



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm  
New adorers always welcome

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Chris McCann (Dunshaughlin Road) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

The new **Parish Pastoral Assembly** will meet for its first formal meeting on Wednesday next 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

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

**Youth Meet and Greet Gathering** (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ratoath at 7:30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Inspired by the Spirit of World Youth Day 2023 this is an opportunity for young adults to join together for prayer, reflection & discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: [duleekparish@gmail.com](mailto:duleekparish@gmail.com)

**Trócaire 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Trócaire has always sought to create awareness of the causes of poverty in developing countries and to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Trócaire has an exhibition on display in the Courtyard of Belvedere House, Gardens and Park, Mullingar up until 25<sup>th</sup> October.

This consists of a powerful tapestry created by 12 Trócaire volunteers from all over Ireland, this informative piece of art was developed by Trócaire to highlight the drivers of poverty around the world, including climate change, fast fashion and environmental damage by irresponsible corporations. Entrance free to exhibition.

22 Oct	Mission Sunday	29 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Adrian Madden Willie Kissane & Sandra Buttner John & Elizabeth Harmon James Gray Breda Egan	7.00pm	Patrick McCabe Una Fitzmaurice Michael Maher
9.00am	Maureen Regan Maurice Brennan	9.00am	Anthony & Mary O'Boyle Des Crofton
11.00am	Dick Donnelly Irene O'Leary Claire Armstrong	11.00am	William, Kathleen & Liam Lynch The O'Brien family
12.15pm	Declan Sweeney The Brennan family, late of Dunshaughlin Road Tom Murphy	12.15pm	Attie McCafferty Kitty, Joe, Paul & Margaret Sherwin

Monday

Special Intention

**Appeal of Pope Francis for Peace in the Middle East  
–at the General Audience on Wednesday last 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Today too, dear brothers and sisters, our thoughts turn to Palestine and Israel. The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian disaster. The possible widening of the conflict is disturbing, while so many war fronts are already open in the world. May weapons be silenced, and let us heed the cry for peace of the poor, the people, the children...

Brothers and sisters, war does not solve any problem: it sows only death and destruction, foments hate, proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future, it cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not in words – in prayer, with total dedication.

With this in mind, I have decided to call for a day of fasting and prayer on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit. That evening, at 18.00 at Saint Peter's, we will spend an hour of prayer in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world. I ask all the particular Churches to participate by arranging similar activities involving the People of God.

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**This Sunday is World Mission Sunday.** It takes place in every parish worldwide where the church is present. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday is part of Pope Francis' universal solidarity fund. The fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. As young dioceses grow, they need support.

The basket collection taken up at Masses this weekend will go to this appeal.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for Mission Sunday this year is "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

Pope Francis: "For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move".

Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognized him and, ultimately, *their feet set out* on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world".

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**Retreat for Young Adults (18-40 yrs) 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October** in Mt. St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea

Join in prayer with the monks, in friendship with other young adults. Peaceful walks through beautiful grounds, Full meals, own room. Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or email : [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**Ratoath Community Centre** invites you all to join us on 28<sup>th</sup> October from 11am - 3pm.

There are a lot of interesting activities happening here including Community Market; Art Exhibition - we have a selection of beautiful pieces from talented local and national artists exhibiting their work and also Art & Crafts for children.

Please come along and have a wonderful day in Ratoath Community Centre.

Two Creative Writing Workshops for 9 to 12 year olds in Ashbourne.

Adventure theme on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Mystery theme on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Time: 3pm to 4pm.

Fee: €10 per workshop. Contact Sinéad at 0872737677 or [irishauthor2013@gmail.com](mailto:irishauthor2013@gmail.com)