



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

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Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

The **sick and the housebound** will be attended to in their homes on Friday.

Next Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

Tuesday is the Feast of All Saints. Masses at 11.00am and 7.00pm

The Solemnity of All Saints confirms that we have a place with God, as Pope Francis said, “not because we are good but because the sanctity of God has touched our lives....We can compare the saints to the church windows which allow light to enter in different shades go colour. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their hearts and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own hue. But they are transparent; they fought to remove the stain and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life’s purpose; to enable God’s light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too.”

Wednesday is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (Feast of All Souls)

Masses will be at 9.45 and 7.00pm.

The Masses are offered for all the faithful departed.

The church in her pilgrim members, from the earliest days, has honours with great respect the memory of the dead and “because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they might be loosed from their sins”, she offers her prayers for them.

November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/friends who are no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. We ask you to fill them in and return them to the box at the back of the church called List of the Dead, before early November. All those on the parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses in November and on the first Fridays of every month.

30 Oct	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Patrick McCabe Greg Campbell	7.00pm	Julia Crowe Dora Keogh
9.00am	Paddy, Bridie, Nancy & Pat Mulvaney	9.00am	John & Alice Mannering & the deceased members of the family
11.00am	Sean Glynn Des Crofton May & Michael Carey Maureen Middleton Ann Alford	11.00am	Breda Canning (Month’s Memory) Jim Simpson Helen Reilly
12.15pm	Seamus Ennis Una Fitzmaurice	12.15pm	Remembrance Mass – for all our deceased parishioners, remembering Especially those who died since this time last year.

Monday Bank Holiday (Mass at 9.45am)

Tuesday Mass at 11.00am and 7.00pm

Wednesday 9.45am Mass for all the faithful departed & Maura Kelly & James Falvey
7.00pm Mass for all the faithful departed

Thursday John O’Neill

Friday All those on the Parish List of the Dead

Reflection on today's gospel

In the gospel today, a senior tax collector, a very wealthy and prominent man in Jericho by the name of Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. He wanted to catch a glimpse of him at a distance. In order not to be seen and because he is in stature, he climbs and hides in a sycamore tree. He was determined to see Jesus. We can imagine how amazed he was when Jesus looks up, calls him by name and invites himself to stay at Zacchaeus' house.

“Lord Jesus, help me, like Zacchaeus, to hear your invitation to invite you more and more into my life. Help me to understand ever more clearly that you alone can fulfill the deepest needs of my heart. Amen”

Fr Tom McCabe, of the **Oblates of Mary Immaculate** will speak at all Masses this weekend. Every year, a missionary congregation is granted permission to visit parishes of the diocese to seek support. We welcome Fr Tom to the parish.

Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalite: Mass for deceased members will take place in Bohermeen Church at 7.30pm on Friday 4th November.

Pledge for November: Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray.

Trócaire has advised the Irish bishops that the hunger crisis in the Horn and East Africa has further deteriorated in recent months, with the UN warning that a famine may be declared shortly in parts of Somalia. The bishops were advised that, on average, one person dies every 48 seconds from acute hunger linked to conflict, Covid-19, the climate crisis and inflationary and market pressures accelerated by the current conflict in Ukraine. Trócaire thanked the bishops and the parishioners throughout Ireland for their generous support last November which raised €2 million in the Church Africa Appeal and for their support of the Lenten campaign, which had as its theme ‘A Better Tomorrow’.

Parish Safeguarding Information Session: Ashbourne Donaghmore parish is hosting a Safeguarding Information Session on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm in Ashbourne Church for all involved in parish church ministry - Volunteers, Office Staff, Sacristans, Hospitality Teams, Cleaners, Choirs, Singers, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Counters, various Prayer, Pastoral and Apostolic groups. This information session will be given by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and it will provide us with an opportunity to either update skills or become familiar with safeguarding procedures. We look forward to meeting you at this important information session and we thank all those who help the Church create a safe environment for everyone.

Are you or is someone you know, living with a long term health condition?

If so, then you may be interested in the **‘Living Well Programme’**.

Living Well is a Free online, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our November Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

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