



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Roddy Crehan, brother of Clodagh White (Somerville) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

We welcome Eoin Kilboyle; Bobby Brazil and Justin O'Brien into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

The **sick and the housebound** will be attended to in their homes on Friday

**Cemetery Sunday** is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May beginning at 3.00pm with evening prayer for the dead in the church followed by rosary and blessing of the graves. We ask all parishioners to prepare your family plots for the day.

**Young Adult Retreat for Eastertide:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May (10am - 5pm) *'My peace I leave you, My peace I give you. Let not your heart be troubled or afraid' Jn 14:27.* An opportunity to join with other young people in peace, prayer and joy. Holy Mass, friendship, talks, chance for confession, personal chat. Cost: €20 (lunch and tea breaks provided).

Contact: Sr Úna 090 648166 or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**Young Meet and Prayer Gathering** (+18 years) will take place in the Church of St. Cianán, Duleek at 7:30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This is an opportunity for young adults to join together for adoration, prayer, reflection & discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two.

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

**National Pilgrimage for Life:** The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass.

Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

28 April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	5 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
7.00pm	Ellen & Angelo Whyte Ann, Tom, John & Bridgie Reilly	7.00pm	Gerard Ralph Ita, Patrick & Masie Kennedy
9.00am	Brigid Boshell	9.00am	
11.00am		11.00am	Bridget & Michael McIntyre & the deceased members of the family
12.15pm	Michael Rooney Bernard McMahan Betty Sherry	12.15pm	Molly & Ernie Devine

Tuesday  
Friday

Special Intention  
Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

## Prayer/Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel.

Lord, you said:

"I am the vine, you are the branches, separated from me you can do nothing but united with me you will bear much fruit".

Thank you Lord for the bond you formed with us.

And thank you for the bond that existed among us because of our union with you.

Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches to share with one another.

Grant that we may never be separated from you, so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope and love.

*Flor McCarthy SDB*

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**Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May:** These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun 12<sup>th</sup>, Tue 14<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and Mon 27<sup>th</sup> More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie) €45 per person, booking essential.

The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and continues until 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800

**CHY4 forms.** Thanks to all who have returned their completed CHY4 forms to the parish office. If you received a letter re this form and have not returned it to the office, we would be grateful if you could complete the form and return it to the parish office.

The **Parish Annual Insurance** is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> May and the premium of €5,854.50 was paid to our Insurance Company recently.

Applications are now open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth **for postgraduate programmes** in Theological Studies, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry and Liturgy. More information is available at [sppu.ie](http://sppu.ie) or by calling 01 708 4778.

30<sup>th</sup> National **Alzheimers Tea Morning** in Community Centre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**The Meath Alzheimer Café** will take place in the Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker is Mary Williams, senior Physiotherapist Care of Older people. Topic : "Move it or Lose it". There is no charge for this service. Contact 087 188 8178. All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee, and scones will be served.

**Gemma's Garden Party** in aid of The Irish Cancer Society on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2-5 and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11-5, and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2-5. Relax with a cuppa and a cake! Sale of Plants, Floral arrangements, paintings and craft work. Raffle and auction. Powderlough A85TN97, the Bush (opposite B & B Killeentierna)

### Thought for the Day

I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day, and lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear a nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain, who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree...

*Joyce Kilmer*