



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

13th September 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. All are welcome.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 13th September - <https://youtu.be/Q9djvDbDUIU>

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 20th September - <https://youtu.be/t8To5shHhY8>

Please pray for **the repose of the soul** of Frances Raczka (Birmingham) sister of Nora Sherry (Moatlands) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

White Envelopes lodged €1,480 on 17th August and €1,445 on 1st September

Blue Envelopes lodged €1,855 on 4th September and €1,385 on 9th September

Standing Orders for August €3,307.25.

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity at this time

Fr Brendan has been appointed Chaplain to University College, Dublin and will be taking up this new appointment over the next few weeks. He will say his good-byes at weekend Masses later in the month.

First Holy Communion

This weekend we celebrate the First Holy Communion Ceremonies for Rathbeggan National School on Friday evening 11th September at 7.00pm and for St. Paul's National School on Saturday 12th September at 10.00am; 11.30am and 1.00pm

We congratulate the boys and girls of Ratoath Junior National School who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. The support of their parents on their faith journey to this day is so important and we are grateful to the parents for journeying with the boys and girls this year.

Many thanks too, to the teachers and staff who taught the boys and girls during the year.

We are indebted to the principal and deputy principal for their assistance to us at the ceremonies.

We are grateful and appreciative of the music that Tommy and Caroline provided last weekend, which enhanced our ceremonies.

As you know First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies have been conducted in small groups and we have received many positive comments from those who attended on the prayerful atmosphere and well organised and conducted celebrations in our church.

13 Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Peter Murray Edward Gannon	7.00pm	Jim & Lydia Everard Liam Woods
9.00am	Kathleen Gunn	9.00am	
11.00am	Darragh Maxwell	11.00am	Katie & Jack Nulty Thomas & Maria Nulty James Lynam
12.15pm	Patricia McAuley	12.15pm	Mary Roche (Months Memory)

Monday
Thursday

Patrick Reilly (Sutton)
Kathleen & Jimmy Cusack & the deceased members of the Hynes & Cusack families

The Irish National Grandparents Pilgrimage is this Sunday 13th September – broadcast live at 3.00pm Knock Basilica

The pilgrimage is a special day of thanksgiving and celebration which can be seen as well as felt in the flags, colourful prayers and drawings that usually adorn the sanctuary of Knock Basilica.

The pilgrimage is organised by the Catholic Grandparents Association and recognises the important role that grandparents play in family life, providing love, wisdom and by nurturing the life-long gift of faith in their grandchildren.

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions that are currently in place, the National Grandparents Pilgrimage will be held online. Grandparents and their families everywhere are invited to join online on the Knock Shrine website.

Prayer for Grandparents (Written by Pope Benedict XVI)

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saint Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the church and for all society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be there for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and feel welcomed in all the years of life you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,

and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen

Please keep Norman Allred in your prayers as he prepares for his **Ordination to the Priesthood** for the Diocese of Meath, next Sunday in the Cathedral of Christ the King.

He will be ordained by Bishop Deenihan.

Some Updated Guidance and Clarification in relation to attending Mass.

The acting Chief Medical Officer has drawn attention the worrying increase in people contacting the Coronavirus. It is important that our parishes and churches give good example of our common responsibility to prevent the spreading of the virus and now is the time to be particularly vigilant.

Can we remind you that the HSE guidance states that you should wear a **face covering** in an enclosed indoor space with other people. Many parishioners now wear face coverings to Mass.

We appreciate that some people are exempt for medical reasons but we encourage everyone to do their best, by wearing a face covering to keep each other safe.

Please use the **hand sanitizers** that are available in the church porches.

Holy Communion should be received in the hand.

It is important to observe social distancing at all time – in approaching and leaving the church and in the church building. It is especially important not to congregate outside the church after Mass.

Our parish church is subdivided with four distinct sections (**pods**) - the gallery; the family room; the seats on the right side of the main body of the church and the seats on the left side of the main body of the church. Each section is allowed to have a maximum of 50 people, (except the family room) once social distancing is observed. Each section (pod) has its own entrance and exit.