



# 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> January 2023

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Peg Carey (Mooretown) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**World Youth Day** takes place in Lisbon, Portugal from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August next. The diocesan web site [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) has a page and other links to explore more about WYD2023.

An **information evening** for those interested in travelling to Lisbon will take place at the Trim Parish Centre on this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Those interested are advised to attend.

## Catholic Schools Week 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January

The theme this year is: **Walking together in Faith and Love**

Each of us is on a journey in life. For Catholics, this journey begins and ends with God. Each moment on that journey is a chance to come to know and love God, who has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We can feel the God's presence when we pray, when we spend time with loved one, in nature, in moments of joy and when we come together as a community to celebrate God's love at Mass.

As we walk along our journey, God is with us every step of the way.

Every Catholic school seeks to help students along their journey, nurturing their gifts and talents.

Each student is a reflection of God with potential to make society a kinder and more just place for all.

This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community and church.

As we journey together, may we be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be all that God made us to be.

May we walk together in faith and love.

Next weekend we welcome the boys and girls of Sixth Class for their final Mass of **preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation**, which they will receive on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

We welcome them with their parents who are supporting them in their faith journey this year.

22 Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Dorothea Mates Barney & Isme Browne Caroline Hynes Maurice Keogh	7.00pm	Packie, Katie, Francis & Mary O'Brien Noel & Teresa Scally & baby Noel Nina Madden Pud, Mollie & Bill O'Neill
9.00am		9.00am	Bridget & Sean Slattery
11.00am	Maureen & Ben Glynn Noel Walshe	11.00am	Deceased members of the Connolly family Tom, Catherine & Tommy McLoughlin Martin Kerrigan
12.15pm	Christina & Christopher Nulty Emma, Lil & Ultan Nulty Lilly Cullen Stephanie Moran Agnes Farrell Christy Crowley Barbara Lesley Malcolm Dyer	12.15pm	Daniel Nulty (Month's Memory) Luc & Juliet Dehene Michael, Mary & John Flinter

Tuesday  
Friday

Tony Lawlor & the deceased members of the family  
Breda Healy

Each year, the church celebrates the contribution of men and women in religious Orders and Congregations to the Church on the Feast of the Presentation 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

To celebrate the contribution of religious to the Diocese of Meath, there will be a celebration of **Sung Vespers** and blessing of Candles in the Cathedral in Mullingar at 4pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. The reflection will be given by Sr. Karol O'Connell of Kylemore Abbey.

The week of prayer for **Christian Unity** continues to the 25<sup>th</sup> January and the theme this year is "Belonging: Praying for Unity amidst injustice".

**Vocations Notice:** Vocations Director: Phone: Fr Tony Gonoude (044) 9373923

Website: [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com) Facebook Page: DioceseOfMeathVocations

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**Medjugorje 2023:** Departure dates 17<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup> October ex Dublin. Cost €775 for May and €795 for October. Early booking discount of €50 for deposits of €100 paid before 31<sup>st</sup> January. Group leaders: Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421

### **Diocese of Minna: Nigeria:**

Early last Sunday morning at about 3am, in Nigeria's Niger State, a group of bandits attacked the parish residence of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Kafin-Koro, Paikoro region. The bandits set fire to the house and the attack caused the death of Father Isaac Achi, the parish priest.

Upon the arrival of security forces at the scene, the bandits fled, setting the house on fire from which Father Achi was unable to flee. The unknown assailants also shot and wounded Father Collins Omeh, who remains in hospital but is responding to treatment.

The Catholic Diocese of Minna released a statement later in the day calling for prayers for the Diocese and for the quick recovery of Fr. Collins.

Please pray for Fr Achi, who is from the same diocese of Minna that Fr Yohanna is from.

Fr Yohanna is currently in Nigeria and Fr Gerry has sent his condolences to Fr Yohanna on behalf of the people of the parish on the tragic death of his colleague.

At the General Audience in Rome last Wednesday, **Pope Francis** said

"I ask all of you to join me in praying for Father Isaac Achi, of the Diocese of Minna in northern Nigeria, who was killed last Sunday in an attack on his rectory.

So many Christians continue to be the target of violence: let us remember them in our prayers."

The **Legion of Mary**, founded in Dublin just over 100 years ago, has extended its beneficial action to every continent.

The Legion is a lay organisation founded for the glory of God through developing the holiness of its members and everyone, under the guidance of the church.

Popes from Pope Pius XI have highly commended the Legion of Mary. Pope Paul VI invited its founder Frank Duff to attend the Second Vatican Council as a lay observer.

Our meetings are held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm. Contact May 087-1334872

**St Paul's National School** has posted applications for enrolment for September 2023. If you were expecting one and didn't receive one please contact the school office on 01- 8257246. Thank you

**Rathbeggan NS** enrolling for September 2023 now. Call 018259891 or email [office@rathbeggans.ie](mailto:office@rathbeggans.ie) for further information. [www.rathbeggans.ie](http://www.rathbeggans.ie)

**The Ratoath Alzheimer's Social Club** will be launched this coming Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the Community Centre. This will run on a monthly basis providing an opportunity for those impacted by dementia to chat, and enjoy some entertainment, available to families, carers & individuals with a diagnosis. All are welcome.