



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

11th August 2024

No **12.15pm Mass** on the Sundays of July and August.

Parish life – thanks are due to all who sustain parish life and liturgy during the slow and quiet summer months, when so many are away on holiday.

We commend the work of our parish **Legion of Mary Praesidium** whose members continue to meet every Monday, even in the summer months, at 7pm in the Parish Centre, and who faithfully carry out their apostolate of street contact and home visitation throughout the year. New members always most welcome.

Maybe for the few weeks of summer that remain you might consider coming to the **daily 9.45am morning Mass** once a week, and bring a family member or friend, then go for coffee!

Also, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues every Wednesday from after morning mass until 7pm. A great opportunity to pray in the stillness of the **Family Room**, to the left of the altar.

Bulletin – relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!

11 th August	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 th August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Connie Burgess, 1 st Anniversary Sean Woods John & Elizabeth Reilly	7.00pm	
9.00am	For the People of the Parish	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
11.00am	Roderick O'Neill Ann Kerrigan Jimmy Gorman	11.00am	Christopher & Ann Donnelly Peggy, Michael & Pauline Flood Margaret Cahill
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Rosaleen Hoare**, Canada, mother of Ray in the Folk Group; and **Fergus Finnegan**, brother of Gerry, Fairhouse Lodge, who died last Sunday.

Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady -Thursday, 15th August

A holyday on which we gather to offer **Mass at 11am** to celebrate the unique privilege by which the body of Mary was taken or 'assumed' straight to heaven at the last moment of her earthly life.

As we profess in the Creed, we believe in *the resurrection of the body* because Christ rose from the dead in His human body.

We will have to wait until the end of time and history for our bodies to join our souls in heaven but for Mary this has happened already so that she might share fully in her Son's resurrection and new life. The feast tells us about the importance and ultimate value of the human body in our Christian journey.

Parish Finances – the white envelope collection amounted to **€2,041.00**.

Many thanks to all who, in different ways, at various times of the year and according to their means, so generously contribute to the needs and mission of our parish.

The Parish Office may not be open at the usual times for the summer months, awaiting the recruitment of a new parish secretary, but all mass bookings, baptisms, weddings, appointments etc can be done by telephone, email or online if there is no one available at the office. Recruiting the new secretary will start after a period of reflection and consideration of the skills needed, the optimum office hours and the duties of this key role in modern parish life. Many thanks to those who have already expressed an interest in the position.

The **parish display screen** in the main porch is a few weeks out of date... because Fr Michael has 'misaid' the device which controls it. Patience, it will turn up!

Confirmation in 2025 will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7th February.
First Communion ceremonies will be in May. The dates to be decided in the autumn

Baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Booking online and at the Parish Office.
Confession, as needed, in the open confessional at the back of the church.

To read the submission of the Diocese of Meath, visit "Synod 2024" page on www.dioceseofmeath.ie.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place **this Sunday 11th August** led by Bishop Deenihan and accompanied by the Diocesan Choir.
The **Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ, Pilgrimage** will also take place on Sunday.

Knock National Novena: Theme '*Whispering with God*' – *How do YOU pray?* 14th – 22nd August. Inspirational, renowned guest speakers every day for nine days. Novena ceremonies 3pm & 8pm, daily Workshops; themed Guided Prayer at 11.15am & 5.15pm daily; Witness Walk on Wednesday 21st at 6.45pm.
KNOCK FAMILY DAY Sunday 18th. **Blessing of Families** at the Apparition Chapel at 11am. **Free events** include Kite Making, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, Drumming, Dance, Puppetry, Games on the Green and ice cream, crepes, and snacks.

Fan the Spark – Young Adult Catholic Conference: De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, Brunswick St, Dublin 4, August 24th, 9.30am – 5.30pm. Tickets €15. Guest Speakers, Mass, Adoration, food and good company.

Lough Derg **Three Day Pilgrimage** season continues until 15th August.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on 10th September led by Bishop Deenihan, accompanied by the diocesan choir. All pilgrims accommodated in hotels with 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 in various hotels available. Further information and booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St, Dublin, www.joewalstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800

A **Dementia Inclusive Community** is one in which people with dementia and their families participate fully and where others are aware of and understand dementia– The Venue, 5th Sept at 7pm.

Glow in The Dark Kid's Disco will take place on Saturday 24th August from 7-9pm in Claremont Stadium, Commons Rd, Navan. The disco is suitable for ages 9-12. Tickets cost €7 and are available from Claremont Stadium Reception. For more information call 046 902 9693.