



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on Sundays in the months of July and August.

The 12.15pm Mass will resume on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm.

Preacher Fr. Declan Hurley, Adm. Navan. The Diocesan Choir will accompany this pilgrimage.

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 12<sup>th</sup> under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan.

The 4 night and 6 night options are booked out. Places are available for the 5 night option.

Booking can be made by contacting JWT Travel Ltd, Tel: 01-2410800.

## Members of Viatores Christi will speak at all Masses next weekend - 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August.

What is Viatores Christi?

Viatores Christi (VC), an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, was founded in 1960. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalized communities in which they work.

Why are they talking at the Masses ?

- To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas.
- To thank the people of the Meath Diocese for your support for our work over the years
- To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer.
- To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer.
- There will be a collection in aid of the work of VC.

6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord	13 August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Liam McLoughlin Conor Fogarty Jimmy Ralph & the deceased members of the family	7.00pm	Jimmy Gorman Gerard Oakley & the deceased members of the family Joan & Dominic Casey Sean Woods
9.00am	Deceased members of the Lysaght family	9.00am	
11.00am	Christy Henry (Month's Memory) Joe & Eileen Fernandes	11.00am	Christopher & Ann Donnelly Roderick O'Neill Ann Kerrigan Maureen Davis Mary Roche
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Monday

Angela Kirwan

## World Youth Day 2023

On this Feast of the Transfiguration Pope Francis celebrates the concluding WYD Mass for the estimated over one million gathered in Lisbon. “Lord,” Peter said, “it is wonderful for us to be here!”

Forty-four young pilgrims from the Diocese of Meath with Bishop Tom, have participated in this past week’s programme of events including the *Rise Up Encounters*, a series of talks, discussions, prayer and reflections. They have attended a variety of cultural, religious and festival events to celebrate the joy of this global gathering of young Catholics.

Pope Francis has presided over the Welcome Ceremony, The Way of the Cross and over the weekend the Prayer Vigil and now the WYD Mass this Sunday morning.

At the end of this WYD Mass Pope Francis will bless the youth for the ongoing Mission which we all share as the witnesses to Christ, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima.

Check out online [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) and also [www.lisboa2023.org](http://www.lisboa2023.org) to see what has been happening at WYD!

RTE are broadcasting the World Youth Day Mass live on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August on RTE 1 at 8:55am.

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### **Opening Words of Pope Francis at the Catholic University of Portugal in Lisbon on Thursday**

Thank you, Madame Rector, for your kind words. Thank you! You said that all of us feel like “pilgrims”. That is a beautiful word, and one well worth reflecting on. To be a pilgrim literally means to put aside our daily routine and choose to set out on a different path, moving away from our comfort zone towards a new horizon of meaning. The notion of “pilgrimage” nicely describes our human condition for, like pilgrims, we find ourselves facing great questions that have no simple or immediate answers, but challenge us to continue the journey, to rise above ourselves and to press beyond the here and now. This is a process familiar to every university student, because that is how knowledge is born.

It is also how spiritual journeys begin. To go on pilgrimage is to head towards a destination or seek out a goal. Yet, there is always the risk of heading off into a maze, with no goal in sight, and no way out!

We are rightly wary of quick and easy answers, which can lead us into a maze; let us be wary of facile solutions that neatly resolve every issue without leaving room for deeper questions. Let us be wary!

Indeed, our vigilance is a tool for helping us to move forwards instead of going round in circles. One of Jesus’ parables uses the example of a pearl of great price, which is sought and found only by the wise and resourceful, by those ready to give their all and risk everything they have in order to obtain it. To seek and to *risk*: these are two words that describe the journey of pilgrims. To seek and to risk.

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### **Excerpt of address of Pope Francis in his meeting with representatives of some aid and charity centres on Friday in Lisbon**

It is nice to be here together, during the celebration of this World Youth Day, as we reflect on the Virgin Mary setting out to help another person. Indeed, charity is the origin and goal of our Christian journey, and your presence, which is a concrete reminder of “love in action”, helps us remember the meaning of what we do and how we are to do it. Thank you for your testimonies.

I would like to emphasize three aspects of them: *doing good together*, *acting concretely* and *being close to the most vulnerable*. Doing good together, that is, by acting concretely, not only with ideas but concretely, and being close to those who are most in need.

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### **Fleadh Cheoil Concerts in the Cathedral in Mullingar:**

The following two events will be hosted in the Cathedral of Christ the King during the upcoming Fleadh Cheoil. Both will provide a rich tapestry of sound and reflection at the service of the liturgy.

Fuaimlaoi with Emmet Cahill

Friday evening 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm

Cór Chúil Aodha with Seán Ó Sé

Saturday evening 12<sup>th</sup> August at 8:30pm