



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

21st April 2024

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Paddy Woods (late of Greenogue); Enda Kelly (late of Ratoath) and Clare Casey (Moulden Bridge) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

This weekend we welcome the boys and girls of Second class for their last **“Do This in Memory of Me Mass”** before their First Communion in May. We welcome them along with their parents who are supporting them on their faith journey this year. We ask you to keep them in your prayers in these final weeks of preparation.

This Sunday is **Vocations Sunday** and the basket collection at the Masses is for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. A Vocations Sunday Holy Hour in St. Patrick & St. Seachnall’s Church, Dunshaughlin on this Sunday 21st April at 5pm. All are welcome.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest.
May the Spirit we receive in baptism touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and other forms of service.
Give the parents and families of our diocese the wisdom and courage to support young people in searching for and following the call of God in their lives.
Through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

Talk on the Cause of Fr Willie Doyle takes place on Thursday 25th April at 7.30 pm, Parish Centre, Mullingar. Speakers: Patrick Kenny, Father Willie Doyle Association; Bishop Tom Deenihan; Jack Engelmann, University of Notre Dame. Individual blessings available with Fr Doyle’s personal crucifix.

Young Adult Retreat for Eastertide: Saturday 4th May (10am - 5pm) *'My peace I leave you, My peace I give you. Let not your heart be troubled or afraid ' Jn14:27.* An opportunity to join with other young people in peace, prayer and joy. Holy Mass, friendship, talks, chance for confession, personal chat. Cost: €20 (lunch and tea breaks provided).

Contact: Sr Úna 090 648166 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

| 21 April | Fourth Sunday of Easter | 28 April | Fifth Sunday of Easter |
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| 7.00pm | Lorraine Keller (Month’s Memory) Angela Daly | 7.00pm | Ellen & Angelo Whyte Ann, Tom, John & Bridgie Reilly |
| 9.00am | Charlie Reilly (Month’s Memory) Mattie McCabe | 9.00am | Brigid Boshell |
| 11.00am | Pierce Glynn Liam Lynch | 11.00am | |
| 12.15pm | Tony Donnelly Anthony King | 12.15pm | Michael Rooney Bernard McMahon Betty Sherry Henry Conway |

Tuesday John Davis
Friday Detta Hannigan

National Pilgrimage for Life: The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass.

Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

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

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

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th 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.joewalshstours.ie Tel.: 01 2410800

Last request for the return of your **Trocaire Boxes**. Your contribution can be placed in the box beside the Baptismal Font. Please do not leave Trocaire boxes at the back of the church.

Many thanks for your support to this year's Lenten campaign, which will make a real difference to the lives of so many who struggling with poverty, injustice, war and climate change.

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €1,467.06 and **Blue Envelopes** €1,842.00

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

CHY4 forms. Thanks to all who have returned their completed CHY4 forms to the parish office.

If you received a letter re this form and have not returned it to the office, we would be grateful if you could complete the form and return it to the parish office.

The Diocese of Meath has a **Safeguarding Children Policy**; you may access this on www.meathsafeguarding.ie

The Pope's Intention for April

For the role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Applications are now open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth **for postgraduate programmes** in Theological Studies, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry and Liturgy. More information is available at sppu.ie or by calling 01 708 4778.

Meath Archaeological and Historical Society will host their Annual General Meeting in the Swift Cultural Centre and Library, High Street, Trim on Tuesday 23rd April at 7:15pm. The AGM will be followed by a lecture, "Meath and the Crusades", by Paul Duffy and Dr Ciarán McDonnell.

Alzheimer's Social Group meets on Friday 26th April as usual in the Community Centre
30th National **Alzheimers Tea Morning** in Community Centre on Thursday 2nd May.

SeniorLine: SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary.

So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help