



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

12th February 2023

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Many thanks for your continue support and generosity.

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

Telegrams of Pope Francis following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Telegram to the Apostolic Nuncio in Turkey

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the huge loss of life caused by the earthquake in the area of South Eastern Turkey and he sends the assurance of his spiritual closeness to all those affected. Entrusting those who have died to the loving mercy of the Almighty, he send his heartfelt condolences to those who mourn their loss.

His Holiness likewise prays that the emergency personnel will be sustained in their care of the injured and in the ongoing relief efforts by the divine gifts of fortitude and perseverance.

Telegram to the Apostolic Nuncio in Syria

Deeply saddened by the significant loss of life caused by the earthquake in the area of North Western Syria, His Holiness Pope Francis offers heartfelt prayers for the souls of the departed and for all who mourn them. Entrusting those affected by this disaster to the providence of the Almighty, he pray in particular for the emergency personnel involved in the ongoing relief efforts.

As a renewed sign of his spiritual solidarity, his Holiness invokes upon the long-suffering Syrian people the divine blessing of strength and peace.

12 Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm		7.00pm	
9.00am	Olive Brennan	9.00am	
11.00am	Claire Butler David Nelson	11.00am	Eamonn Wilson Colm & Attracta Donnelly
12.15pm	Thomas Everard Nicky Sherry Louise Kelly Leo Digan Damien Corr Marie Dempsey	12.15pm	Jimmy & Peter Brady Cepta & Russell McNabb

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Tim & Matilda Burns & deceased members of the family

Eddie Banert

Special Intention

Robert & Audrey McKenna

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Reflection on the Gospel

“If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven”.

You can do the right things for the wrong reason, like going to Mass to be seen there, or to avoid God's displeasure,

like helping someone in school to look well for a teacher - and then our virtue is no deeper than a hypocrite's.

We are people of mixed motivations, and God wants goodness to be sincere.

In the intention of the heart, God is pleased, wanting our lives to be lived in love.

The smallest help to another done from love is worth more than the biggest done to get approval; that's what Jesus meant when he praised the poor woman who gave away a small amount – all she had; and what it means is that God never asks more than we can give.

And we can give everything away, even our bodies in death, but if we have no love, it means nothing at all.

And what could look less than the piece of bread at Mass?

But this is God giving all of himself to us. We ask for the gift of sincerity.

Donal Neary SJ

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Sixth Class in Ratoath Senior NS; St Paul's NS and Rathbeggan NS who were confirmed by Bishop Deenihan on Friday.

We are grateful to their teachers, the school principals and the whole school community who prepared the children for the Sacrament. We thank the choirs from Ratoath Senior NS and St Paul's NS who sang on the day and thanks to their teachers who prepared them for the ceremonies.

We are grateful too to their parents and family members who had a very special role in supporting their sons and daughters in their faith journey this year.

Opening words from the Homily of Pope Francis last Sunday in Juba, South Sudan

Today I would like to make my own the words that the Apostle Paul addressed to the community of Corinth in the second reading and repeat them here before you: “When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified”.

Yes, Paul's concern is also mine, as I gather here with you in the name of Jesus Christ, the God of love, the God who achieved peace through his cross; Jesus, the God crucified for us all; Jesus, crucified in those who suffer; Jesus, crucified in the lives of so many of you, in so many people in this country; Jesus, the risen Lord, the victor over evil and death.

I have come here to proclaim him and to confirm you in him, for the message of Christ is a message of hope.

Jesus knows your anguish and the hope you bear in your hearts, the joys and struggles that mark your lives, the darkness that assails you and the faith that, like a song in the night, you raise to heaven.

Jesus knows you and loves you. If we remain in him, we must never fear, because for us too, every cross will turn into a resurrection, every sadness into hope, and every lament into dancing.

Are you or 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. There are spaces available on our MARCH 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell