



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

14th May 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Anna Bryne (Fairycastle) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on Sundays in the months of July and August. The 12.15pm Mass will resume on Sunday 3rd September.

Diocese of Meath: **Vacancy for Director of Faith Formation**. 5 year fixed term contract. Full details of the vacancy can be found on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofmeath.ie, clicking on the tab job vacancy where terms and conditions and application forms relating to the role can also be accessed. Closing date for applications will be 5.00pm on Friday 26th May 2023

First Communion Ceremonies:

Congratulations to all the boys and girls of Second Class in St Paul’s National School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

We are most grateful to all the teachers and those in the school community who have assisted, supported and prepared the children for their First Holy Communion. Thanks too to all the parents who have journeyed with the boys and girls this year and who have come to the “Do This in Memory of Me” Masses that were held throughout the year.

The First Holy Communion ceremonies for Rathbeggan National School will be held on 20th May.

Anointing of the Sick. At the 11.00am and 12.15pm Masses **next Sunday 21st May**, we will have our annual anointing of the sick. If you know of anyone who would like this sacrament you might let them know and if they need assistance to get to Mass, perhaps you could accompany them to the Mass.

Cemetery Sunday takes place this year on **Sunday 28th May** beginning with prayers for the dead in the church at 3.00pm followed by rosary and blessing of the graves. Please inform family members and friends. This is an opportunity for parishioners to tend their family plots and we encourage all to ready their plots so that the cemetery can look its very best to honour our beloved dead.

14 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	21 May	The Ascension of the Lord
7.00pm	Alice Redmond (Month’s Memory) Yvonne Saul Fagan Joe McGrath John Landy	7.00pm	Padraic O’Malley Patrick & Mary Wall Paddy Dolan & deceased members of the family
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Mary Flinter December members of the Byrne Family (Cabinhill)	11.00am	Rose McCarthy Vonnie & Ben Cullen Sarah & Dan Eiffe Michael McMahan James, Agnes & Katie Rooney
12.15pm	Paul Doran (Month’s Memory)	12.15pm	Christina Gleeson Jimmy White Keith McDonald

Monday
Wednesday
Saturday

Special Intention
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First Communion Ceremonies at 11.00am for Rathbeggan National School

Tuesday John Landy

Though for the Day

Easter makes us a hopeful people. We are hopeful because we know that, as St Paul puts it in his letter to the Romans, “nothing that exists, nothing still to come can ever come between us and love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord – not even our own tendency to say “no” to the Lord. The hope that we have does not come from anything in ourselves: it is rooted in the Lord’s faithfulness to us.

We are hopeful because know that the Lord will never turn away from us; we are hopeful because we know that his ‘yes’ is always stronger than our ‘no’ . *from Martin Hogan’s “You have One Teacher”*

Excerpt of Pope Francis address to the participants in the General Assembly of Caritas Internationalis on Thursday 11th May

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the *Caritas* family,

Charity – *caritas* – is our very life; it is what makes us “be” what we are. When we embrace God’s love and when we love one another *in* him, we plumb the depths of our identity, as individuals and as Church, and the meaning of our existence. We understand not only how important our own lives are, but also how precious too are the lives of others. We perceive clearly how every life is unique and inalienable, a marvel in the eyes of God.

Love opens our eyes, expands our gaze, and allows us to recognize in the stranger who crosses our path the face of a brother or sister who has a name, a story, a drama, to which we cannot remain indifferent. In the light of God’s love, the reality of the other comes forth from the shadows, emerges from insignificance, and acquires value, relevance.

The needs of our neighbour challenge us, trouble us, and arouse in us a sense of responsibility. It is always in the light of love that we discover the strength and courage to respond to the evil that oppresses others, to respond to that evil personally, and to confront it by committing ourselves fully, rolling up our sleeves.

God’s love makes us sense the weight of the other’s humanity as a yoke that is easy and a burden that is light. It leads us to feel the wounds of others as our own and challenges us to pour the balm of fraternity on the invisible wounds that we perceive present in their heart.

Do you want to know if a Christian is living charity?

Then look closely to see if they are willing to help freely, with a smile on their face, without grumbling or getting annoyed. Charity is patient, Paul writes, and patience is the ability to endure unexpected trials, daily labours, without losing joy and trust in God.

For it is the result of a slow travail of the spirit, in which we learn to master ourselves and acknowledge our limitations.

Couples looking to book **Marriage Preparation Courses** for the latter half of this year should check www.accord.ie for our Sept-December 2023 dates which we hope to publish soon. They can of course contact our Centre 0469023146 or accordcentrenavan@gmail.com for updates

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: will take place on 13th August accompanied by the Diocesan Choir. Further information to follow at later date.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The annual Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 12th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. There is a 4 night or 6 night option with fares from €729 full board. Booking forms are now available from JWT Travel contact 01-2410800.

You can listen to the weekly faith podcast, **Faithcast** on www.catholicnews.ie