



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

1st November 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Suspended.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Una Fitzmaurice (Leigh Valley) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

This Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

Blue Envelopes lodged €1,495 on 21st October and **White Envelopes** lodged €655 on 21st October. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity at this time.

Annual Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died in the past 12 months – Sunday 1st November

This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally **remember the dead** and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant.

We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition.

On **Sunday 1st November at the 11.00am Mass**, the beginning of the Month of the Holy Souls, we will celebrate our Annual Mass for all those who have died, remembering in a special way all those who have died since our last Remembrance Sunday in 2019.

We have sent a letter to families who were bereaved this year to let them know about this Mass. While we realise that bereaved families cannot be physically present for this Mass, we hope that families can link into our streamed Mass. The link will be found on the parish website www.ratoathparish.ie.

We hope that this Mass will offer consolation and hope to families who have had to bury loved ones in very difficult circumstance and to assure them that they are in our prayers.

1 Nov	All Saints Remembrance Sunday	8 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00am	Robert Brunton (Month's Memory) John McCarthy Sean Glynn Jim Simpson Breege McIntyre & the deceased members of the family Aggie & Anthony Donohoe Kathleen & Jim McGuire Alice, Jack, John, Bill & Dick Mannering Seamus Ennis Philip Ahearne (Senior)	11.00am	Ursula Cleary (Months Memory) Julie Crowe & Michael Moran Geraldine O'Reilly Freddie Killian Agatha Broda

Fr Gerry will offer Masses in private for the intentions listed here.

Tuesday	Kathleen Bolger	Wednesday	Special Intentions
Friday	Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead		

Monday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls.

A Service to dedicate November as a month of prayer and remembrance for the dead and the bereaved will be held in the church on **Monday at 11.00am**. This service will be streamed in the usual way. We invite you to tune in as we pray for all our parishioners who have died.

Plenary Indulgence during the month of November

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to have large groups forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1st to 8th November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Prayer for all the Faithful Departed

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.

Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended.
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of St John Henry Cardinal Newman

May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

List of the Dead sheets are available at the back of the church. Completed lists can be left into the parish office, preferably before 2nd November, the Feast of All Souls.

The church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead. And belief in the resurrection from the dead is centre to our faith.

“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins”.

All those on the parish list of the dead are remembered at all the Masses during the month of November and on the first Friday of every month.

All Masses are suspended except for funerals and weddings, where only 25 people are permitted to attend. Baptisms are also cancelled. The church will remain open during the day for private prayer and we do encourage parishioners to call in to pray.

It is good to keep up the rhythm of our prayer in these days of anxiety and worry for so many.

The 11.00am Sunday Mass will be streamed and the link can be found on the parish website

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Mass Intentions: During level 5 of the government framework for living with Covid 19, the intentions that were scheduled for the next number of Sundays will now be offered at the 11.00am streamed Mass, unless advised otherwise by families.

There is an **online donation facility** on the Parish Website – www.ratoathparish.ie

Meath Alzheimer Café: Meath Alzheimer Cafes are now being held on-line. The next Virtual Café will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday November 4th. Speaker is Fiona Foley, National Coordinator, Dementia: Understand Together in Communities, who will give a talk on ‘Let’s talk about dementia: creating dementia inclusive communities during COVID-19’. All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer’s Disease/Dementia are welcome to join us. If you wish to take part please email: meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie and you will receive an invitation to attend.