



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

17th December 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday 27th December or on Wednesday 3rd January
Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Wednesday 10th January

There will be no 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 24th December

Confessions for Christmas

Wednesday 20th December after the morning Mass at 9.45am and from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd December from 11.30am to 12.30pm

Or any other time by arrangement with Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna

Christmas Masses

Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are offered for the intentions of the people of the parish

Christmas Eve	4.00pm	6.00pm	8.00pm
Christmas Day	9.00am	11.00am	12.15pm

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available in the Parish Office.

Standing Orders for November €3,271.13 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

17 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent	24 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
7.00pm	Maura McLoughlin John & Margaret Donnelly & Ella Smyth John & Teresa, Paul, Johnny & Tommy Ennis	7.00pm	Paddy, Teeny, Raymond & Declan Brennan & the deceased members of the family
9.00am	Colette & Patrick Devenney Jim Kelly	9.00am	
11.00am	Tom McGoldrick Bridget & Joseph Gallagher Desmond Malin & Colette Healy	11.00am	
12.15pm	Aubrey & Patrick McAuley & the deceased members of the McAuley & Carthy families Pat, Eddie & Ian Smith	12.15pm	No Mass

Monday Tess Landy & Special Intention
Thursday Mary Smith
Friday Sean Conheady & Margaret, Joseph & Patrick Everard
 & the deceased members of the Deering family

There will be no morning Mass from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th December inclusive.

There will be no parish newsletter next weekend (23rd/24th December)

The Parish Office will close on Friday 22nd December and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January

A Word of Thanks at Christmas

We would like to thank all who assist us in the parish during the year – our sacristan, the altar society and the church cleaners; the folk group and the children's choir and their leaders; our organists and cantors; ministers of Holy Communion and readers; our liturgy committee; our parish safeguarding representative; the parish pastoral assembly; our basket collectors; those who distribute the annual envelopes; the Legion of Mary and those who participate in the weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

We also thank our groundsman Sean who look after the church grounds and thanks too to Paul and Willie who care for the cemetery; and to Patsy and Maureen who work in the Parochial House and Parish Office.

We thank those who advise us assist us in the management and administration of the parish especially the Parish Finance Committee and our accountant Theo Orton.

Thanks to Ratoath Garden Centre who donated the Christmas tree for our church and to those in the altar society who prepared and decorated the church for Christmas.

At our Masses over the Christmas season we remember in a special way our parishioners who lost a loved one in the past 12 months and we pray for all our deceased parishioners.

We send our best wishes to the couples who were married in our church during the year; to all the boys and girls who were confirmed in February; to the children who received their First Holy Communion in May and to all who were baptised in 2023.

We thank all involved in our parish schools – principals and their teaching staff and all staff members; the Boards of Management and Parents Associations; and we wish continued success to all our pupils.

And finally, to you our parishioners, we would like to thank you most sincerely for your kindness and support to us during the year. We wish you and all your family a happy and blessed Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Frs. Gerry and Yohanna

A Christmas Prayer

*Give us, Lord Jesus, the eyes of children,
to see your birth with Christmas wonder.
Help us to share in the songs of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men.
Close the door on hate and open the door of love, all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and blessing with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil, by the blessing Christ brings,
And teach us to be merry with clean hearts.
May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children
and Christmas evening bring us to rest with grateful thought,
forgiving and forgiven. Amen*

Robert Louis Stevenson

*Lord grant me fullness of faith, firmness of hope and fervency of love,
Amen. (St Thomas More)*