



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

18th /25th December 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

There will be no Eucharistic on Wednesday 28th December or on Wednesday 4th January.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Maureen McCormack (Fairymount Road); Tess Landy (Peacockstown) and Eileen Conifrey (Dundrum), sister of Maud Nally (Fairymount Road) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Standing Orders for November €3,591.84 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Confessions for Christmas

Confessions on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December after the 9.45am Morning Mass.

Christmas Mass Times

All Masses are offered for the intentions of the People of the Parish

Christmas Eve 4.00pm; 6.00pm and 8.00pm

Christmas Day 9.00am; 11.00am and 12.15pm

18 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	1 Jan	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
7.00pm	John & Margaret Donnelly & Ella Smyth Maura McLoughlin Paddy, Tinny, Raymond & Declan Brennan & the deceased members of the family Colette and Patrick Devenney Ellen & Angelo Whyte Bridget, Ann, Tom & John Reilly	7.00pm	
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Jim Murphy (Month's Memory) Tom McGoldrick & Bridget & Joseph Gallagher Martin Kerrigan Claire & Tom Kinsella	11.00am	Rose McGirl
12.15pm	Joe Mannering (Month's Memory) Nancy Ralph (Month's Memory) Margaret & Thomas Campbell & the deceased members of the family Pat Naughton Maura O'Reilly Aubrey & Patrick McAuley & the deceased members of the McAuley & Carthy families Ian, Eddie & Patricia Smith	12.15pm	Bertie Cullen John, Tessie, Tommy & Paul Ennis

Tuesday 20th Rita and Martin Cusack, Mary Corcoran and the deceased members of the family

Wednesday 21st Mary Smith Thursday 22nd Sean Conheady

Friday 23rd John & Elizabeth Ryan;

Catherine & Patrick Cowley & the deceased members of the family

Monday 26th; Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th December - No morning Mass

Thursday 29th December Tom & Mary & Edward & Mary Gannon

Friday 30th December The O'Sullivan family

A Word of thanks at Christmas

We would like to thank all who assist us in the parish during the year – our sacristans; the altar society and the church cleaners; the folk group and the children's choir, our cantors, ministers of Holy Communion and readers; our liturgy committee; our parish safeguarding representatives; the basket collectors, the Legion of Mary and those who participate in the weekly Eucharistic adoration.

We also thank our grounds men Sean who looks after the church grounds and thanks too to those who care for the cemetery; Patsy and Maureen who work in the Parochial House and Parish Office. We thank those who advise us and assist us in the management and administration of the parish especially the Parish Finance Committee, and our accountant Theo Orton.

Thanks to the Ratoath Garden Centre who donated the Christmas tree for our church and to those in the altar society who prepared and decorated the church for Christmas.

At our Masses over Christmas season we remember in a special way our parishioners who lost a loved one in the past 12 months and we pray for all deceased parishioners.

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the couples who were married here during the years: to all the boys and girls who were confirmed in February; to the children who received their Holy Communion in May and to all who were baptised during 2022.

We thank all involved in our parish schools – Principals and their teaching staff, and all their staff members; the Boards of Management and the Parents Association; and we wish continued success and happiness to all the pupils.

And finally, to you our Parishioners, we would like to thank you most sincerely for your kindness and support to us during the year. We wish you and all your family a happy and blessed Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Frs. Gerry and Yohanna

Christmas Prayer

Source of divine light, Emmanuel, God-with-us,
your radiant love illuminated our waiting world
with the surprise of your Bethlehem birth.
Each year we celebrate this astonishing event,
rejoicing in your coming anew, not as newborn Babe,
but as a hidden presence of divinity contained within each of us.
To our great astonishment, we have become your dwelling place.
We are now your Bethlehem.

Now you are our secret **Treasure** birthed in the secret place of my soul.
Now you are **Light** gleaming through our gestures of generosity.
Now you are **Hope** radiating inside the core of our courage.
Now you are **Joy** shining into the dark caves of our gloom.
Now you are **Peace** glowing quietly in the crevices of our anxiety.
Now you are **Love** brilliantly reflected in our kindness.

We welcome you again and again, with gratitude, and trust,
not only in this Christmas season of remembrance and celebration
but all through the new year that awaits us.

Joyce Rupp

There will be no parish newsletter next weekend.

The Parish Office will close on Friday 23rd December and reopen on Wednesday 4th January