



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Julie Cronnelly (Baltrasna), sister of Paddy Cummins (Fairycastle Road) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

We welcome Hannah Hyland, Abbie Farrelly and Olivia Bracken into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

**Annual Mass of Remembrance** will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in St. Paul's Church, Delvin Road, Mullingar, in memory of people buried in St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970 and to remember deceased patients and staff.

Mass will also be live-streamed on [www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie)

## Confirmation on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

We welcome Bishop Deenihan to the parish this Friday for the Confirmation Ceremonies. The Bishop will administer Confirmation to the boys and girls of Sixth Class in Ratoath Senior NS; St Paul's NS and Rathbeggan NS in three ceremonies at 10am; 12 noon and 2pm.

We wish the boys and girls good wishes and blessings on this special day in their your lives. We thank their teachers and the whole school community who have guided, supported and prepared the children for the Sacrament.

We are grateful too to their parents who have had a special role in supporting their sons and daughters in their faith journey this year and who have accompanied them to their preparation Masses this year. There are 193 candidates for Confirmation.

From the prayer that the bishop will recite at the laying on of hands during the ceremony  
*"Send your Holy Spirit upon these sons and daughters to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of right judgment and courage; the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

4 Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	James Brennan (Month's Memory) Pud, Bill & Molly O'Neill Lily Mulvaney	7.00pm	Tom Everard Roisin Kennedy
9.00am		9.00am	Olive Brennan
11.00am	Catherine Williams Michael Eiffe Pauline Vidler	11.00am	Babs Brennan (Month's Memory) Claire Butler David Nelson Al Maroney
12.15pm	Eugene Gleeson Edward McKeon	12.15pm	Nicky Sherry Leo Digan

Monday	Special Intention	Tuesday	Special Intention
Wednesday	Special Intention	Thursday	Special Intention
Friday	No morning Mass.	Confirmation Ceremonies at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm	

A Board of Management meeting for **Ratoath Junior National School** will be held in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm

A Board of Management meeting for **Ratoath Senior National School** will be held in the school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

A Board of Management meeting for **Rathbeggan National School** will be held in the school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

**Mass for Temperance Sunday & World Day of Prayer for the Sick** will be broadcast next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

You can listen to the weekly faith podcast, **Faithcast** on [www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie)

Accord, Navan has finalised dates for our **Marriage Preparation Courses** up to June 2024.

All courses are in-person at our Centre here in Navan. Couples can select dates and book

[www.courses.accord.ie/booking/listing/meath](http://www.courses.accord.ie/booking/listing/meath).

Please note the new email address is [navan@accord.ie](mailto:navan@accord.ie)\*\*

**Young Adult Retreat for Lent** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February (10am -5pm) in Dalgan Park, Navan  
'Cast you cares on the Lord, and He will support you' Psalm 5:7. Join other young people in prayer, friendship, Holy Mass, peaceful walks and talks. Opportunity for confession/ personal talk  
Cost: €20 (lunch and tea breaks provided)

Contact : Sr Una 090 6481666 or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

### **Medjugorje Pilgrimages for 2024**

15<sup>th</sup> May for 7 days ex Dublin, staying in P.I.M.K. House. Half board. Cost €825 including all taxes and transfers. Early booking discount €50 if booked before 1<sup>st</sup> February.

And 3<sup>rd</sup> October for 7 days ex Dublin. Cost €835 including all taxes and transfers. Early booking discount €50 if booked before 1<sup>st</sup> February.

All inquires to Joan Ashbrook at 087-7987682 or [joanashbrook1@gmail.com](mailto:joanashbrook1@gmail.com)

### **The Pope's Intention for February**

*For the Terminally Ill:* We pray that those with a terminal illness and their families receive the necessary spiritual care and accompaniment.

**Creative Writing Classes** for 9 to 12 year olds. Commencement Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: 3pm to 4.15pm Duration: 6 Weeks. Venue: Ashbourne. Fee: €50.

Contact Sinéad at 0872737677 or [irishauthor2013@gmail.com](mailto:irishauthor2013@gmail.com)

The **Meath Alzheimer Café** will take place in the Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker is Mary Carey, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator for Meath. Her topic is "The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme". All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee, and scones will be served. There is no charge for this service. Contact: 087 188 8178.

### **Thought for the Week**

"Leave the past to the infinite mercy of God: leave the future to his everlasting compassionate providence...and, as for the present, give it over wholly to his love, by being, here and now, grateful for his gifts and faithful to his grace" (*From Abandonment to Divine Providence – Jean-Pierre de Causs*)