



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

26<sup>th</sup> November 202

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm. New adorers always welcome

There will be no 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Thomas Reeves (Raynestown) and Philip Connell (Piercestown, Dunboyne) father of Brendan Connell (Fairycastle Grove) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

At the Masses this weekend, we welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for **the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion** to their second preparation Mass. We welcome them and their parents and we ask you to keep them in your prayers in their faith journey this year.

We welcome Orlaith Lawlor, Sonny McEvoy, Cameron Naughton, Isla Fay and Sadie Murray into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

**White Envelope** Collection (Development Fund) €1,731.15 and **Blue Envelope** €1,224.00

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**Parish Envelopes – can you help?** The parish envelopes are a major source of income to the parish and we appreciate all who contribute to the parish using the parish envelope. In the next few weeks the parish envelopes will be distributed for the coming year and we thank and are most grateful to all who assist in leaving boxes of envelopes at the door of houses.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help in this work.

If you can spare about an hour in the next few weeks, we would be delighted to hear from you.

26 Nov	The Feast of Christ the King	3 Dec	First Sunday of Advent
7.00pm	Irene & Frank Regan Patsy & Christy Smith Anna & Frank O'Reilly Kenneth Cullen Tommy & Rosemary Wallace Marie, Noel & Donal Giles Lorraine Bracken & Liam Maher	7.00pm	Alan Rafferty Joe & Tessie Gorman Johnny & Mary O'Brien
9.00am	Paddy Regan Colm & Attracta Donnelly Phil Byrne	9.00am	
11.00am	Olive McCann Ciaran Kilcline Richard King & Brigid Wall Nicholas O'Connor	11.00am	Elizabele Maruseviciene (Month's Memory)
12.15pm	Angela Walsh Peg, Kevin & Mary White Karen & Joan Monahan Stephen Daly Oliver John McEnroe & the deceased members of the family	12.15pm	Steve Lynch Sean Eiffe

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Special Intention

Kevin & Katie Darby

Special Intention

Mass for all those on the Parish of the Dead

## **New Boards of Management in our Primary Schools.**

The term of the present boards of management will conclude at the end of November and new boards will begin their four year term on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Each board is made up of 8 people – two patron representatives, the principal and one elected member of the teaching staff, two parents (a mother and a father) and two community representatives. We thank all the members of the outgoing Boards in Ratoath Junior NS; Ratoath Senior NS; Rathbeggan NS and St Paul's NS and we wish the members of the new boards every good wish as they take up office.

In a letter sent to the outgoing board, the Patron, Bishop Deenihan thanked the out-going board for their commitment and service to the school, parish and to Catholic education.

He noted that in the past four years the Boards had to deal with

the Covid 19 crises, which presented a relentless series of challenges to schools from March 2020;

the ongoing shortage of teachers;

the challenges of adequately funding our schools;

extending services to assist children with additional educational needs

and the ever increasing legislative oversight.

Many schools too had other concurrent challenges to deal with including bereavements, traumatic incidents, adjudicating disputes, managing building projects, declining pupil numbers and adapting to changes in leaderships.

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The **Parish Pastoral Assembly** will meet this Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Last week, priests from the 69 parishes of our Diocese met in Cavan to begin a process of reflection on the future of priestly ministry and pastoral life in parishes in the Diocese of Meath.

During this assembly, new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes, the provision of sacraments, personnel and resources, faith formation and the welfare of priests were considered in the context of the mission of the Church and the desire to sustain vibrant faith communities.

The establishment and supporting of Parish Pastoral Assemblies was deemed a necessary structure in every parish. It was also agreed that there would have to be consultation and engagement with local Pastoral Assemblies before any developments occur.

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The **sick and the housebound** will be attended to in their homes on Thursday of this week.

The **40 hours of Adoration** in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar will conclude with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4.00pm this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome.

**Youth Meet & Prayer Gathering** (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Donore A92 FN36 at 7:30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is a monthly gathering, taking place in different parishes each month, for young adults in the Diocese of Meath to join together for prayer, reflection & discussion, assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please share the invite and bring a friend or two along.

Contact Fr. Mark for more info via [duleekparish@gmail.com](mailto:duleekparish@gmail.com).

**Advent Retreat for Young Adults! (18-40yrs)** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (10am - 5.30pm) at Dalgan Park, Navan. Friendship in the faith with other young adults, prayer, Holy Mass, Adoration, great talks, confession, personal chat if desired, lovely walks. Cost: €20 suggested (lunch and tea breaks provided). Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**East Meath Pioneers** will attend Holy Mass in Dunshaughlin Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 3.00 pm followed by meeting in Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre. Everyone is welcome. May 087 133 4872

**Archaeological & Historical Society:** at Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm. "Excavations at the French Cistercian Grange of Beaubec" Co Meath. Speaker - Dr Geraldine Stout.