



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

26th December 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 29th December or on Wednesday 5th January

We welcome Henry Geoghegan, Alessandra Doran, Aidan Hanaphy and Olive Wallace into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Maura O'Reilly (late of Surrey & Fairyhouse Road) and Doris Cattrell, (Manchester), sister of Monica Sherry and aunt of Carol Dougan and for Roger Newell (Essex) father of Andrew Newell (The Old Mill) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

On 20th December, €2,300 lodged into the **blue envelope** account and €2,090 lodged into the Development Fund account (**White envelopes**).

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

The **Parish Office** will be closed until Wednesday 5th January.

From the words of Pope Francis at the General Audience in Rome on Wednesday last

It is only through humility that we can come to God and recognise the true meaning of life, the reason “why life is worth living”. Everyone is called to seek God and with and through God’s grace, everyone is able to find Him. The reason for our joy is knowing that we are loved without any merit, that we are always loved first by God, with a love so concrete that He took flesh and came to live in our midst. Jesus is the foundation of our joy.

26 Dec	The Feast of the Holy Family	2 Jan	Second Sunday of Christmas
7.00pm	No Vigil Mass	7.00pm	
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	John & Teresa McCann	11.00am	Eamonn Coyne (Month's Memory) Joan & Bob Slattery & Thady Murray Christina & Christy Rooney
12.15pm		12.15pm	Ann Malone Tom Murphy; Marie & Michael Murphy

Monday 27th; Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th

No morning Mass

Thursday 30th

Mary & Liam Corcoran

Tom & Mary Gannon & the deceased members of the family

Friday 31st

No 9.45am Mass. Funeral Mass for Maura O'Reilly at 12noon

January 1st

Mass for World Day of Peace at 11.00am in the Parish Church

May you and your loved one, experience the gift of “God with us”, as you share food, companionship and joy in celebration of his coming and may your New Year be filled with the blessing and peace of his presence.

Short Christmas Reflections

Jesus, you are the child who made me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be; this I know. In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life. He was created of a mother whom He created.
(Pope Francis)

He was carried by hands that He formed.
He cried in the manger in wordless infancy,
He the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.
(St Augustine)

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us and we have seen His glory. (John 1:14)

Mankind is a great, an immense family....this is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.
(Pope St John Paul II)

In each heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where we must ultimately answer whether there is room or not.
(Ann Weems)

I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. (Charles Dickens)

The birth of Jesus bring us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God.
(Pope Francis)

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God. (C S Lewis)

If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. Christ takes nothing away and gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life. (Pope Benedict XVI)

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

The Word is born this very night, and humble is the place; the world is dark but hope is bright and sinners look for grace. (Fred Pratt Green)

Because of his boundless love, Jesus became what we are that he might make us what he is.
(St Irenaeus)

Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, gives to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day. (Venerable Bede)

Today the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer...realise that the true light is now here and, through the rays of the gospel, is illumining the whole world. (St Gregory of Nyssa)

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love;
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ. (Wilda English)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... (Isaiah 9: 6)