



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

15th August 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

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

We welcome Bobby Staunton, Ava Lynan, Jack Ryan, Hugo Burke, Faidh Maughan and Lucy Masterson into the Christian community.

They were **baptised** recently in a number of ceremonies.

Congratulations to Ruth O'Dwyer and Charles Roarty who were **married** during the week.

Ordination to the Diaconate: We congratulate Barry White who was ordained Deacon by Bishop Tom Deenihan in St Mary's Church, Navan on Saturday evening 14th August. Please keep him in your prayers. Barry is from the Parish of Rathkenny.

Please pray for the **repose of the souls** of Fr P J Nyland (Chaplain of Ratoath College); Jimmy Gorman (Fairymouse Road); Ray Fox (Jamestown Park) and Neil Igoe (England), brother of Ken Igoe (Coill Beag) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Standing Orders for July €3,706.92

White Envelopes (Development Fund) €1,605 lodged on 9th August

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Painting of the Interior of the Church

The painting of the church is scheduled to begin next Monday morning (16th August) and should take about 10 to 12 days. There will be a fair amount of disruption during the next two weeks as it will be necessary to move some of the seats during the work. We ask for your understanding and patience during this time. Please be conscious of the health and safety regulations that will be in place.

For those who attend the week morning Mass, we will ask a number of people to sit in the sanctuary area. Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday will be held in the family room.

The church was last painted in 2013.

The intention of Pope Francis for the month of August

“Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.”

15 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 Aug	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Josh Begley Taylor	7.00pm	Jacqueline Mannering
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Mary Roche Roderick O'Neill	11.00am	
12.15pm	Michael, Peggy, & Pauline Flood Christopher Donnelly Ann & Ray Donnelly Mike Ormond	12.15pm	Margaret Cahill Fergal Ronan Paddy & Linda O'Connor & Maria O'Connor Howard Harry, Gladys, George & John Campbell and the deceased members of the family

Monday
Friday

Special Intention

The deceased members of the Cowley family

Tuesday

Special Intention

"Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."
(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation.

In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon- to- be - born so. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come.

But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as "Blessed", Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for looking upon his lowly handmaid.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

Death of Fr P.J. Nyland R.I.P.

Chaplain of Ratoath College

It is with deep sadness that we learned on Wednesday morning last of the unexpected death of Father P.J. Nyland. This is very sad news for Father PJ's family and friends, Ratoath College where he was school chaplain and our parish community. Our sympathy and thoughts are with the Nyland family and friends and the Salesian community.

A proud native of Mayo and a member of the Salesian Order, Father PJ was the former Principal of the Salesian College in Pallaskenry and was one of the first members of staff at Ratoath College, appointed as Chaplain by Bishop Smith in 2005.

Father PJ was a much loved, respected and valued member of the staff of Ratoath College. His selflessness and care for students was unparalleled in its depth and reach and he touched the lives of so many in his 16 years at Ratoath College and throughout his life.

He was a warm, quiet, gentle, kind and unassuming priest; never one for the limelight, but you knew he would be with you in any need; quietly supportive; sincere and calm but like a beacon, he was always there for the students and school community, dependable, rock like, steady and sure.

His wise and reflective counsel was a great asset and he was indeed a strength and hope to so many. He was so special in the eyes of all who knew him; generous with this time to students and staff. He nurtured and honoured his many friendships with a generous and giving soul. He looked for the good in every one he met and those who met him were enriched by the encounter.

Aside from his pastoral role as Chaplain, Father PJ was also central to the sporting life of the school, giving action to his deep love of the GAA through coaching many football teams over the years.

Fr P J's funeral takes place at 1.00pm this Sunday in his native county of Mayo in St Joseph's Church, Kellogues and burial afterwards in Straide Cemetery.

May God give this good and faithful priest a place in his eternal home for he has fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.