



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** Joan Earley, sister of Linda Lalor (The Old Mill) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

We welcome Halle Turner, Charlie Bryant, Isabelle Foran, Callum Smith & Alexander Smith into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

**Lent** is a season dedicated to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**On the Fridays of Lent:** The Stations of the Cross will be held after the 9.45am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Fridays from 5.00pm to 8.00pm

A meeting of the **Parish Liturgy Committee** will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

**White Envelope** Collection €1,559.80 and **Blue Envelope** collection €1,188

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

## The Synod and the Ratoath Deanery

All parishioners are welcome to attend the Synod meeting in the **Parish Hall in Ashbourne** on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm**. The meeting will benefit from your presence and participation.

**Everyone is welcome.** And please feel free to bring someone along with you.

**A Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place in **Ashbourne Church** on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm**.

Everyone will be welcome to come to this Mass, asking God to bless the parishes in the Ratoath deanery as we set out to discover God's will for the church and how best to strengthen the faith in our parishes.

## First Communion Dates and Times

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May Ceremonies at 10.00am; 11.30am and 1.00pm for St Paul's NS

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May Ceremonies at 10.30am and 12.30pm for Ratoath NS

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May Ceremony at 11.00am for Rathbeggan NS

20 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent	27 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7.00pm	Eileen, James, Margaret & Patrick Woods	7.00pm	
9.00am		9.00am	Oliver Carthy Thomas & Tommy Everard Cyril & Una Brennan
11.00am		11.00am	Noel Duggan
12.15pm	Marie Lattin Patrick Cleary	12.15pm	Noel Martin

Monday Breda Lane  
Wednesday Special Intention

Tuesday Jimmy & Jim Landy  
Friday Special Intention

## Pope Francis on the War in Ukraine

At the conclusion of last Sunday's Angelus, Pope Francis expressed horror over the barbarity of the killing of children, innocent and unarmed civilians and called for an end to the unacceptable armed aggression, before it reduces cities to cemeteries.

"With pain in my heart, I join my voice to that the common people, who implore an end to the war" he said.

He continued "In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombing and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: Stop this massacre!"

The Pope asked for the many people who have fled Ukraine to be welcomed, saying "Christ is present in them.

He also expressed his gratitude for the great network of solidarity, that has sprung up in response to the millions fleeing the war in Ukraine.

"God is only God of peace. He is not God of war, and those who support violence profane His name" he said.

### Ratoath Parish - Ukrainian Refugee Appeal

**€3,635** donated so far to our appeal and more donations came in on St Patrick's Day which has yet to be counted. Many thanks for your incredibly generous donations.

We have already transferred €3,000 to a parish in Romania on the request of Archbishop Miguel Maury, the Papal Nuncio to Romania (who has visited Ratoath in the past).

This parish is St John's Parish in Suceava. If you search *Google Maps*, you will see that Suceava is close to the border of Ukraine. The parish is offering accommodation, meals and support to refugees, most of whom are women and children. This parish is in the diocese of Iasi, Romania and a number of priests from that diocese are ministering in the diocese of Meath.

We will leave the donation box and envelopes at the back of the church for the next two weeks for Lent (19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>/ 27<sup>th</sup> March) for anyone who might like to contribute to our Parish Appeal for Ukraine.

Also the **basket collection next weekend** will be added to the appeal.

It is our intention to send all our donations as quickly as possible to parishes that are providing accommodation and essential needs to those most in need. In sending the donations from the parish, we will be guided by the Papal Nuncios in Poland and Romania who are on the ground and will ascertain where the need is greatest.

**Volunteers needed:** Vincent's shop in Dunshaughlin raises funds for St. Vincent de Paul society which supports families in Dunshaughlin and Ratoath. The shop is run by a team of volunteers. If you have 3/4 hours to spare per week and would like to help out, please call in to the shop during opening hours for more information: Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 10.30 to 3 p.m.

**Meath Archaeological and Historical Society** (the first in-person lecture for 2022) on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Columbanus Hall, Navan at 8pm with Dr Peter Connell, Tim McKenna, Julitta Clancy on "Meath and the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921"

**Ratoath Community Centre** is starting two new groups next week.

**Parents and Toddlers** starts on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 9.30am to 11.00am. €3 for one child and €5 for more than one child.

**Knit and natter** starts on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Donation only.

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