



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

19th June 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

There will be no 12.15pm Mass for the months of July and August.

The Sunday Mass at 12.15pm will resume on Sunday 4th September.

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock on 14th August .The Meath Diocese pilgrimage to Knock will be renewed this year and will take at the start of the Knock Novena on Sunday 14th August. The Pilgrimage will be by Bishop Thomas Deehan. The Anointing of the Sick takes place in the Basilica at 2.30pm and Mass is at 3.00pm. The Rosary procession will follow outside on the grounds of the Shrine, weather permitting. See also Knock Shrine website. www.knockshrine.ie .

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Deehan from 12-17 September. All pilgrims will be accommodated in Hotels. All pilgrims should be able to make the pilgrimage independently or with the assistance of someone accompanying them and taking responsibility for their care. Pilgrimage fare from €759 includes flights, 5 nights full board, travel insurance, government and shrine taxes. Booking with Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800

Bus to **Lough Derg** (from Mullingar area) 27 – 29 June. Contact Tel: 044 9374818 for further details.

Are you living in Ireland undocumented? Do you know someone who may be an undocumented migrant? Undocumented people can apply for a legal status now. Applications for the new government undocumented scheme are open until 31 July. To check eligibility and get support to apply visit the Migrants Rights Centre Ireland website www.mrci.ie or email info@mrci.ie or contact 083-0755387.

Dates for the Diary 2023

Confirmation		Friday 10 th February
First Confessions	For all schools	The week of 5 th to 10 th March
First Communion	Ratoath Junior National School	Saturday 6 th May
	St Paul's National School	Saturday 13 th May
	Rathbeggan National School	Saturday 20 th May

The exact time for all the ceremonies will be decided later, but for now save the dates.

19 June	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	26 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Mary & James O'Neill	7.00pm	Agnes & Michael O'Hare and the deceased members of the family
9.00am	Patrick O'Leary & William Folliard	9.00am	
11.00am	Marie Reilly	11.00am	Cathal Dunlop Christy & Christina Rooney
12.15pm	Bernard Fisher Peg & Kevin White	12.15pm	Michael Kelly Laura Donohue Sinead Freeman

Monday	John Landy (Month's Memory)	Wednesday	Special Intention
Tuesday	Theresa Fitzgerald		
Thursday	Ray Hannigan & Birthday Remembrance		

Universal Synod 2021-2023

Following the engagement by so many people across the Diocese, the diocesan synthesis has been completed and will now be submitted to the National Steering Committee. The synthesis can be viewed on www.dioceseofmeath.ie. Thanks to all who took part in the synodal conversations during Lent and to all who completed questionnaires and made submissions.

Below is the third extract of the synthesis.

Excerpt from the Synodal Synthesis for the Diocese of Meath (part three)

III. MISSION: Many respondents wrote warmly and gratefully about how their faith has been nurtured and sustained through their participation in the liturgical/sacramental life of their parish. Some mentioned their participation in prayer groups, apostolic groups, faith development courses, retreats, Eucharistic Adoration, etc., as playing an important part in their growth in faith. As many of the respondents are active in their parishes, their involvement in ministry and other areas of parish life has also been a significant contributor to their growth in faith.

However, many of the respondents lamented the fact that apart from attendance at Mass, there was little or no opportunity to develop one's faith in the parish context. ...

There was a strong trend in the responses indicating a severe lack of opportunity for faith development at parish level, with some saying that there is no opportunity at all and that faith development at parish level is "stagnant". Some commented that their growth in faith had effectively ceased following their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in primary school (aged 12/13 years).

Respondents who identified as non-practising, while admitting their lack of interest in faith development, expressed their unawareness of opportunities for faith development because of a lack of communication or never having been offered such an opportunity.

Another significant trend in the responses, expressed in different ways, is the depiction of the individual journey of faith.

For others, growth in faith is a personal choice to seek out and accept the opportunities that are available, to invest oneself in that search, and be transformed by it.

On the other hand, for some of the respondents it is a lonely journey which is made without the support of spouse/family/friends and – crucially – without the support of the parish community. This lack of support on the part of the parish community is expressed in terms of the absence of a group/structure/place where one can share one's faith journey, receive spiritual guidance, and learn about one's faith.

When asked how the parish community might form people of faith who desire to be involved in the life of their parish community, it is noteworthy that a significant number of respondents wrote "I don't know", while others did not respond at all – suggesting that many are at a loss to know how to address this challenge currently facing the Church. ..

Another strong trend is the opinion that prayer groups, faith movements, apostolic groups, etc. should be more visible and more widely available at parish level. In this regard, some evoked with nostalgia the experience of sodalities and confraternities in the past, and while there was an acceptance that such parish activities now belong to the past, they nevertheless offered opportunities at parish level outside of Mass to experience communion, participation, and growth in faith, and have not been replaced.

Many respondents called for bishops, priests, and those in leadership positions at parish and diocesan level to give courageous witness to the radical message of the Gospel and thereby attract our contemporaries to the truth of our message. Equally, many respondents urged the Church to harness the talents and abilities in every parish community to advance the mission of the Church. In this regard, many pointed to the exclusion of women from many areas of the life of the church, and the failure to involve young people at any level in the life of the Church. Some respondents referenced the need to focus on and resource the faith life of the family home.