



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

15th January 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Mick Mulvaney (Raystown) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

World Youth Day takes place in Lisbon, Portugal from 1st to 6th August next. The diocesan web site www.dioceseofmeath.ie has a page and other links to explore more about WYD2023.

An **information evening** for those interested in travelling to Lisbon will take place at the Trim Parish Centre on Friday 27th January. Those interested are advised to attend.

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €1,538.98 and **blue envelope** collection €1,988.00
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Alpha Special Invitation – Come & See Online on Zoom starting 7.30 pm Tuesday 17th January
Who is Alpha for? Around the world, over 40 million people have already participated in an Alpha programme. At any Alpha meeting there will be a fusion of people from every background, some with faith and some with none. They are curious and want to know more about life.

What is Alpha? We start off with an intriguing thought provoking video. It will take you on a little adventure to meet some fascinating people. You will hear what Bono, former gangland figures, Pope Francis' personal preacher, a multitude of interesting people have to say about life.

This will then lead into small group discussion, to explore some of the topics raised. There is an opportunity to talk in comfort and safety about some of life's big issues.....things that would not ordinarily be discussed in the pub, at work, at mass or around the dinner table.

What do I need to do? Simply email your interest in attending to bohermeenparish1@gmail.com

15 Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Paul Gillen	7.00pm	Dorothea Mates Barney & Isme Browne Caroline Hynes Maurice Keogh
9.00am	Joan & Bob Slattery Thady Murray	9.00am	
11.00am	Dermot Gallagher Declan Hoare Maureen & Ben Glynn Carmel O'Connell	11.00am	Maureen & Ben Glynn
12.15pm	Florence O'Neill Pat & Mary Reilly Tiney Gorman Tommy & Bridie Dolan George Courtney Iten Gooler	12.15pm	Christina & Christopher Nulty Emma, Lil & Ultan Nulty Lilly Cullen Stephanie Moran Agnes Farrell Christy Crowley

Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday

Sean & Fran Fitzpatrick
Anne Murray & Sean White
Nora Byrne & Patricia & Anne Dunne

Preparations for Marriage: Accord:

Couples can book: www.courses.accord.ie/booking/listing/meath

Legion of Mary: New members are very welcome. Meetings each Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Contact May on 087 1334872

St Paul's National School have posted applications for enrolment for September 2023. If you were expecting one and didn't receive one please contact the school office on 01- 8257246. Thank you

Each year, the church celebrates the contribution of men and women in religious Orders and Congregations to the Church on the Feast of the Presentation 2nd February.

To celebrate the contribution of religious to the Diocese of Meath, there will be a celebration of **Sung Vespers** and blessing of Candles in the Cathedral in Mullingar at 4pm on Sunday 29th January.

The reflection will be given by Sr. Karol O'Connell of Kylemore Abbey.

The week of prayer for **Christian Unity** is from 18th to the 25th January and the theme this year is "Belonging: Praying for Unity amidst injustice".

Prayer for Christian Unity

Loving God, we ask that you grant us the spirit of wisdom and unity, so that we may be one, even as you are one with our Lord Jesus Christ - and he with you.

Enable all the members of the body of Christ to live together in unity and fellowship with one another and lead us into the paths of peace and righteousness so that we may be well pleasing in your sight.

We ask you to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing your Son, Jesus. May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

The **Confirmation ceremonies** on 10th February next year will be at 10.30am; 12.30pm and 3.00pm

Rathbeggan NS enrolling for September 2023 now. Call 018259891 or email office@rathbegganns.ie for further information. www.rathbegganns.ie

Are you or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the '**Living Well Programme**'. It is a *Free ONLINE*, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions. There are spaces available on our January Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

From the address of Pope Francis at the Angelus last Sunday

God is merciful. His justice is merciful. Let us allow ourselves to be taken by the hand by Him.

We too, disciples of Jesus, are required to exercise justice in this way, in relationships with others, in the Church, in society: not with the harshness of those who judge and condemn, *dividing* people into good and bad, but with the mercy of those who welcome by *sharing* the wounds and frailties of their sisters and brothers, so as to lift them up.

I would like to put it like this: *not dividing, but sharing*. Not dividing, but sharing.

Let us do as Jesus did: let us share, let us carry each other's burdens instead of gossiping and destroying, let us look at each other with compassion, let us help each other.

Let us ask ourselves: am I a person who divides or shares?

Think a little: am I a disciple of Jesus' love or a disciple of gossip, that divides.

Gossip is a lethal weapon: it kills, it kills love, it kills society, it kills fraternity.

Let us ask ourselves: am I a person who divides or a person who shares?