



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

22nd August 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

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

We welcome Millie Whiteside, Kate Cosgrove, Rio Simao, Esme Defouza and Mia Everard into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently in a number of ceremonies.

Rathbeggan National School enrolling for September 2021.

Email the office for further information on office@rathbeggans.ie or phone 01-8259891

Painting of the Interior of the Church

The painting of the church will continue this week but the bulk of the work is nearly completed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Please be conscious of the health and safety regulations that are in place.

The church was last painted in 2013.

If you are feeling suicidal, there are many people who will gladly help you if you let them know you have a problem.

If you feel like talking to someone outside of your family and friends, there are many services available to help you, such as one of the many suicide helplines which include

Samaritans Freephone 116 123

SOSAD – 041 984 8754

Childline (for children and young people up to the age of 18). 1800 66 66 66

Life Freephone (24hrs) 1800 247 100 or text the word HELP to 51444

For professional, one to one support contact **Pieta** – in a crisis Free phone 1800 247 247 or to make an appointment with a therapist phone 0818 111 126.

Chime : The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss

Chime's NEW monthly Navan Outreach Service in St Mary's Community Centre, Trimgate Street, Navan provides a free and confidential support service on all aspects of Deafness and Hearing Loss including Assistive Technology, Minor Hearing Aid Repairs (HSE Hearing Aids only), Hearing Aid Batteries, Information & Advice and Tinnitus Information. Service is by appointment only – to book an appointment contact: Chime, 14 Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, Tel: 042 9332010, Email: dundalk@chime.ie, Text: 087 711 8717

22 Aug	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 Aug	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Jacqueline Mannering	7.00pm	John Staunton
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am		11.00am	Mary Carey
12.15pm	Margaret Cahill Fergal Ronan Paddy & Linda O'Connor & Maria O'Connor Howard Harry, Gladys, George & John Campbell and the deceased members of the family	12.15pm	Angelo & David Mulvaney

Monday Special Intention
Wednesday Special Intention
Friday Val Murrihy

Tuesday Patrick & Agnes Donohoe
Thursday Neil Igoe

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it's hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as "intolerable language" and they wonder "How anyone accepts it?" His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self.

It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: "You have the message of eternal life, and we believe." He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make the leap of faith?

Confirmation on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September

Bishop Deenihan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the boys and girls who have just completed 6th class.

On **Saturday 4th September** there will be ceremonies at 10am; 12noon; 2pm and 4pm for the boys and girls of Ratoath Senior National School and at 6.00pm for Rathbeggan National School.

On **Sunday 5th September** the boys and girls of St Paul's National School will receive the sacrament in ceremonies at 2pm; 4pm and 6pm.

The school will allocate the classes the various times.

Fr Gerry will write to parents towards the end of this week indicating the time of rehearsal for the boys and girls and also will give guidelines as to how the ceremonies will be conducted. All public health protocols will be observed and our aim is to keep everyone safe and well.

Because of the guidelines and the advice on numbers, only the boy or girl and their parents and sponsor will be admitted to the ceremony.

First Communion on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th September.

On **Saturday 11th September** the boys and girls of Ratoath Junior National School will receive their First Holy Communion at ceremonies at 10am; 11.30am; 1.00pm and 2.30pm

On **Saturday 18th September** the ceremonies at 10am; 11.30am and 1.00pm will be for St Paul's National School and at 2.30pm for Rathbeggan National School.

The school will allocate the classes the various times.

Again Fr Gerry will write to parents about a week before ceremonies giving guidance for the ceremonies and indicating the public health protocols that are in place.