



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

10th October 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.

We welcome Max Creaby and Elizabeth Mitchell into the Christian community.

They were **baptised** recently.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of Ann Sloan (Baltrasna) who died during the week.

May she rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration: From next week, as we approach the Winter season, Eucharistic Adoration will return to the family room, at the usual time from after the morning Mass to 7.00pm on Wednesdays. As we return to something like near normality, now is a good time to renew your commitment to spend some time every week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Safeguarding Sunday: 10 October 2021

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday in the Diocese of Meath. As we come back together it is important that we remember the spirit of safeguarding embodied in our parish communities.

We have been aware during Covid restrictions of keeping each other safe. Safeguarding in our Church involves this same spirit and underpins everything that we do as a parish community.

As adults in the Church, it is our Christian duty to work together to make sure that children's participation in Church activities is safe.

We can fulfil this duty by participating in safeguarding training and abiding by the policies and procedures in place in Church activities such as attendance registers and appropriate supervision ratios.

The Diocese of Meath has a **Safeguarding Children Policy**.

You may access this on www.meathsafeguarding.ie

November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/ friends who are no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. We ask you to fill them in and return them to the box at the back of the church called List of the Dead, before early November. All those on the parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses in November and on the first Friday of every month.

10 Oct	Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	17 Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Robert Davis John Lawlor Christy Donnelly (Lagore Road) Ursula Cleary	7.00pm	Patrick Doody (Months Memory) Willie Kissane Lizzy & John Madden Sandra Buttner
9.00am	Gerard Crehan	9.00am	Leonardo Pascual (Months Memory)
11.00am	John Colreavy (Months Memory) Youlanda Kelly Richard Pardela	11.00am	Irene O'Leary Joe & Masie McCormack
12.15pm	Peter & Mary Moore Deirdre Corcoran	12.15pm	Mella Everard Declan Sweeney

Monday

Special Intention

Tuesday

Matthew & Molly Duffy & Special Intention

Wednesday

Special Intention & Michael Reilly

Ratoath College Admissions 2022-23. Admissions for 1st Year 2022-23 will open on October 1st 2021. Application forms are available to download online from Ratoathcollege.ie or from the school Office. The closing date for receipt of completed Application forms is Friday 22nd October 2021 at 2pm

The newly established **Ratoath Community Employment Scheme** is now recruiting for new participants. If interested please contact Ken on 086 1585854 or info@ratoath.ie

Climate Action

The Irish Bishops call for climate action and support for the 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' petition ahead of COP15 and COP26.

The Bishops encourage the public to support a global campaign 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People', which seeks to encourage political leaders to take strong action on climate change at COP 15 on Biodiversity from 11 – 24 October and at COP26 on Climate Change in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November.

The 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' petition, calls for a joined up, just response to the COVID 19, climate and biodiversity crises, see www.healthyplanetandpeople.org.

Guidelines for completion of the petition are available by contacting Brenda Drumm on bdrumm@catholicbishops.ie or jane.mellett@trocaire.org

Universal Synod

Pope Francis is to open Universal Synod on 9th and 10th October in Rome.

The Holy Father has asked that the whole Church prepare for this Synod which is scheduled to take place in October 2023 in Rome.

During their 2020 Winter General Meeting, the Irish bishops decided to proceed along a Synodal Pathway and, following their Spring General Meeting, announced that a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland is to take place with a view to holding a national synodal assembly, or assemblies, within the next five years.

In this regard, the bishops welcomed the publication on 7 September, by the General Secretariat for the Synod in Rome, of the *Preparatory Document* which indicates the guiding principles of the Synod on Synodality.

The bishops discussed this *Preparatory Document*, sharing in the goal of its listening process, namely, "not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, prophecies, and hopes."

For the initial preparatory phase of the Universal Synod, the fundamental questions put before us are: how does this 'journeying together' take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel?

and, what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?

Enrolment Certificates for First Confession and First Communion

This note is a reminder to parents that if your son or daughter in Second class wishes to receive First Confession and First Communion next year, they should bring the completed enrolment certificate to Mass any weekend during this month of October and give the certificate to Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna at the end of Mass. October is the Month of Enrolment

October: Month of the Rosary

The dedication of the month of October to the rosary developed towards the end of the twentieth century with the special promotion of the rosary by Pope Leo XIII who wrote eleven encyclicals on it. At the centre of the month is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7 October).

Pope Pius V attributed the victory over the Ottomans at Lepanto, off the coast of Greece, on the first Sunday of October 1571 to the power of the rosary prayed in Rome and elsewhere on that day. He ordered a feast of the rosary, entitled Our Lady of Victory, known today as Our Lady of the Rosary