



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

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Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on Sundays in the months of July and August this year. The 12.15pm Mass will resume on Sunday 4th September.

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Second class in **St Paul's National School** who received their **First Communion** on Saturday. We are grateful to their parents who have accompanied their children on their faith journey this year. We are especially thankful to the teachers in these classes who prepared the boys and girls for their First Confessions and First Communion. Thanks too to the principal and all the staff in St Paul's who supported all the work and preparation for the day.

Anointing of the Sick. At the 11.00am and 12.15pm Masses on **Sunday 22nd May** we will have our annual anointing of the sick. If you know of anyone who would like this sacrament 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 **Sunday 29th May** beginning with prayers for the dead in the church at 3.00pm followed by rosary and blessing of the graves. Please inform family members and friends. Since it is three years, since our last Cemetery devotions, we ask you to make a special effort to prepare your family plots and to attend on the day.

This is our **final appeal** for the return of your **Trocaire Boxes**. Your contribution can be placed in the box that will be placed at the altar (near the baptismal font). Please do not leave your contribution at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to this year's Lenten appeal, which will make a real and lasting difference to people's lives.

8 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	15 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
7.00pm	Ita Kennedy Patrick & Masie Kennedy Mick O'Mahony Paddy Dolan & the deceased members of the family	7.00pm	Joe McGrath Maurice Molloy & the deceased members of the family The deceased members of the Fagan & Murray families
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am		11.00am	Gerry Monahan (Month's Memory) Maureen Foran & Frank Kellett
12.15pm	David & Eileen Conmey Lorraine Eiffe Nancy Ryan	12.15pm	Mary Foy (Month's Memory) Neil Igoe Yvonne Saul Fagan George & Albert McAuley Mary Flinter

- Monday Maura Humphries
- Tuesday For all who sympathised with the Cusack family on the death of Martin Cusack
- Wednesday Martin, Dee & Rita Cusack & Mary & Liam Corcoran
Ratoath College Graduation Prayer Service at 2.00pm
- Thursday Joe & Eileen Kennedy & the deceased members of the family
- Saturday First Communion Ceremonies for Ratoath Junior NS at 10.30am and 12.30pm

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, a Sunday dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The collection at Masses this weekend is for vocations.

Excerpt from the message of Pope Francis for Vocation Sunday

In fact, "by virtue of the Baptism received, every member of the People of God has become a missionary disciple. Every baptized person, whatever his function in the Church and the degree of instruction of his faith, is an active subject of evangelization" ... The whole Church is an evangelizing community....

The word "vocation" should not be understood in a restrictive sense, referring only to those who follow the Lord on the path of a particular consecration. We are all called to share in Christ's mission to reunite dispersed humanity and to reconcile it with God. More generally, every human person, even before living the encounter with Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental call: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God, for whom he had a unique and special thought, and this divine spark, which dwells in the heart of every man and woman, we are called to develop it in the course of our lives, helping to make a humanity grow animated by love and mutual acceptance.

In this great common vocation, the most particular call that God addresses to us is inserted, reaching our existence with his Love and directing it to its ultimate goal, to a fullness that even exceeds the threshold of death. So God wanted to look and look at our life.

Vocation, like holiness, is not an extraordinary experience reserved for a few. How "holiness next door" exists, so also the vocation is for all, because all are looked upon and called by God.

As Christians, we are not only called, that is, each one personally challenged by a vocation, but also *con-opportune*. We are like the tiles of a mosaic, beautiful already if taken one by one, but that only together make up an image. We shine, each and every one, like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe, but we are called to compose constellations that orient and illuminate the path of humanity, starting from the environment in which we live. This is the mystery of the Church: in the conviviality of differences, she is a sign and instrument of what the whole of humanity is called to.

Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the Summer of 1917, beginning on 13th May when the "Lady" asked them to pray for sinners and an end of the World War. In the final apparition on 13th October, the "Lady" identified herself as our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.

Public Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will take place on Saturday 14th May at 3.00pm in the grounds of the Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary meetings are held every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. New members are always welcome.

All Ireland Rosary Rally: On Saturday 4th June from 1.30pm at Knock Shrine - talk; stations of the cross and Mass. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Okolo (Papal Nuncio); Homilist: Bishop Michael Duignan.

Gemma's **Garden Party** in aid of **The Irish Cancer Society** on Fri 13th May from 2pm to 5pm, Sat 24th May 11am to 5pm, and Sun 15th May 2pm to 5pm. Relax with a cuppa and a cake! Sale of Plants, Floral arrangements, paintings and craft work. Raffle and auction.
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