



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

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

We welcome Emily & Tommy O'Brien into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

**On the Fridays of Lent:** The Stations of the Cross will be held after the 9.45am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Fridays from 5.00pm to 8.00pm

The **Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent**, Belarus will visit the parish church on Thursday morning next 5<sup>th</sup> April and after the 9.45am Mass will present a small stall of their crafts produced in the workshop of their convent. They will have icons, ceramics, decorations, other artefacts etc.

The sale of their crafts helps fund their orphanage and psychiatric hospital for children and for their rehab centre for homeless men and women. We are happy to support this work of the Sisters.

[www.obitel-minsk.by](http://www.obitel-minsk.by)

**Accord** is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes.

Application forms are available by contacting [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September.

This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 led by Bishop Deenihan.

Booking forms available from: Joe Walsh Tours, 69 O'Connell St, Dublin 1. Tel: 01-2410800.

The pilgrimage this year will be for Hotel Pilgrims only.

**White Envelope** collection (Development Fund account) €2,964.90 and **blue envelope** €840

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**Meath Alzheimer Cafés** are still being held online. The next Virtual Café is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am. Guest speaker is Maeve Montgomery, ASI Dementia Adviser for Louth and Acting Dementia Adviser for Meath. Maeve will speak about "The Role of the Dementia Adviser". All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to join us. If you wish to take part please email: [meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie](mailto:meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie) and you will receive an invitation to attend.

3 Apr	Fifth Sunday of Lent	10 April	Palm Sunday
7.00pm	Bill Eiffe	7.00pm	Jimmy & Kathleen Cusack & the deceased members of the family
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Ray Murphy	11.00am	Edward & Ray McAndrew
12.15pm	Brian Whelan (First Anniversary) Mary McIntyre Dick & Chris Donnelly Con, Ellen, Mary and baby Laoise Buckley	12.15pm	Noel Eiffe & the deceased members of the Brunton family

Wednesday Edward Gannon

Friday Geraldine Ryan

## **Trócaire's Lenten appeal in support of impoverished people in Zimbabwe**

For Lent 2022 the Trócaire Lenten appeal continues its focus on East Africa and in particular the people of Zimbabwe and the devastating impact Covid-19 and climate change have had on the country. Trócaire has been working in Zimbabwe since 1980 providing humanitarian aid and food security as well as work on women's empowerment and human rights.

Families in Zimbabwe have been struggling with the triple challenges of Covid-19, climate change and a devastated economy which are exacerbating the daily struggles they face. According to the World Food Programme, 63% of the Zimbabwean population of over 15 million live under the poverty-line. Before the coronavirus outbreak, 7.7 million Zimbabweans faced food shortages after a drought and cyclone in 2019, and ongoing drought in the last year has exacerbated the situation. This has been compounded by rampant inflation.

Please support the Trocaire Lenten Appeal. Your donation this Lent will help build a lasting, sustainable future in over 20 countries that Trocaire personnel are working in. Thank you for the hope you bring.

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## **Ratoath Parish - Ukrainian Refugee Appeal**

# **€15,700 donated our appeal.**

Many thanks for your incredibly generous donations.

We have transferred **€9,000** to a parish in Romania on the request of Archbishop Miguel Maury, the Papal Nuncio to Romania (who has visited Ratoath in the past).

This parish is St John's Parish in Suceava. If you search *Google Maps*, you will see that Suceava is close to the border of Ukraine. The parish is offering accommodation, meals and support to refugees, most of whom are women and children. This parish is in the diocese of Iasi, Romania and a number of priests from that diocese are ministering in the diocese of Meath.

The remainder, **€6,700** we have transferred to Archbishop Pennacchio, the Papal Nuncio to Poland. Below is a letter received from the Archbishop on Thursday last.

Dear Fr Gerry,

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the very generous donation of €6,700 from the people of Ratoath to assist the Church in Poland in caring for the unprecedented number of refugees from Ukraine who have arrived in this country.

Currently there are 130 Church centres in Poland giving out up to 47 thousand meals a day. Many refugees left Ukraine with just the clothes on their back so Polish parishes and religious orders are providing them with basic needs, such as food, water, clothes, blankets, pillows, and linen. I am giving the donation from Ratoath parish to the Consolata Fathers who are assisting with this outreach on the ground.

Earlier today, I had an audience with Pope Francis. The Holy Father expressed his gratitude for all the actions taken by the Church in Poland. The generosity from Ratoath and elsewhere is helping the Church to continue this vital mission of solidarity and charity.

I still have happy memories of my visits to Ratoath during my service in Ireland. I take this opportunity Fr Gerry to renew my warmest and heartfelt good wishes to you and your parishioners.

Yours sincerely,  
Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio  
Apostolic Nuncio