



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

17th October 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 Tadhg Cullen, Saoirse Lennon and Amalia Kudrjavceva, into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

We pray for the **repose of the soul** of John Mac Cabe (Dundalk) father of Charlie Mac Cabe (Mruigtuaithé) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

€1,500 lodged to the **White envelopes** account (Development Fund) on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Standing Orders** for September €3,226.13. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** As we approach the Winter season, Eucharistic Adoration has return to the family room, at the usual time from after the morning Mass to 7.00pm on Wednesdays. As we return to something like near normality, now is a good time to renew your commitment to spend some time every week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/ friends who are no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. We ask you to fill them in and return them to the box at the back of the church called List of the Dead, before early November. All those on the parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses in November and on the first Friday of every month.

**Ratoath College Admissions 2022-23.** Admissions for 1<sup>st</sup> Year 2022-23 will open on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Application forms are available to download online from Ratoathcollege.ie or from the school Office. The closing date for receipt of completed Application forms is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 at 2pm

The newly established **Ratoath Community Employment Scheme** is now recruiting for new participants. If interested please contact Ken on 086 1585854 or [info@ratoath.ie](mailto:info@ratoath.ie)

17 Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)
7.00pm	Patrick Doody (Months Memory) Willie Kissane Lizzy & John Madden Sandra Buttner	7.00pm	Una Fitzmaurice Michael Maher James & Margaret Nolan Joe & Peggy Lynch
9.00am	Leonardo Pascual (Months Memory)	9.00am	
11.00am	Irene O'Leary Joe & Masie McCormack	11.00am	Cathal Daly (Month's Memory)
12.15pm	Mella Everard Declan Sweeney	12.15pm	Jack, Lucy & Miriam Browne

Monday	Special Intention
Tuesday	Olive Farrelly
Wednesday	John Colreavy; Joe & Ella Kennedy & the deceased members of the family
Thursday	Ray Fox & Mrs Farrelly
Friday	Dick Donnelly

**Universal Synod:** Last Sunday, Pope Francis called the Church across the world to embark on a synodal process. “Synodal” comes from a Greek word meaning “walking together”. Over the next two years, all Catholics across the world are invited to walk together in a process of “encounter, listening, and discernment”. Today, Bishop Deenihan invites all of us in the Diocese of Meath to embark on this journey together and to participate actively in this process so that we can discern together what it is that God is asking of the Church at this time. See [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va) to learn more about the worldwide synod. See [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod) to learn more about the synodal pathway for the Church in Ireland.

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### **Excerpts from the homily of Pope Francis at the Opening of the Synod in Rome last Sunday**

The Gospels frequently show us Jesus “on a journey”; he walks alongside people and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life. Today, as we begin this synodal process, let us begin by asking ourselves – all of us, Pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity – whether we, the Christian community, embody this “style” of God, who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity. Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: “It’s useless” or “We’ve always done it this way”? Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. ...

As we initiate this process, we are called to become experts in the *art of encounter*... Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another. Time to devote to prayer and to adoration – that form of prayer that we so often neglect – devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries. ...

Every encounter – as we know – calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. So often God points out new paths in just this way. He invites us to leave our old habits behind. Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with him and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are....

And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. Let us listen to one another.

#### **Enrolment Certificates for First Confessions and First Communion**

This note is a reminder to parents that if your son or daughter in Second class wishes to receive First Confession and First Communion next year, they should bring the completed enrolment certificate to Mass any weekend during this month of October and give the certificate to Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna at the end of Mass. October is the Month of Enrolment

#### **October is the Month of the Missions**

The theme for World Mission Sunday 2021 on 24<sup>th</sup> October is:

*‘We Cannot Remain Silent - We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.’*

On World Mission Sunday collections will take place at Masses throughout the Universal Church so that Catholics might give what they can to help support struggling dioceses in the developing world. The Mission Sunday collection promotes the work of missionaries in poor and remote communities. The funds raised will help build vital infrastructure, including churches, medical clinics, nurseries and schools.

Please remember our missionaries in your prayers during the month of October and support our Mission Sunday appeal on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.