



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

28th July 2024

No **12.15pm Mass** on the Sundays of July and August.

This Sunday is observed in the Church as a **Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**, whom we cherish and respect for their wisdom and role in family life and society today.

Olympic Games – we pray for the success of the XXXIII Olympiad and the safety of participants and spectators in Paris, that sporting excellence, skill and dedication will contribute to greater human solidarity, and peace and harmony between the participating nations.

28 th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 th August	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Patsy, Rita and Agnes Mc Cabe Patrick O'Sullivan Fr John Cogan PP of Ratoath	7.00pm	Jimmy Ralph and deceased family members
9.00am	For the People of the Parish	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
11.00am	Jackie O'Sullivan; Peg Everard and Harry & Nan Everard; Molly and Frank Maher; Louise Nevin; Noel & Marie Giles and son Donal; Tommy O'Neill , First Anniversary; Andrej Rowicki, Month's Mind; Peter Malone, Month's Mind.	11.00am	Harry, Gladys, George & John Campbell; Paddy and Linda O'Connor & Maria O'Connor Howard
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

SAINTS of the Week: Monday is the memorial of **Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus**, friends of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose home He always felt welcome and safe. A good day to reflect on the value and role of friends in our own lives. Wednesday is **St Ignatius Loyola**, who founded the Jesuits as part of the Catholic Counter Reformation, to spread an ever greater understanding of the truth of the Catholic Faith . His motto was *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam - to the Greater Glory of God*, often abbreviated to AMDG and seen on church facades and elsewhere. Thursday is **St Alphonsus Liguori**, Founder of the Redemptorists and a great moral theologian.

The 'First Friday' is a distinctively Irish custom whereby Mass is offered on the first Friday of each month for all those whose names were returned in November from every family and household in the parish to be included in the **Altar List of the Dead**.

It is also the day when Communion is brought to the sick and housebound in Irish parishes. As they were faithful to coming to Mass when able, now the parish comes to them to keep them connected to parish life. Anyone who wishes themselves or a family member to be included in the calls should contact the parish office.

The priest is available at all times for sick calls in case of danger of death, end of life circumstances, accidents and emergencies. The anointing and absolution given in this Sacrament is a source of strength, hope and comfort to the person as they prepare for their final journey and the encounter with God

Baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Booking online and at the Parish Office.
Confession, as needed, in the open confessional at the back of the church.

The Parish Office may not be open at the usual times for the summer months, awaiting the recruitment of a new parish secretary, but all mass bookings, baptisms, weddings, appointments etc can be done by telephone, email or online if there is no one available at the office.
Recruiting the new secretary will start after a period of reflection and consideration of the skills needed, the optimum office hours and the duties of this key role in modern parish life.
Many thanks to those who have already expressed an interest in the position.

Confirmation in 2025 will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7th February.
First Communion ceremonies will be in May. The dates to be decided in the autumn.

How to be a missionary synodal Church:

To read the working document and find out more about the Synod, visit www.synod.ie.
To read the submission of the Diocese of Meath, visit “Synod 2024” page on www.dioceseofmeath.ie.

Cemetery – please keep dogs on a leash at all times and, when necessary, clean up after them out of respect for the dead and those who visit their graves on this holy ground in our parish.

Croagh Patrick - Reek Sunday, 28th July, with thousands of pilgrims expected to scale (2,510ft/765m), Ireland’s Holy Mountain to pray and, on reaching the summit, to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, and this year’s pilgrimage theme is: ‘To pray for and honour grandparents and the elderly’

Lough Derg **Three Day Pilgrimage** season continues until 15th August.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on 10th September led by Bishop Deenihan, accompanied by the diocesan choir. All pilgrims accommodated in hotels with 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 in various hotels available. Further information and booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St, Dublin, www.joewalshstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 11th August led by Bishop Deenihan and accompanied by the Diocesan Choir.

The **Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ, Pilgrimage** will also take place on Sunday 11th August.

Postgraduate study programme in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Church Music and more at St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth, sppu.ie/courses. Applications close 2nd August.

Car Boot Sale in Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan, 10am-3pm this Sunday, 28th July.

DJ Workshop in Claremont Stadium. Professional DJ Adam Traynor from **Disco Kids** will lead your kids through the finer points of DJ’ing with this one-off workshop aimed at **12-16 year olds. Tuesday 6th August from 3-4pm in Claremont Stadium, Commons Rd, Navan.**
Registration is €2. To register call 046 902 9693

A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people with dementia and their families participate fully and where others are aware of and understand dementia– The Venue, 5th Sept at 7pm.