



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

4th July 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

We welcome Sadie Heeney and Indie Boland into the Christian community.

They were **baptised** recently.

Reek Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick to be four days per week in July

The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick, which was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be going ahead this year albeit in a much extended format from Wednesday to Saturday, 1- 31 July.

For this year only, the Reek Pilgrimage is to be extended to four days per week for the month of July.

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation will be available on the summit at 11:00am; Mass to be celebrated at 12:00pm

Saturday's Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am; Confessions at 11:00am.

The Masses will be limited to the numbers permitted for outdoor gatherings at that particular time, which currently apply to 100 people up to 4 July and 200 people from 5 July.

The Reek Pilgrimage normally takes place on the last Sunday in July, however the indulgence for the pilgrimage extends throughout the Summer months up to the end of September.

This is the first time in the history of the pilgrimage that such an extended pilgrimage programme is offered in order to facilitate those wishing to fulfil the obligations of the pilgrimage on the mountain.

Details of how to fulfil the spiritual requirements of the pilgrimage are available on

www.westportparish.ie and on signage in the carpark at the start of the ascent.

Pilgrims are asked to plan their trip to Croagh Patrick as early as possible and keep in mind that mid-week is traditionally a quieter time to climb.

04 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Anthony & Mary Rafferty Christy Fagan Maurice Molloy	7.00pm	Mary & Tom Gannon & the deceased members of the family
9.00am	Julia & Desmond Toole	9.00am	Deceased members of the Boshell family
11.00am	John Long (Month's Memory) Geraldine Ryan	11.00am	Rose McCarthy Seamus & Breege McIntyre Bridie & Tommy Dolan Miley & Kathy Byrne
12.15pm	Dee Cusack Fairbrother Adrienne Fairbrother Thomas Shaw Margaret & Luke Ralph & the deceased members of the family Thomas & Margaret Campbell & the deceased members of the family	12.15pm	

Monday Nellie Barker
Wednesday Sinead Freeman & Cormach Murrihy
Thursday Special Intention

Tuesday Kevin Brady
Friday Special Intention

Reflection on this Sunday's gospel

This is the Carpenter, surely? *from Intercom*

"A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and his own house".
We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling.
There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas "above our station"!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, son of Mary?
This could have been a moment of grace, if they were to open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of Good News were too challenging coming from one of our own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experiences and wisdom?
Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak?
When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

"Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you...
Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world" (Tony Singleton)

Lough Derg 2021

Registration is now open to "*Do Lough Derg from wherever you are*" from 3rd to 5th July.
The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days.
To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo.
To register or for further information email info@loughderg.org or phone 0(0353) 71 9861518.
www.loughderg.org

The ceremony of the blessing of the graves can be viewed on **live.ratoathparish.ie** and on the **Parish YouTube channel** and you can view it any time in the next number of weeks.

This week, €505 was lodged to the **blue envelope account** and €1,990 was lodged to the **white envelope account** (Development Fund)
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Pope Francis institutes the Ministry of Catechist

The Irish Bishops welcomed Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Antiquum ministerium* of 10 May formally instituting the ministry of catechist, a ministry present in the Church from its earliest times.
In various parts of the world, lay men and women Catechists are often those who preside over the communities and keep them rooted in the faith with the priest able to visit every month or so.
In encouraging a formal institution of this ministry, Pope Francis is reminding the faithful that there is a variety of lay ministries in the Church, new ways lay men and women can formally offer their service for the benefit of many. Catechesis can be a privileged form of evangelization.
It is clear that in Ireland there is a growing recognition of how much we need Catechists in pastoral areas and dioceses to assist in the handing on of the faith not least using the new means of communication available today.
The bishops look forward to a growth in the numbers exercising this ministry across Ireland.