



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

We welcome Daire Donnelly; Grace Ho and Maeve Brandenburg into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Next Saturday we welcome the boys and girls of Second Class from **St Paul's National School** who will receive their **First Holy Communion**. We are grateful for the support of their parents and family members who have accompanied the boys and girls on their faith journey this year and have come to the "Do This in Memory of Me" Masses throughout the year in preparation for this day. A special thanks to their teachers who have prepared them for the day and we are most appreciative of the support and assistance of the school principal Ms McGowan throughout the year.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to the boys and girls of **Ratoath Junior National School** who received their First Communion on Saturday. Again many thanks to parents, teachers and the school community and all involved in the preparation of the ceremonies.

**The Anointing of the Sick.** At the 11.00am and 12.15pm Masses next **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** we will have our annual anointing of the sick. If you know of anyone who might like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing you might let them know and if they need assistance to get to Mass, perhaps you could accompany them to the Mass.

**Cemetery Sunday** is on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** beginning at 3.00pm with evening prayer for the dead in the church followed by rosary and blessing of the graves. Please inform family members and friends. This is an opportunity for parishioners to tend their family plots and we encourage you all to prepare their plots so that the cemetery can look its very best to honour our beloved dead.

**Graduation Prayer Ceremony** for Ratoath College at 2.00pm in the church on Thursday.

There will be no 12.15pm Mass on the Sundays of July and August

There will be **no morning Mass** Monday to Thursday (inclusive) this week.

12 May	Ascension of the Lord	19 May	Pentecost Sunday
7.00pm	Yvonne Saul Fagan Patrick & Mary Wall	7.00pm	Joseph McGrath Padraic O'Malley & the deceased members of the Cunningham Family Joseph Collum
9.00am	Joe Clarke (Month's Memory)	9.00am	
11.00am	Jim McMahan Sarah & Daniel Eiffe David & Eileen Conmey	11.00am	Clare Casey (Month's Memory) Vincent Mulrooney Vonnie & Ben Cullen Michael McMahan Jimmy Swan (Senior)
12.15pm	Donald Conran (Month's Memory) Mary Flinter Paddy Dolan & the deceased members of the family Lorraine Eiffe	12.15pm	Nancy Ryan Christina Gleeson Albert & George McAuley

The **Legion of Mary** meets every Monday at 7.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call May Tuite on 087-1334872

### **The Pope's Intention for the Month of May:**

*For the formation of religious and seminarians:* We pray that religious men and women, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May:** These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun 12<sup>th</sup>, Tue 14<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and Mon 27<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie) €45 per person, booking essential.

The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and continues until 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Next weekend members of St Elizabeth Convent** (founded in the outskirts of Minsk) will be at the back of the church to **sell small icons and other religious objects**. The convent currently counts just under a hundred nuns and around 300 sisters of mercy. Since its establishment the convent has been patronizing 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies for more than 14 years. A rehabilitation facility for females was established several years ago for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged women.

To support and develop their ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. Some of the people working in the workshops are those who lost all hope in realizing their potential due to various illnesses. But the Lord gave a talent to everyone and these people have skilled hands and the desire to work. Together with the sisters these people produce beautiful articles with love and prayer in the convent's workshops.

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800

During this month Bishop Tom is hoping to meet with **Parish Priests and Chairpersons of Parish Pastoral Assemblies** in order to progress the issue of cooperation between parishes and parish clustering. The meeting for the priests and chairpersons of the Ratoath Deanery is scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Ratoath.

**Standing Orders** for April €4,972.57 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**Gemma's Garden Party** in aid of The Irish Cancer Society continues on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2-5. Relax with a cuppa and a cake! Sale of Plants, Floral arrangements, paintings and craft work. Raffle and auction. Powderlough A85TN97, the Bush (opposite B & B Killeentierna)

**Bright Stars Summer Camp:** A performing arts camp; singing, dancing + drama. 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> July in The Venue Ratoath. Children 4-14 years. Contact Denise on 0857242481

A free 8 week **Walking Football programme** starts at Claremont Stadium on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Walking Football is designed to help people over 50 keep active and mobile.

If you are interested in signing up please contact 046 902 9693 and for more information call Joel on 083 348 5239 or visit [www.claremontstadium.ie](http://www.claremontstadium.ie).