremost a spiritual process. It is not a mechanical data-gathering exercise or a series of meetings and debates. Synodal listening is oriented towards discernment. ... We listen to each other, to our faith tradition, and to the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us. Pope Francis characterizes the two interrelated goals of this process of listening: "to listen to God, so that with him we may hear the cry of his people; to listen to his people until we are in harmony with the will to which God calls us."*

To learn more about synodality see [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/news/universal-synod/](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/news/universal-synod/)