



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

30th May 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.

Please pray for the **repose of the souls** of John Long (Curraha Road) and Maud Reed, mother of John Reed and Pauline Keyes, who died recently. May they rest in peace

This Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

Baptisms

Baptism ceremonies have now resumed. Please call the parish office for details of dates, times and restrictions that are in place for the ceremonies.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Wednesdays beginning after the morning Mass and ending at 7.00pm. (Please note the change of the finishing time)

Streaming of Masses: We continue to stream the 11.00am Mass on Sundays.

Cemetery Sunday

On Wednesday evening last, Fr Gerry and Fr Yohanna recited the Prayers for All the Faithful Departed and blessed all the graves in our parish cemetery. The ceremony was recorded and set to music. It will be available to watch on **live.ratoathparish.ie** and on the **Parish YouTube channel from 3pm this Sunday** and you can view it any time in the next number of weeks.

We are grateful to Eamonn, who has made this possible.

We regret that we are unable to hold Cemetery Sunday at this time due to the restrictions that are in place which state that large gatherings of people should not take place at the present time.

This will be a disappointment to so many people but we must adhere to the public health guidance and advice.

However if the public health guidance changes during the Summer and if the advice allows for a gathering to take place and they deem it safe, we might be able to hold a ceremony at the end of the Summer. We will keep this under review and inform you in good time if we can hold Cemetery Sunday later in the Summer.

30 May	Feast of the Holy Trinity	6 June	Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ
7.00pm	Edward & Carmel McAuley	7.00pm	Michael Brady
9.00am	Desmond & Julia Toole Ita & Oliver Doran	9.00am	
11.00am	Michael Rooney (Month's Memory) Peter & Jim Brady Rose Hickey	11.00am	Tony Foy
12.15pm	Eileen McDermott Michael Walsh Maureen Moran	12.15pm	Lorraine Eiffe (Month's Memory) Kevin & Peg White

Monday

Michael Rooney

Tuesday

Mass of thanks for all who sympathised with the Kellett family at the sad passing of John

Wednesday

Special Intention

Friday

Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead & Alice & Michael Hatch

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the "Great Commission". It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you all the always; to the end of time'.

Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us.

We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain.

They had lost him to death and now he has risen and is with them again in the flesh.

They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them.

These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world.

Perhaps like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others.

Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with love and strength we need.

The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.

"Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God" (Martin Luther King Jr)

The intention of Pope Francis for the month of June.

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of the Christian community. May they grow in love with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

For Mass

Our parish church has three distinct sections (**pods**) - the gallery; 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 pod is allowed to have a maximum of 50 people, once the guidelines are adhered to.

So our church has capacity **for 150** people at any one Mass.

The following guidelines are in place and are given so as to help keep everyone safe.

1. You should wear a **face covering** in the church.
2. Please use the **hand sanitizers** that are available in the church porches.
3. It is important to observe **social distancing** at all times – in approaching and leaving the church and in the church building. It is especially important not to congregate outside the church after Mass.
4. Special arrangements for Holy Communion, so that there is no movement between sections (pods)
5. **Holy Communion** should be received in the hand.
6. Parishioners must enter and leave the church by the designate doors.
7. The church will be sanitised and ventilated on a regular basis.

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie