



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Gerry McCann (Loughlinstown) and Mary Rodahan (Limerick) sister of Brian Horan (Peacockstown) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

## St Patrick's Day

Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*from St Patrick's Breastplate*

What can we learn from St Patrick?

“To entrust ourselves, our Church, our country to God’s protective care.

To have full confidence in the Lord’s healing presence and power

To give thanks for God’s special care and call to each of us, knowing that God took the initiative in our vocation and will sustain us day by day.

To be devoted to reading the Gospels so that we can take on the mind and heart of Christ Jesus and make decisions according to the mind of Christ.

To be receptive to God’s will in all our trials, to trust him unreservedly.

God uses these trials to shape our hearts and conform us to Christ Jesus.

To be alert to all the opportunities we are given each day to proclaim the Gospel and to know that whatever good we do is through God’s boundless grace.

To believe in the importance of intercession for our people and all people at this time.

*Mother Marie Fahy, Abbess of St Mary’s Abbey, Glencairn*

12 March	Third Sunday of Lent	19 March	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7.00pm	Dickie Sweeney	7.00pm	David Donoghue (Month’s Memory) Maire Lattin
9.00am	David & Eillen Conmey	9.00am	
11.00am	Michael Gilchrist	11.00am	
12.15pm	Irene Dunne Noel Ennis Seamus, Kit, Noel & Bridget Ennis Gertrude Keany Stan O’Sullivan	12.15pm	Vincent McAuley Leigha McKeon Noel Duggan Mary Foy Patrick Cleary

Monday  
Friday

Special Intention

Caoimhe Hughes; Paul Sherwin & the deceased members of the family (11.00am)

Wednesday

Larry Smith

“Aim at seeing things as God sees them.

Aim at forming judgements about persons, events, rank, fortunes, changes, objects, such as God forms.

Aim at looking at this life as God looks at it.

Aim at looking at the life to come, and the world unseen, as God does.” *St John Henry Newman*

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**Light the Fire 2023:** The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join them in Slane on St. Patrick's Day at 5:00 p.m. Vespers on the Hill of Slane and Rosary procession to the Church for 6:00 pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Main celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty. Event details: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony) or 041 983 0441.

**White envelope** Collection (Development Fund) €1,463.10 **Blue envelope** collection €1,650.00  
**Standing Orders** for February €3,538.34. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

The appeal last weekend **for those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria** raised **€5,850**. We thank you for your generosity to this appeal. The amount has been forwarded to the Diocesan Office, which will then be forwarded to Trocaire who work with Caritas in bringing relief to those who are in need.

A meeting of the **Parish Liturgy Committee** will take place on Tuesday next 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

We encourage all to make an effort during **Lent for prayer** by visiting the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time during Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays between 10.00am and 7.00pm in the family room of the church.

The **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent after the 9.45am Mass

Please bring home a **Trocaire box** for Lent, to support the **annual Lenten appeal**. With your support, Trocaire will continue to help bring lasting change to communities across the globe.

Accord Navan's **Marriage Preparation Course** dates 2023.

Couples can book here: <https://www.courses.accord.ie/booking/listing/meath>

**Legion of Mary** meetings are now on Mondays at 7.00 pm in the parish pastoral centre. New members are very welcome. Contact May 087 133 4872

Do you know people who would like an opportunity to practise their English language skills in a supportive environment? It could be colleagues in work, grandparents who are looking after children, neighbours, or simply anyone for whom English is not their first language and who are interested in speaking English with others. **A new Conversational English Class is beginning in The Venue/Community Centre** in Ratoath on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It will run on Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm during the school term. Volunteer tutors will support participants in giving them a chance to speak and write in English. A €2 contribution per class towards providing tea/coffee and photocopying is requested. This is a chance to meet people with a shared interest in improving their English language skills. If anyone has tried to learn a foreign language, they will know that there is a difference between reading words on a page and having the confidence to say them out loud in a public setting. You can come along on the night (the first class is free). For further information, contact Noel at 0469093120 / 0892487364 / [outreach@cultur.ie](mailto:outreach@cultur.ie)

**Ratoath St Patrick's Day Festival** including stage with live entertainment, bouncing castles, face painting carnival games and artisan market! 12noon -5.00pm. Road closed 8.30 am until 6.00pm. Volunteers needed. Email [Ratoathst.patricksday@gmail.com](mailto:Ratoathst.patricksday@gmail.com) if interested