



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm  
New adorers always welcome

We welcome Aoibhin Cullinan, Abigail Kilduff and Timothy Riordan into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Congratulations to Kate O'Donoghue and James Connolly; and to Elaine Gannon and Joseph Hannon who were **married** during the week.

We pray for the **repose of the souls** of Owen Sullivan (Cheeverstown, Kilbride) and Mary Picard (Ratoath Manor Nursing Home) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

This weekend, we welcome the boys and girls in Second Class who are preparing for **First Confessions and First Communion** for next year. This is part of the "Do This in Memory of Me" Masses, whereby the boys and girls are accompanied by their parents, so that they can best prepare for the Sacraments. At the Masses, the boys and girls will present their enrolment forms. We ask you to keep them in your prayers in the coming months.

The month of November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/relatives/friends 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 the Masses in the month of November and on the first Friday of every month

**White Envelope** Collection (Development Fund) €1,765.00

**Standing Orders** for September €2,840.34

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

15 Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Oct	Mission Sunday
7.00pm	Lizzie & John Madden Michael Garrett Donna Wells	7.00pm	Adrian Madden Willie Kissane & Sandra Buttner John & Elizabeth Harmon James Gray
9.00am	Mella Everard Anthony, Mary-Kate & Michael Gaughan	9.00am	Maureen Regan Maurice Brennan
11.00am	Youlanda Kelly Joe & Masie McCormack	11.00am	Dick Donnelly Irene O'Leary
12.15pm	Vincent & Anna May Crowe Peter & Mary Moore Ursula Cleary	12.15pm	Declan Sweeney The Brennan family, late of Dunshaughlin Road

Monday      Martin Lynch  
Wednesday      Gertie Keenan

Tuesday      Ted Kelly

## Appeals of Pope Francis for the Middle East and Afghanistan

I continue to follow what is happening in Israel and Palestine with tears and apprehension: many people killed, others injured. I pray for those families who have seen a feast day transformed into a day of mourning, and I ask that the hostages be released immediately. It is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves, but I am very concerned about the total siege under which the Palestinians are living in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims. Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge, and only cause each to other suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity.

I address a special thought to the population of Afghanistan, suffering following the devastating earthquake that struck, claiming thousands of victims, including many women and children, and displaced persons. I invite all people of good will to help this people, already sorely tried, contributing in a spirit of fraternity to alleviating the sufferings of the people and supporting the necessary reconstruction.

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**Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday.** It takes place in every parish worldwide where the church is present. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday is part of Pope Francis' universal solidarity fund. The fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. As young dioceses grow, they need support.

The basket collection taken up at Masses next weekend will go to this appeal. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for Mission Sunday this year is "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

**Youth Meet and Greet Gathering** (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ratoath at 7:30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Inspired by the Spirit of World Youth Day 2023 this is an opportunity for young adults to join together for prayer, reflection & discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: [duleekparish@gmail.com](mailto:duleekparish@gmail.com)

**Trócaire 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Trócaire has always sought to create awareness of the causes of poverty in developing countries and to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Trócaire has an exhibition on display in the Courtyard of Belvedere House, Gardens and Park, Mullingar up until 25<sup>th</sup> October.

This consists of a powerful tapestry created by 12 Trócaire volunteers from all over Ireland, this informative piece of art was developed by Trócaire to highlight the drivers of poverty around the world, including climate change, fast fashion and environmental damage by irresponsible corporations. Entrance free to exhibition.

**Retreat for Young Adults (18-40 yrs)** 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October in Mt. St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea. Join in prayer with the monks, in friendship with other young adults. Peaceful walks through beautiful grounds, Full meals, own room. Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**St. Paul's National School, Ratoath** is looking for a **caretaker**. Please contact the school on 01-8257246 for further information.

**St. Paul's National School** has started the **enrolment** process for 2024 for Junior Infants. If you have a child who is due to start school next year, please contact us on 01-8257246.

Best of luck to **Ratoath** in the Senior Hurling County Final this Sunday.