



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

**Pilgrimage to Knock** on 25<sup>th</sup> September. A bus will leave Navan Fairgreen, via Trim at 8.00 am. Contact Noreen 087 929 9544. All are welcome! Organised by the Legion of Mary

The church gate collection last weekend for the **Parish Altar Society** was €997.77

We are grateful to all who supported the collection. This collection goes to support the work of the altar society – flowers for the church, linen for the altar area, altar clothes, cleaning equipment associated with the sanctuary in the church etc.

Next weekend we welcome to our Masses the boys and girls in Sixth Class who are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next February. They will be accompanied by their parents as they formally enrol for the sacrament.

**Young Adult Retreat** (18-40 years) in Dalgan Park, Navan from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October.

“Behold I make all things new”. Prayer, time to reflect, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, friendship in the faith; uplifting talks, peaceful walks. Cost; Donation.

Contact Sr Una on 0906481666 or email youthretreats@gmail.com

## Altar Servers

As the next school year begins, we are looking for new altar servers and we want to welcome back our existing altar servers. The role of the altar server is very important as they give valuable assistance each weekend at our Masses. Becoming an altar server is a good way for children to be involved in the Church. We are now recruiting altar servers from children in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. If parents are willing to give consent, we ask you to come to the sacristy after any Mass at the weekend and pick up a consent form.

18 Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	25 Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Eileen Shevlin (Months Memory) P. J. Moran Kathleen Cusack & deceased members of the family	7.00pm	James & Patrick Reilly Grace Jordan Jim & Lydia Everard
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Sean Woods (Months Memory) Liam Woods Thomas & Maria Nulty Kathy & Jack Nulty	11.00am	P J Roche John Carey Liz O’Sullivan
12.15pm	Michael Gleeson Patrick & Alice Beggy	12.15pm	Cathal Daly Mattie Kerrigan Paddy McDermott Vincent Donnelly

Monday	Ann & Frank O’Reilly; Jim Landy
Tuesday	James Lynam
Wednesday	Evan Ormond
Thursday	Michael, Elizabeth & John Mulvaney
Friday	Patsy & Christy Smith

## Prayer for the Season of Creation, 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October

All- Powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*Laudato Si*

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### Short except of an address of Pope Francis in the Cathedral Mother of God of Perpetual Help (Nur- Sultan), Kazakhstan on Thursday last 15<sup>th</sup> September

First of all, *memory*. If today in this vast country, multicultural and multireligious, we can see lively Christian communities and a religious sense that runs through the life of the population, it is above all thanks to the rich history that preceded you. I am thinking of the spread of Christianity in Central Asia, which took place already in the very first centuries, of so many evangelizers and missionaries who have worked to spread the light of the Gospel, founding communities, shrines, monasteries and places of worship. There is therefore a Christian, ecumenical heritage that must be honoured and preserved, a transmission of the faith that has also seen many simple people, many grandparents and grandmothers, fathers and mothers as protagonists. In the spiritual and ecclesial journey we must not lose the memory of those who have proclaimed the faith to us, because remembering helps us to develop the spirit of contemplation for the wonders that God has worked in history, even in the midst of the labours of life and personal and community fragility.

But let's be careful: it is not a question of looking back with nostalgia, getting stuck on the things of the past and letting ourselves be paralyzed in immobility: this is the temptation of backwardsism.

The Christian gaze, when it turns to remember, *wants to open us to wonder* before the mystery of God, to fill our hearts with praise and gratitude for what the Lord has accomplished. A grateful heart, which overflows with praise, has no regrets, but welcomes the today that lives as grace.

And he wants to set out on a journey, to go forward, to communicate Jesus, like the women and disciples of Emmaus on Easter Day!

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**Creative Writing Classes for Children** starting Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October in Ashbourne from 3pm to 4.15 pm. Duration: 7 weeks. Fee: €60. For details, please contact Sinéad at 087 2737677

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**Act Out Youth Theatre** is delighted to announce we are now accepting new Registrations for weekly workshops for the 2022/2023 year: Navan - Tuesday evenings from 18:00-19:30 – starting from 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Solstice Arts Centre and Dunshaughlin - Monday evenings from 18:00-19:30 – starting from 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Pastoral Centre. Email [actoutmeath@gmail.com](mailto:actoutmeath@gmail.com) to express interest.