



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

23rd August 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.

We welcome Caitlin Kenny, Juliette Madden and Rosie Foy into the Christian community.

They were **baptised** recently.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of Mary Roche (Glascarn); Seamus Donnelly (Ashbourne) brother of the late Colm Donnelly (Glascarn); and Eileen Miller(nee Everard) formally of Bradystown who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 23rd is https://youtu.be/_FKqLZTLzuA

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 30th is <https://youtu.be/l2bOS9pnjuo>

Standing Orders for July €3,729.95

Blue Envelopes Lodged €1,595 on 7th July; €1,425 on 20th July; €625 on 4th August; and €670 on 10th August.

White Envelopes Lodged €1,850 on 7th July; €1,480 on 21st July and €1,570 on 4th August.

We wish to acknowledge and thank parishioners who have sent in the **blue and white envelopes** and to those who support the parish through the **standing orders**.

We appreciate your generosity and support at this difficult time.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People. ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Interested in studying Theology in 2020? The one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Closing date for applications extended to Friday 18th September 2020. For more information, please contact Barbara Mahon, Admissions & Marketing Officer at admissions@spcm.ie or see www.maynoothcollege.ie

23 Aug	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 Aug	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Jacqueline Mannering	7.00pm	Kathleen O'Connell (Month's Memory)
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Betty & Jimmy Mannering Margaret Cahill Michael Gilchrist Dermot Doolan Paddy & Linda O'Connor & Maria O'Connor-Howard	11.00am	Johnny Staunton and the deceased members of the family
12.15pm	Michael & Peggy Flood Pauline Flood Henry, Gladys & George Campbell Fergal Ronan Paul & Margaret McGarry	12.15pm	

Tuesday

Special Intention

Thursday

Mary Carey & Val Murrihy

Confirmation

We welcome Bishop Deenihan to Ratoath next weekend when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the boys and girls of 6th class in Ratoath Senior, St Paul's and Rathbeggan National Schools. They were originally due to receive the sacrament on the 21st March.

In order to comply with the Government guidelines and protocols at this time, the candidate will be accompanied only by his/ her parents and sponsor.

There will be 8 ceremonies.

On Saturday 29th August the boys and girls of Ratoath Senior National School will receive the Sacrament with ceremonies at 10.00am; 12 noon; 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Rathbeggan National School receive the Sacrament on the same day at 6.00pm.

On Sunday 30th August, St Paul's National School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with ceremonies at 2.00pm; 4.00pm and 6.00pm

The Prayer for the Rite of Confirmation

Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Some Guidance in relation to attending Mass.

On Friday 3 July, the Government issued guidance in relation to places of worship. The guidance allows for religious services with attendance of more than 50 people in certain circumstances in churches with the size to allow such capacity safely.

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, once social distancing is observed.

Each section (pod) has its own entrance and exit and all requirements of the protocol are observed.

There should be no movement between the sections before, during or after Mass.

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.

Message from Bishop Deenihan to all parishes

I am happy to clarify that the Irish Bishops have received clarification that the new measures do not apply to churches as places of worship already have their own protocols.

We have been informed that the situation regarding Religious Services in places of worship (including Funerals) remains unchanged (i.e. pods of up to 50 with social distancing etc between pods and within pods).

The regulations must be rigorously adhered to as it is our compliance with these measures that will allow us to continue to operate. We do owe a debt of gratitude to those who steward and sanitise our churches. Without their help, we would be in a very different position.