



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

7th March 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Suspended

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

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of William Weir (Sligo) father of Kathleen Gleeson (Raystown) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

The **Parish Office** will remain closed in these weeks. You may email or phone the office to book Masses, organise certs etc. Messages etc can be left in the letter box at the office.

Fr Gerry and Fr Yohanna will be available at all times for those who wish to see a priest.

Pope Francis in Iraq

Pope Francis will spend 4 day in the Middle Eastern nation of Iraq as “a pilgrim seeking peace, fraternity and reconciliation”.

“The love of Christ” said the Pope, “summons us to set aside every kind of self-centredness or competition; it impels us to universal communion and challenges us to form a community of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”.

“Only when we learn to look beyond our differences and see each other as members of the same human family will we be able to begin an effective process of rebuilding and leave future generations a better, more just and more humane world” he said.

In **Level 5 restrictions** public worship will not take place. The 11.00am Mass on Sundays will be streamed. The link can be found on the parish website www.ratoathparish.ie.

The week morning Masses (Monday to Friday) at 9.45am will also be streamed.

On the weekdays, the church will remain closed until after the morning Mass and will be open at approximately 10.15am for private prayer during the day.

At level 5, baptisms may not take place. Up to 10 mourners are permitted at funerals.

For the weeks of Lent, we will have **Eucharistic Adoration** from **2.00pm to 5.00pm every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**.

Please visit the church to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the church.

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

7 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent	14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent
11.00am	Margaret, Brendan & Paul McDermott & the deceased members of the Reilly family Paddy Moore Michael Gilchrist Peter Balfe Sister Illtyd Kevin & Brendan Carr Gretta Cullen	11.00am	Vincent McAuley Brendan Menton Seamus, Kit & Bridget Ennis Noel Ennis & Irene Ennis-Dunne Baby Marcus Crawley

Monday Richie Reidy Tuesday William Weir Wednesday Maura Humphries
Thursday Gail Geoghegan (Month's Memory) & Deirdre Cusack Fairbrother
Friday James Reid

A Lenten reflection

Cardinal Basil Hume from “A Turning to God”

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And true sorrow for sin always includes with it confidence in God, confidence in his forgiveness, reminding us always that one of the loveliest qualities of God's love is his great desire to forgive.

And so it is healthy to say, “yes, I am a sinner”, and to recognise that this should lead us to God full of confidence in his love and mercy.

From the encyclical of Pope Francis “Fratelli Tutti” concerning the pandemic

“True a worldwide tragedy like the Covid 19 pandemic momentarily revives the sense that we are all a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once we realise that no one is saved alone: we can be only be saved together”.

“If only this may prove not just to be another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might rediscover once and for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human family can experience a rebirth, with all its faces, all its hands and all its voices, beyond the wall that we have created”.

“Our lives are interwoven and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious.... they understand that nobody is saved alone”

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Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady during Difficult Times

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, salvation of the Roman people, know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana in Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our suffering and carries our sorrows to lead us, through the cross to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver him from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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