



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

11th July 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Michael Bradley (Powderlough) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

We welcome Ella O'Malley, Doireann Walsh, Ryan Guyatt, Lucia Whelan, Lewis Jewell, Oliver Gmitter Mannering, and Charlotte Byrne into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently in two separate ceremonies.

Regarding baptisms, Bishop Deenihan said in his recent statement that “the celebration of baptism will proceed in this diocese subject to the pastoral judgment of the local clergy, minimum numbers and public health precautions”.

Reek Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick to be four days per week in July

The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick, will be going ahead this year albeit in a much extended format from Wednesday to Saturday, 1- 31 July.

For this year only, the Reek Pilgrimage is to be extended to four days per week for the month of July. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation will be available on the summit at 11:00am; Mass to be celebrated at 12:00pm

Saturday's Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am; Confessions at 11:00am.

The Masses will be limited to the numbers permitted for outdoor gatherings at that particular time, which currently apply to 200 people from 5 July.

The Reek Pilgrimage normally takes place on the last Sunday in July, however the indulgence for the pilgrimage extends throughout the Summer months up to the end of September.

This is the first time in the history of the pilgrimage that such an extended pilgrimage programme is offered in order to facilitate those wishing to fulfil the obligations of the pilgrimage on the mountain.

Details of how to fulfil the spiritual requirements of the pilgrimage are available on www.westportparish.ie and on signage in the carpark at the start of the ascent.

Pilgrims are asked to plan their trip to Croagh Patrick as early as possible and keep in mind that mid-week is traditionally a quieter time to climb.

11 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Mary & Tom Gannon & the deceased members of the family	7.00pm	Sylvia Nolan Tommy Carberry
9.00am	Karen Hanley (Month's Memory) Deceased members of the Boshell family	9.00am	Patrick O'Leary (Month's Memory) Beenie Reilly Joe & Mary Fox
11.00am	Rose McCarthy Seamus & Breege McIntyre Bridie & Tommy Dolan Miley & Kathy Byrne	11.00am	Desmond Kelly Deborah Cleary Marie Clarke
12.15pm	Frank & Maureen Mason Nellie Barker	12.15pm	John Purcell (Month's Memory) Sarah Browne

Monday Frank Reynolds
Wednesday Dorothea Mates
Friday Sean Craig

Tuesday Michael & Alice Hatch
Thursday Brendan Lynch

Proactively engaging with the Department of Education in relation to reconfiguration of patronage

The Irish Bishops reconvened in their role as patrons and reaffirmed their commitment to the reconfiguration of patronage at primary school level. Bishops, as patrons, are committed to proactively engaging with the Department of Education in relation to reconfiguration of patronage.

Bishops are supportive of an educational landscape which reflects the reality of the increasingly diverse society in our country. A true plurality of patronage across the country should ensure parental choice whilst enabling patrons to be true to their own ethos and characteristic spirit.

Parents are the first and primary educators of their children. It follows that the State should be responsive to the rights of parents to have their philosophical and religious beliefs supported during their children's education. One of the great strengths of faith-based primary schools has been their rootedness in local communities. Bishops as patrons are very conscious therefore that any move to divest must involve a meaningful engagement at local level, supported by the Department of Education, with parents, teachers and the wider parish communities served by existing Catholic schools.

Parental choice is paramount, and that choice must be given full expression in any reconfiguration process. Within any new provision, parents who choose it should have access to an appropriate number of schools under Catholic patronage, which are enabled and supported in their Catholic ethos.

Bishops would like to move as quickly as possible to a situation in which the State supports parents with the provision of schools whose ethos genuinely reflects what they want for their children.

Going forward, bishops wish to have a fruitful dialogue about the best way of ensuring that our school system reflects a diversity of provision.

Call on Government to recognize the State of Palestine

At their recent meeting, the Irish bishops discussed the humanitarian crisis that exists due to violence between Israel and Palestine, and offered prayers for peace in the Holy Land. The meeting called for an end to violence on all sides and for a just and lasting peace between the two States, based on respect for international humanitarian and human rights law, accountability for war crimes, an end to the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories and for an end to the blockade of Gaza.

Standing Orders for June €3,316.53 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

From the Rule of St Benedict

All guests who appear should be welcomed as Christ... let Christ be worshipped in them: he is being welcomed. (Rule 53)

Do everything with consultation and you will have no regrets when the deed is done (Rule 3)

St Benedict is the Patron Saint of Europe. His feast day is on 11th July

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The Pope's Intention for the Month of July

"We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architect of dialogue and friendship."