



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

7th January 2024

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Wednesday 10th January

We welcome Matthew Keane, Sam Arthur and Lily Brennan into the Christian community.

They were **baptized** recently.

The Pope's Intention for January – *for the gift of diversity in the church.*

“We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church”.

Accord's new sacramental marriage preparation programme

An updated sacramental marriage preparation programme from Accord, the Catholic Marriage Care Service will be launched in February 2024. This is the first major review of the programme since 2003. The new marriage programme explains the nature of the Sacrament of Marriage and facilitates a deepening of couples' understanding of how to successfully manage their relationship in the context of the challenges of today's world. It does so by sharing techniques based on the most up-to-date psychological understanding of relationship dynamics. The new programme has been piloted, and feedback indicates that couples have found it to be engaging and enlightening.

7 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord	14 Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Kathleen & Johnny Staunton	7.00pm	Peg & Willie Carey Bob & Joan Slattery Thady Murray
9.00am	Patrick, Katherine & Amy White	9.00am	
11.00am	Christina & Christy Rooney Ciaran Kilcline Rose McGirl John, Brian, Michael & Mary Clair Brazil Eileen Flinter	11.00am	Declan Hoare Maureen & Ben Glynn Pud & Winnie Mahon Carmel O'Connell
12.15pm	Anne Malone Heather Dosunmu Ambrose Richards Tom Reeves Michael Scannell George Courtney & the deceased members of the family Joe Sherwin	12.15pm	Pat & Mary Reilly Dermot Gallagher Bertie Cullen Martin Cusack Florence O'Neill Barbara, Lesley & Malcolm Dyer

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Fr Cathal Gallagher

Sean, Fran & Phyllis Fitzpatrick

Martin Cusack

From the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace 1st January 2024

For his 2024 World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis has chosen to reflect on the theme "Artificial Intelligence and Peace".

He explores the ethical dimension of new AI technologies, saying they are revolutionizing all spheres of human life.

"New digital tools are even now changing the face of communications, public administration, education, consumption, personal interactions and countless other aspects of our daily lives," he notes.

The Pope also urges world leaders to put in place policies that ensure AI development will "ultimately serve the cause of human fraternity and peace."

"It is my prayer at the start of the New Year that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family," he said.

"May Christian believers, followers of various religions and men and women of good will work together in harmony to embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges posed by the digital revolution and thus hand on to future generations a world of greater solidarity, justice and peace."

A Youth Leadership Programme is being organized by the Ceili Community, Kilbeggan with the support of the Diocese of Meath starting from the first weekend in February 2024. For information or for applying for the course email school@ceilicommunity.net or call or text 087-97889150

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Of particular interest to Parish Youth Ministries and/or Parishes wishing to set up a Youth Ministry.

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain takes place from 24th September to 1st October, staying at the four star Summa Hotel on the seashore of Pina Del Mar. special booking offer of €1,140 pps, inclusive of flight, transfers, seven nights half board, three full days excursions, checked in baggage of 20kg, tourist tax, the service of a tour manager and a full religious programme, with all booking before January 15th. Call NavanTravel on 046-9068600 to reserve a place or Kingscourt Parish Office on 042-9667314 for further information

The Meath Alzheimer Café will take place in the Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin on Wednesday, January 10th from 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker is Fiona Rafferty, Senior Dietitian with HSE CHO 8. Her topic is "Dietary and Nutritional Needs across Dementia". All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee, and scones will be served. There is no charge for this service. Contact: 087 188 8178.

Are you or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the '**Living Well Programme**', a free, 6 week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. Spaces available on our January 2004 Programmes. To book a place please contact Aine on 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 or Elaine on 041 6860710 / 087 4308735