



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

23rd October 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

We welcome Maye Staunton, Eliza Cartendale, Sadie Slingsby, Amelia Coleman, Ciara Ward and Luke Fitzpatrick into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €1,456.40 and **Blue Envelopes** €503.00

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

This Sunday 23rd October is Mission Sunday

The theme for World Mission Sunday this year, which the Church will celebrate around the world next Sunday 23rd October, is 'You Shall Be My Witnesses'.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

On this day we think of struggling parishes in the growing church throughout Africa, South America, Asia and Oceania. The collection taken up on World Mission Sunday is a crucial lifeline in over 1,100 young dioceses and provides assistance to communities for them to build schools, health centres, parish halls, churches, medical clinics and nurseries. It also supports in the education of future leaders in faith. The funds raised will help build vital infrastructure, including churches and schools. Please support the **Mission Sunday collection** at the Masses next weekend.

November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/friends who are no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. We ask you to fill them in and return them to the box at the back of the church called List of the Dead, before early November. All those on the parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses in November and on the first Fridays of every month.

Fr Tom McCabe, of the **Oblates of Mary Immaculate** will speak at all Masses next weekend.

Every year, a missionary congregation is granted permission to visit parishes of the diocese to seek support.

23 Oct	Mission Sunday	30 Oct	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Michael Maher Atti McCasserty Kitty, Joe, Paul & Margaret Sherwin Tom Murphy Breda Egan	7.00pm	Patrick McCabe Greg Campbell
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Stan O'Sullivan (Month's Memory) Joe & Masie McCormack	11.00am	Sean Glynn Des Crofton May & Michael Carey.
12.15pm	Declan Sweeney Dick Donnelly Irene O'Leary Miriam Browne	12.15pm	Seamus Ennis Una Fitzmaurice

Monday Special Intention

Tuesday May & Joe Geraghty

Excerpt from the message of Pope Francis for World Mission Day - 23rd October

“You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

These words were spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles ... They are also the theme of the 2022 World Mission Day which, as always, reminds us that the Church is missionary by nature...

The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.

A deeper look at the words, “You shall be my witnesses”, can clarify a few ever timely aspects of the mission Christ entrusted to the disciples. Each baptized person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community, and not on one's own initiative. When the most obscure preacher, catechist or pastor in the most distant land preaches the Gospel, gathers his little community together or administers a sacrament, even alone, he is carrying out an ecclesial act, and his action is certainly attached to the evangelizing activity of the whole Church by institutional relationships, but also by profound invisible links in the order of grace. Indeed, it was no coincidence that the Lord Jesus sent his disciples out on mission in pairs; the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature. Hence, in carrying out the mission, the presence of a community, regardless of its size, is of fundamental importance.

The essence of the mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the Father and of humanity. Missionaries of Christ are not sent to communicate themselves, to exhibit their persuasive qualities and abilities or their managerial skills. Instead, theirs is the supreme honour of presenting Christ in words and deeds, proclaiming to everyone the Good News of his salvation, as the first apostles did, with joy and boldness.

“To the ends of the earth” – In telling the disciples to be his witnesses, the risen Lord also tells them where they are being sent: “...in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth”. Here we clearly see the universal character of the disciples' mission.

The words “to the ends of the earth” should challenge the disciples of Jesus in every age and impel them to press beyond familiar places in bearing witness to him. For all the benefits of modern travel, there are still geographical areas in which missionary witnesses of Christ have not arrived to bring the Good News of his love. Yet Christ's Church will continue to “go forth” towards new geographical, social and existential horizons, towards “borderline” places and human situations, in order to bear witness to Christ and his love to men and women of every people, culture and social status. The Church must constantly keep pressing forward, beyond her own confines, in order to testify to all the love of Christ. Here I would like to remember and express my gratitude for all those many missionaries who gave their lives in order to “press on” in incarnating Christ's love towards all the brothers and sisters whom they met.

Meath's Role in the Foundation of the State: 24th October at 8.00pm in Trim Castle Hotel.
All welcome Speakers: Liz Gillis on the Foundation of the State; Myles Dungan on Eamonn Duggan and Michael Collins; Sean Boylan on General Sean Boylan

Are you or is someone you know, living with a long term health condition?

If so, then you may be interested in the **‘Living Well Programme’**.

Living Well is a Free online, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our November Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell