



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

5th February 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

We welcome Elizabeth Mulrooney, Aveen Sheridan, Patrick Maughan and Joe Clinton into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Lily Mulvaney (Cabin Hill) and Anthony Carty (Lucan) brother of Olivia McAuley (Broad Meadow Vale) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Confirmation on Friday 10th February

We welcome Bishop Deenihan to the parish this Friday when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the boys and girls of Sixth Class in Ratoath Senior NS; St Paul's NS and Rathbeggan NS.

There will be three ceremonies – 10.30am; 12.30pm and 3.00pm.

We wish the boys and girls every blessing on this special day in their young lives. We thank all their teachers and the whole school community who have guided and supported and prepared the children for the Sacrament. We are grateful too to their parents who have had a very special role in supporting their sons and daughters in their faith journey this year and who have accompanied them to their preparation Masses this year.

From the prayer that the bishop will recite at the laying on of hands during the ceremony
"Send your Holy Spirit upon these sons and daughters to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of right judgment and courage; the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen."

5 Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Mary Gannon Angela Reilly Phil Leonard	7.00pm	
9.00am		9.00am	Olive Brennan
11.00am	Michael Eiffe Pud & Winnie Mahon Pauline Vidler Al Moroney	11.00am	Claire Butler David Nelson
12.15pm	Eugene Gleeson Catherine Williams Diarmuid Burke	12.15pm	Thomas Everard Nicky Sherry Louise Kelly Leo Digan Damien Corr

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Mary Eiffe

Kathleen, Danny, Eugene O'Sullivan & deceased members of the family & Special Intention

Special Intention

Roisin Kennedy & Gail Geoghegan

No morning due to Confirmation Ceremonies

This weekend we welcome the boys and girls of Second Class for their third **“Do This in Memory of Me”** Mass. At this Mass they will bring forward the prayer of the Act of Sorrow, the prayer that they will say at their First Confessions in early March, during the season of Lent.

We welcome them with their parents who are supporting them in this year on their faith journey.

The opening words of Pope Francis to young people and catechists on 2nd February at Martyrs’ Stadium, in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo)

Thank you for your show of affection, your dancing and your testimonies! I am delighted to meet you face to face, to greet you and to bless you as your hands were lifted up to heaven in celebration.

Now I would like to ask you, for a little while, not to look at me but to look at your hands.

Open the palms of your hands. Look at them closely.

Dear friends, God has placed the gift of life, the future of society and the future of this great country in those hands of yours.

Dear brother, dear sister, do your hands not seem small and frail, empty and unsuited to so great a task?

Let me tell you something: your hands all look alike, but none of them is exactly the same.

No one has hands just like yours, and that is a sign that you are a unique, unrepeatable and incomparable treasure. No one in history can replace you.

So ask yourself, what are my hands for?

For building up or for tearing down, for giving or for grabbing, for loving or for hating?

Notice how you can squeeze your hand, closing it to make a fist.

Or you can open it, to offer it to God and to others. That has always been the fundamental choice we have to make, ever since ancient times, ever since the days when Abel generously offered the fruits of his labour, while Cain “raised his hand against his brother... and killed him”.

Young people, you who dream of a different future: from your hands, tomorrow can be born; from your hands, peace so lacking in this world can at last come about.

Trocaire - 50 years old.

On the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire.

In launching Trocaire in 1973 the bishops said *“The aim of Trocaire will be two-fold. Abroad, it will give whatever help lies within its resources to the greatest need among the developing countries.*

At home, it will try to make us all more aware of the needs of those countries and of our duties towards them. These duties are no longer a matter of charity but of simple justice.”

As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity.

From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world.

We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work.

We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

World Day of the Sick – The Feast of our Lady of Lourdes - 11th February

Prayer for the Sick

Hear our prayer, oh God, and heal the many illnesses that afflict us in body, mind and soul.

Bring comfort to those who suffer.

Bring consolation to those who despair.

Bring strength to those who walk with the sick.

Bring hope to all for whom the path to healing is long and may not end.

Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know they are precious and loved. Amen