



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Catherine McAuley (The Bush, Dunshaughlin) and Joan O' Boyle (Tallaght) sister of Patsy Boyle (The Commons) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Next Saturday we welcome the boys and girls of Second Class from **Rathbeggan 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 Mr Small throughout the year.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to the boys and girls of **St Paul's 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 this **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** we will have our annual anointing of the sick.

**Cemetery Sunday** is on next **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.

**First Holy Communion Ceremony** for Rathbeggan National School at 11.00am next Saturday

| 19 May  | Pentecost Sunday  | 26 May  | Trinity Sunday   |
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| 7.00pm  | Joseph McGrath<br>Padraic O'Malley & the deceased members of the Cunningham Family<br>Joseph Collum                                 | 7.00pm  |  |
| 9.00am  |   | 9.00am  | Desmond, Julia & James Toole   |
| 11.00am | Clare Casey (Month's Memory)<br>Vincent Mulrooney<br>Vonnie & Ben Cullen<br>Michael McMahan<br>Jimmy Swan (Senior)<br>Bernard Eiffe | 11.00am | John Long<br>James, Agnes & Katie Rooney   |
| 12.15pm | Nancy Ryan<br>Christina Gleeson<br>Albert & George McAuley  | 12.15pm | Rose Hickey & the deceased members of the family<br>Eileen Murphy & Alan Bott<br>Jim & Peter Brady<br>Patrick Hickey<br>Jimmy White<br>PJ & Maureen Moran<br>Ciaran Briody |

Next Sunday (Trinity Sunday) is a **blue offering** day.  
**White Envelope Collection** (Development Fund) €1,735.10  
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

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

**Loughcrew Sunday** takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Mass at 3pm in Loughcrew Gardens, Oldcastle, the birthplace of St Oliver Plunkett.

This year marks the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Canonisation in Rome by St Pope Paul VI in 1975.

**Pray for Life Novena:** The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) @PrayforLife\_ie on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. Let us know if you are praying the novena together as a parish, family or other group via [www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events](http://www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events) This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June.** Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 11.30am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for more details

**This 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.

During this month Bishop Tom is hoping to meet with **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 this Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Ratoath.

**Dunshaughlin Pioneer Centre** is celebrating 100 years. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon for deceased members. Afterwards everyone is invited to a social in the Pastoral Centre. For new member enrolment and for special pins please contact 087 133 4872