



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

8th November 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Suspended.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of James Corcoran, father of Sadhbh Burke (Somerville) and Agnes Farrell (Castleknock), mother of Caroline McManus (The Old Mill) and Dina Fitzgerald (Carlow) mother of Declan Fitzgerald (Glascarn Lane) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

The Month of the Holy Souls

This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally **remember the dead** and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant.

November brings a particular mood as Winter takes its hold even on our hearts.

The gospel words of Jesus, “do not let your hearts be troubled” assure us that we have in him, one who shares our loss, our grief and sadness at this time of bereavement.

He whispers “do not let your hearts be troubled” in the midst of our pain and pathos, so that we have hope, as we are held and hugged in God’s heart-space of lavish love.

The prayers that are offered in Mass for the dead are consoling and reassuring.

“Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord”; “look mercifully”; “may they pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace”; “may they receive the joy of eternal happiness”.

The church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead. And belief in the resurrection from the dead is centre to our faith.

List of the Dead sheets are available at the back of the church. Completed lists can be left into the parish office, as soon as possible.

All those on the parish list of the dead are remembered at all the Masses during the month of November and on the first Friday of every month.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

8 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Nov	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00am	Ursula Cleary (Months Memory) Julie Crowe & Michael Moran Geraldine O'Reilly Freddie Killian Agatha Broda Rita Rocca	11.00am	Gerry Crehan (Months Memory) John & Mary O'Brien Jack & Maggie Donnelly Mary White Phil & Noel Shanley All the deceased members of the Silver Stream Health Care Group

Fr Gerry will offer Masses in private for the intentions listed here.

Tuesday	Matilda Burns & the deceased members of the O'Sullivan family & Special Intentions
Wednesday	Thomas Tinnelly
Thursday	Ray Hannigan & Rita Cusack
Friday	Michael & Alice Hatch

All Masses are suspended except for funerals and weddings, where only 25 people are permitted to attend. Baptisms are also cancelled. The church will remain open during the day for private prayer and we do encourage parishioners to call in to pray.

It is good to keep up the rhythm of our prayer in these days of anxiety and worry for so many. The 11.00am Sunday Mass will be streamed and the link can be found on the parish website

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Mass Intentions: During level 5 of the government framework for living with Covid 19, the intentions that were scheduled for the next number of Sundays will now be offered at the 11.00am streamed Mass, unless advised otherwise by families.

Prayer for all the Faithful Departed

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.

Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.

And when our earthly journey is ended.

lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Leo the Great** (400-461)

“Christian, remember your dignity. You have been rescued from the powers of darkness”

Wednesday is the **Feast of St Martin of Tours** (316-397)

Martin was a soldier and he was ordained a priest and was appointed bishop of Tours. But it was while in the army that he is best remembered. One day he met a poor man. Martin cut his own cloak in half with his sword and gave one half to the poor man. Jesus appeared to Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak he shared.

Excerpts from the new encyclical of Pope Francis “Fratelli Tutti”

“We need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home”.

“Let us dream then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same Earth, which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice – brother and sisters all”.

“Migrants are not seen as entitled like others to participate in the life of society, and it is forgotten that they possess the same intrinsic dignity as any person.....No one will ever openly deny that they are human beings, yet in practice, by our decisions and the way we treat them, we show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human”.

“The recent pandemic enabled us to recognise and appreciate all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realise that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history; doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious.. they understood that no one is saved alone”.

The church is stepping up the campaign to put pressure on the Government to allow people to attend Mass in a safe and physically-distanced way. Outlining the proactive steps parishes have taken, Archbishop Eamon Martin points out that “we have limited substantially the numbers attending Mass and taken responsible decisions to modify liturgical actions so that people can gather and participate safely”

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