



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Margaret Hughes (Clonkeen) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

Next Saturday we welcome the boys and girls of Second Class from Ratoath Junior National School who will receive their **First Holy Communion**. We are grateful for the support of their parents and family members who have accompanied the boys and girls on their faith journey this year and have come to the “Do This in Memory of Me” Masses throughout the year in preparation for this day. A special thanks to their teachers who have prepared them for the day and we are most appreciative of the support and assistance of the school principal Ms Fox and the deputy principal Mr O’ Hara throughout the year.

**The Anointing of the Sick.** At the 11.00am and 12.15pm Masses on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** we will have our annual anointing of the sick. If you know of anyone who might like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing you might let them know and if they need assistance to get to Mass, perhaps you could accompany them to the Mass.

**Cemetery Sunday** is on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** beginning at 3.00pm with evening prayer for the dead in the church followed by rosary and blessing of the graves. Please inform family members and friends. This is an opportunity for parishioners to tend their family plots and we encourage you all to prepare their plots so that the cemetery can look its very best to honour our beloved dead.

The **Legion of Mary** meets every Monday at 7.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call May Tuite on 087-1334872

### The Pope’s Intention for the Month of May:

*For the formation of religious and seminarians:* We pray that religious men and women, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

5 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	12 May	Ascension of the Lord
7.00pm	Gerard Ralph Ita, Patrick & Masie Kennedy	7.00pm	Yvonne Saul Fagan Patrick & Mary Wall
9.00am		9.00am	Joe Clarke (Month’s Memory)
11.00am	Bridget & Michael McIntyre & the deceased members of the family	11.00am	Jim McMahan Sarah Daniel Eiffe David & Eileen Conmey
12.15pm	Molly & Ernie Devine	12.15pm	Donald Cronran (Month’s Memory) Mary Flinter Paddy Dolan & the deceased members of the family Lorraine Eiffe

Tuesday  
Saturday

Anna Byrne

Wednesday Bridie Dolan

First Communion Ceremonies for Ratoath Junior N S at 10.30am and 12.30pm

“Let us not forget that we all have mistakes for which we need forgiveness and wounds requiring healing. May we all be healed, so that we can bring healing, forgiven so that we can bring forgiveness, reborn, so that we can bring rebirth”  
(Pope Francis in Venice last Sunday)

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May:** These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun 12<sup>th</sup>, Tue 14<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and Mon 27<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie) €45 per person, booking essential.

The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and continues until 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800

**Ceili Community**, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath will be running a residential school of evangelisation from September 2024 to May 2025. Open to Catholics aged 18 and over who have a heart for Evangelisation and are eager to grow in their faith and discern their vocation in life.  
Visit [school@ceilicommunity.net](mailto:school@ceilicommunity.net)

During this month Bishop Tom is hoping to meet with **Parish Priests and Chairpersons of Parish Pastoral Assemblies** in order to progress the issue of cooperation between parishes and parish clustering. The meeting for the priests and chairpersons of the Ratoath Deanery is scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Ratoath.

The Diocese of Meath has a **Safeguarding Children Policy**; you may access this on [www.meathsafeguarding.ie](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)

You can listen to the weekly faith podcast, **Faithcast** on [www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie)

**White Envelope Collection** (Development Fund) €1,672.50 and **blue envelopes** €465.00  
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**Meath Archaeological and Historical Society** “30 Years of The Discovery Programme at Tara” on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at St Columban's College, Dalgan Park, Navan (3pm-5pm)  
Speakers: Dr Edel Bhreathnach, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick and Dr Roseanne Schot.

**Gemma's Garden Party** in aid of The Irish Cancer Society on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2-5 and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11-5, and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2-5. Relax with a cuppa and a cake!  
Sale of Plants, Floral arrangements, paintings and craft work. Raffle and auction.  
Powderlough A85TN97, the Bush (opposite B & B Killeentierna)

**Bright Stars Summer Camp:** A performing arts camp; singing, dancing + drama.  
8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July in The Venue Ratoath. Children 4-14 years. Contact Denise on 0857242481

A free 8 week **Walking Football programme** starts at Claremont Stadium on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Walking Football is designed to help people over 50 keep active and mobile.  
If you are interested in signing up please contact 046 902 9693 and for more information call Joel on 083 348 5239 or visit [www.claremontstadium.ie](http://www.claremontstadium.ie).