



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

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**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 Molly Menton, Tom Brennan, Elia Blazyte, Lucy Masterson and Olivia Madden into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Adrian Madden ( Jamestown Park) and Tom Murphy (Mooretown) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

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

**From Pope Francis:** “The gospel should be taken without tranquilizers! The gospel is no valium which puts the conscience asleep and makes it conform to a given norm; it is a message that shakes and unsettles, that creates movement in the soul that forces us to go outside of ourselves”

**Reopening Plan:** Attendance limits on weddings and religious ceremonies were lifted on Friday last.

The newly established **Ratoath Community Employment Scheme** is now recruiting for new participants. If interested please contact Ken on 086 1585854 or [info@ratoath.ie](mailto:info@ratoath.ie)

## Enrolment Certificates for First Confessions and First Communion

This note is a reminder to parents that if your son or daughter in Second class wishes to receive First Confession and First Communion next year, they should bring the completed enrolment certificate to Mass any weekend during this month of October and give the certificate to Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna at the end of Mass. October is the Month of Enrolment

24 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)	31 Oct	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Una Fitzmaurice Michael Maher James & Margaret Nolan Joe & Peggy Lynch	7.00pm	P J Roche (Month's Memory) Greg Campbell Patrick McCabe Des Crofton
9.00am	Frank O'Leary	9.00am	
11.00am	Cathal Daly (Month's Memory)	11.00am	Joe & Kitty Sherwin Paul & Margaret Sherwin Attie McCafferty Sean Glynn
12.15pm	Jack, Lucy & Miriam Browne	12.15pm	Seamus Ennis John Kellett & Maureen Foran

Monday	Special Intention
Wednesday	Paddy Hynes & the deceased members of the family
Thursday	Dee Fairbrother; Mary & Liam Corcoran; and Rita Cusack
Friday	Michael, Margaret & Noel Blake & Johnny Monaghan

## **Excerpts of Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday**

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard”

Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share *what we have seen and heard*.

Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: “Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find”. No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.....

The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles that seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard. Yet, rather than a difficulty or an obstacle leading them to step back or close in on themselves, those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation.

We have a vivid testimony to all this in the Acts of the Apostles, a book which missionary disciples always have within easy reach. There we read how the fragrance of the Gospel spread as it was preached, awakening the joy that the Spirit alone can bestow. The Book of Acts teaches us to endure hardship by clinging firmly to Christ, in order to grow in the “conviction that God is able to act in any circumstance, even amid apparent setbacks” and in the certainty that “all those who entrust themselves to God will bear good fruit” .....

The same holds true for us: our own times are not easy. The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty and the injustices experienced by so many people. It has unmasked our false sense of security and revealed the brokenness and polarization quietly growing in our midst. Those who are most frail and vulnerable have come to feel even more. For our part, however, “we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake”. As a result, in our communities and in our families, we can hear the powerful message of life that echoes in our hearts and proclaims: “He is not here, but has risen”.

### **October is the Month of the Missions**

On World Mission Sunday collections will take place at Masses throughout the Universal Church so that Catholics might give what they can to help support struggling dioceses in the developing world. The Mission Sunday collection promotes the work of missionaries in poor and remote communities. The funds raised will help build vital infrastructure, including churches, medical clinics, nurseries and schools.

Overseas missionaries are in urgent crisis. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, missionaries are on the front line. They are walking hand-in-hand with struggling communities long before and after emergency.

Your spiritual and financial support plays an enormous part in giving courage to our missionaries and easing suffering.

### **Missions Prayer for October**

God our Father, we pray for those who are suffering, for those who are grieving, for those who are anxious, for those who are working tirelessly to care for the sick. God our Father, we ask you to bless all the missionaries who work on the front line, especially those in remote regions where conflict, violence, extreme poverty, malnutrition and diseases are sadly facts of life. Watch over them, O Lord, in their daily work, Amen.