



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

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

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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Standing Orders** for March €3,517.96 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Today is **Vocations Sunday**. The collection at Masses this weekend is to support vocations for the diocese. Vocations information : Phone: Fr Tony Gonoude 044 9373923

Website: [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com) Facebook Page: DioceseOfMeathVocations

Instagram Account: dioceseofmeathvocations Email: [vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie](mailto:vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie)

**First Communion Ceremonies:** Ratoath Junior National School this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May; St Paul's National School on 13<sup>th</sup> May and Rathbeggan National School on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

We are 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.

We are grateful to all who have returned their **CHY4 tax cert** to the parish office. If you received a letter from the office with the CHY4 cert and have not returned it to us, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.

This is **our last request** for the return of your **Trocaire Boxes**. Your contribution can be placed in the box beside the Baptismal Font. Please do not leave Trocaire boxes at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support to this year's Lenten campaign.

30 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	6 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
7.00pm	Gerard Ralph Ita Kennedy Patrick & Masie Kennedy	7.00pm	Michael Lagan (Month's Memory)
9.00am	Maura Kelly & Brother Tom Kelly	9.00am	
11.00am	Carmel, Edward & Albert McAuley	11.00am	John Mulhern James & Annie O'Brien Liam Lynch Bridget & Michael McIntyre & the deceased members of the family
12.15pm	Michael Rooney Martin McCarthy Bernard McMahan Betty Sherry	12.15pm	Julia Cassidy (Month's Memory) Bernie Walsh (Month's Memory) Lorraine Eiffe

Tuesday

Special Intention

Wednesday

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Friday

Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Saturday

First Communion Ceremonies at 10.30am and 12.30pm for Ratoath Junior N S

## **Excerpt of the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day for Vocations, this Sunday.**

God's call, we said, includes a "sending". There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent.

Five years ago, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, I spoke to every baptized person, saying, "You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission". Yes, because each and every one of us is able to say: "I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world"

Our shared mission as Christians is to bear joyful witness wherever we find ourselves, through our actions and words, to the experience of being with Jesus and members of his community, which is the Church. That mission finds expression in works of material and spiritual mercy, in a welcoming and gentle way of life that reflects closeness, compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the culture of waste and indifference. By being a neighbour, like the Good Samaritan, we come to understand the heart of our Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served.

This missionary activity does not arise simply from our own abilities, plans and projects, nor from our sheer willpower or our efforts to practice the virtues; it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus. Only then can we testify to a Person, a Life, and thus become "apostles". Only then can we regard ourselves as "sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising, healing and freeing".

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**Parish Pastoral Assembly.** If you would think that you might like to be a member of the assembly and feel that you have a positive contribution to make to the pastoral care of our parish, expressions of interest forms are available at the back of the church and completed forms should be placed in the box marked Parish Pastoral Assembly this weekend. The term for the assembly is from 2023-2026.

### **A New Saint from Ireland: Father Willie Doyle SJ.**

A lecture on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.00pm in Lismullin Conference Center, Tara, Co. Meath C15 XW40. The guest speaker is Fr John Hogan who is the postulator of the cause of Fr Willie Doyle. He will speak of Fr Doyle's life and legacy, his connections with the diocese of Meath and his relevance for the Church today, not only in Ireland but throughout the world.

Admission €5. Book online [www.lismullin.ie](http://www.lismullin.ie) [info@lismullin.ie](mailto:info@lismullin.ie)

Couples looking to book **Marriage Preparation Courses** for the latter half of this year should check [www.accord.ie](http://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](mailto:accordcentrenavan@gmail.com) for updates

**Pieta House** will be holding its annual **Darkness into Light** charity 5km walk this year on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15am in Fairyhouse Racecourse Ratoath. Darkness into Light is a unique event and if you would like to participate in this event please visit [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie)

Dunshaughlin Players Drama Group stage their 2023 production of '**Memory of Water**' in the Venue Theatre Ratoath, from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. This is a delightful and witty exploration of family relationships, memory, and grief that will leave you both laughing and teary-eyed. Tickets can be purchased [thevenueatoath.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873644358](http://thevenueatoath.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873644358)

**Alzheimer's Society of Ireland fundraising event** next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 12noon to 2pm in the Community Centre. There will be cake, an opportunity to chat and listen to some music. All welcome.

**The Meath Alzheimer Café** will take place in the Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker is Laura O'Philbin, Research and Policy Manager with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Her presentation is about "Making Dementia Research Relevant to You". All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee, and scones will be served. There is no charge for this service. Contact: 087 188 8178.