



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

12th July 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. All are welcome.

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

Mass on **Sunday 12th July** at 11.00am will be streamed. The link is <https://youtu.be/ZfmyTGLyEX0>

Mass on **Sunday 19th July** at 11.00am will be streamed. The link is <https://youtu.be/t9vOBgglYrE>

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Anne Nolan (Loughlinstown) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

We welcome Amelia Dunne into the Christian community. She was **baptised** recently.

12 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Tommy Carberry	7.00am	Marie Reilly (Month's Memory)
9.00am	Abbie Loughnane	9.00am	Beenie Reilly
11.00am	Bridie & Tommy Dolan Michael & Elizabeth Kavanagh Edward & Mary Rafferty Mylie & Kathleen Byrne Michael Clarke Rose McCarthy	11.00am	Des Kelly Margaret & Luke Ralph & the deceased members of the family Thomas & Margaret Campbell & the deceased members of the family
12.15pm	Maureen & Frank Mason Willie, Lottie & Linda McEvatt	12.15pm	Noleen Crowley Kathleen Devine

Tuesday Dorothea Mates

Thursday Sean Craig

Reflection on the gospel passage – A sower went out to sow his seed.

Today's gospel is in three parts – the parable Jesus taught; an explanation of how to listen to it; and an explanation of the parable Jesus taught.

The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our own hearts as the soil: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? What condition is our "soil" in?

Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil needs to be broken down. It needs organic matter. It needs lots of air and water; it needs to be tended and prepared.

We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives. This can either close us down and harden our hearts or it can open us up, help us to grow, ready to receive the seeds that are scattered.

The lesson on "hearing" in the gospel today is also important. How do we listen?

Do we listen or read God's Word while being distracted by many things or are we fully attentive, even for a few minutes every day?

How do we listen to one another? Fully attentive or with one ear on our phone?

from Intercom

The Cabinet Covid Committee meeting on Friday of last week (3rd July) allows for an increase of the numbers that may attend a church from 50 to whatever the capacity of the church is, provided that social distance is maintained and certain conditions are fulfilled.

We are grateful to all who have volunteered to assist us so that parishioners can safely return to our church and who are there to see that we follow the guidelines that have been laid down. We ask you to please follow the direction of the stewards, who are there to help all of us to attend Mass in a safe and healthy environment.

The Government document also states that congregations should be encouraged to wear facemasks and that the priest and the Eucharistic Ministers should wear facemasks for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Instructions will be given at Masses as how to approach for the reception of Holy Communion. Movement within the church will have to be kept to a minimum. Holy Communion should be received in the hand.

Collection baskets will not be passed along during Mass, but collectors will collect at the entrance to the church/ or collection baskets will be placed near the doors of the church.

For parishioners, particularly those who are cocooning, sick or aged or unwell, the advice is to remain at home. Dispensation for attending Mass is extended for the time being.

People who are nervous about being in enclosed spaces may prefer to attend Mass on weekdays rather than on weekends for the foreseeable future.

We ask people not to congregate outside the church after Mass but to leave directly at the end of the ceremony. Please follow the advice of the stewards when leaving the church building.

It is important to observe social distancing at all time – in approaching and leaving the church and in the church building.

Please be conscious when approaching for Holy Communion to leave the 2 metre distance between yourself and the person in front of you.

Please respect other people and step aside to give others space.

Please use the hand sanitizers that are placed at all entrances to the church.

Practice good cough/sneeze hygiene. Use our elbow or a tissue.

Baptisms have resumed.

A number of baptism ceremonies will be held to accommodate the baptisms that were deferred or pending, due to the pandemic. Baptisms will be held at different times on Saturday 11th and 18th July, and 1st & 15th August. Those who wish to have their child baptised in the month of July or August should contact the parish office and we will explain the protocols that are in place.

Standing Orders for June €3,420.95.

We wish to acknowledge and thank parishioners who have sent in the **blue and white envelopes** to the parish office. We appreciate your generosity and support at this difficult time.

Meath Covid-19 Community Call Forum is reminding people that anyone who needs help or is experiencing loneliness can call the Meath Community Call Helpline 1800 808 809, 8am to 8pm, seven days a week or the national ALONE Helpline 0818 222 024. Other supports at YourMentalHealth.ie