



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

23rd April 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

We welcome Julia Basinska, Jacob Tallon, Hannah Ellis, and Liam Whelan into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Blue Envelopes €6,254.20 and **White Envelopes** (Development Fund) €1,337.95

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

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.

Please return your **Trocaire Boxes** as soon as possible. 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, which will make a real difference to peoples' lives.

Vocations to the Priesthood: In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25th April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker.

Please register directly on www.vocations.ie, or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie.

Pieta House will be holding its annual **Darkness into Light** charity 5km walk this year on 6th 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

23 April	Third Sunday of Easter	30 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter
7.00pm	Angela Daly	7.00pm	Gerard Ralph Ita Kennedy Patrick & Masie Kennedy
9.00am	Bridget Boshell Mattie McCabe	9.00am	Maura Kelly
11.00am	Carmel White (Month's Memory) Pierce Glynn John Davis	11.00am	
12.15pm	Anthony King Molly & Ernie Devine & Mary Kelly Sybil O' Connor Henry & Nora Conway Sybil O'Connor & Junior Conway	12.15pm	Michael Rooney Martin McCarthy Bernard McMahon Betty Sherry

Monday
Tuesday
Friday

Katie & Kevin Darby
Sister Maria Assumpta
Detta Hannigan & Oliver McDonnell

Couples looking to book **Marriage Preparation Courses** for the latter half of this year should check 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 for updates.



Join our Marriage Preparation Team
Contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01-5053112 for more information.

Dunshaughlin Players Drama Group are excited to stage their 2023 production of **'Memory of Water'** in the Venue Theatre Ratoath for four nights, from Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th April 2023 @ 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 <https://thevenueratoath.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873644358>. The play will be a perfect blend of comedy and drama, please come and enjoy.

Parish Pastoral Assembly

Bishop Deenihan has called for the establishment of Parish Pastoral Assemblies (PPA) in every parish across the Diocese of Meath. We are beginning the process of establishing a Parish Pastoral Assembly in our parish over the coming weeks and we invite parishioners to reflect and pray about the role of an Assembly in our parish and whether you might consider becoming a member.

What is a Parish Pastoral Assembly?

The Parish Pastoral Assembly is a faith-filled, consultative body of the faithful, through which priests and people work together to respond to the pastoral needs of the parish, such as faith formation, sacraments, Mass, social concerns, care of parishioners, sick, elderly, bereaved etc.

The PPA also makes an important contribution for forward-planning in our parish.

It is important to note that the Parish Pastoral Assembly will not have any function in the administrative or financial affairs of the parish

Expression of Interest – how to respond

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 or next weekend. The term for the assembly is from 2023-2026.

The parish is where the Church lives, where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent “to renew the face of the earth”.