



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

4th August 2024

No **12.15pm Mass** on the Sundays of July and August.

August Bank Holiday Monday – Parish Office closed.

Parish life – thanks are due to all who sustain parish life and liturgy during the slow and quiet summer months, when so many are away on holiday. Particular thanks to those in music ministry, our Organists, Cantors and Altar Servers.

Thanks also to those who continue to take up the Offertory collection and the team who faithfully and discreetly count the collections and envelopes behind the scenes to provide for the ongoing spiritual and material needs of the parish.

Now might be a good time to consider getting actively involved in some area of parish life after the summer break: Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Altar Society; Collectors and Counters, Legion of Mary, Youth Group, Weekly Adoration...there's a job and a role for everyone!

Bulletin – relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!

4 th August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 th August	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Jimmy Ralph and deceased family members	7.00pm	Connie Burgess, 1 st Anniversary Sean Woods John & Elizabeth Reilly
9.00am	For the People of the Parish	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
11.00am	Harry, Gladys, George & John Campbell; Paddy and Linda O'Connor & Maria O'Connor Howard	11.00am	Roderick O'Neill Ann Kerrigan Jimmy Gorman
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Weekday Mass Intentions:

Tuesday- Mylie & Kathleen Byrne;

Wednesday- Angela Kirwan, 2nd anniversary;

Thursday – Maureen Davis, 10th anniversary.

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Ann Card**, nee Kelly, the Bush, Lagore Rd, who has died in Canada.

Congratulations to Claire Campbell & Conor O'Brien who exchanged their wedding vows on Friday.

Feasts of the Week: On Tuesday we celebrate the Transfiguration, the moment that offered a glimpse of the divinity of Christ and anticipated the glory of His risen body;

Thursday we commemorate St Dominic, who founded the Order of Preachers in the 13th century at the same time as St Francis formed his Order of Friars Minor. Both movements took Europe by storm and attracted huge numbers of followers and vocations. We give thanks for the vocation of Br Philip Neri Mather from our parish, currently in formation;

Friday, we honour a courageous woman of the 20th century of warfare and dictatorships, Edith Stein, known as St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, brutally killed in Auschwitz as a victim for her Christian and Jewish identity.

The Parish Office may not be open at the usual times for the summer months, awaiting the recruitment of a new parish secretary, but all mass bookings, baptisms, weddings, appointments etc can be done by telephone, email or online if there is no one available at the office. Recruiting the new secretary will start after a period of reflection and consideration of the skills needed, the optimum office hours and the duties of this key role in modern parish life. Many thanks to those who have already expressed an interest in the position.

Confirmation in 2025 will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7th February.
First Communion ceremonies will be in May. The dates to be decided in the autumn

Baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Booking online and at the Parish Office.
Confession, as needed, in the open confessional at the back of the church.

To read the submission of the Diocese of Meath, visit “Synod 2024” page on www.dioceseofmeath.ie.

Fan the Spark – Young Adult Catholic Conference: De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, Brunswick St, Dublin 4, August 24th, 9.30am – 5.30pm. Tickets €15.
Guest Speakers, Mass, Adoration, food and good company.

Knock National Novena: Theme ‘*Whispering with God*’ – *How do YOU pray?* 14th – 22nd August. Inspirational, renowned guest speakers every day for nine days.
Novena ceremonies 3pm & 8pm, daily Workshops; themed Guided Prayer at 11.15am & 5.15pm daily; Witness Walk on Wednesday 21st at 6.45pm.

KNOCK FAMILY DAY Sunday 18th. **Blessing of Families** at the Apparition Chapel at 11am.
Free events include Kite Making, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, Drumming, Dance, Puppetry, Games on the Green and ice cream, crepes, and snacks.

Lough Derg **Three Day Pilgrimage** season continues until 15th August.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on 10th September led by Bishop Deenihan, accompanied by the diocesan choir. All pilgrims accommodated in hotels with 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 in various hotels available.
Further information and booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St, Dublin, www.joewalshstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 11th August led by Bishop Deenihan and accompanied by the Diocesan Choir.
The **Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ, Pilgrimage** will also take place on Sunday 11th August.

DJ Workshop in Claremont Stadium. Professional DJ Adam Traynor from **Disco Kids** will lead your kids through the finer points of DJ’ing with this one-off workshop aimed at **12-16 year olds**.
Tuesday 6th August from 3-4pm in Claremont Stadium, Commons Rd, Navan.
Registration is €2. To register call 046 902 9693

A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people with dementia and their families participate fully and where others are aware of and understand dementia– The Venue, 5th Sept at 7pm.