



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

23rd May 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

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 Imelda Murphy (Rathfarnham), mother of Orla Rogers (Fairhouse Lodge) who died recently. May she rest in peace

We welcome Isla Coby into the Christian community. She was **baptised** recently.

Lodged on 19th May €1,150 for **blue** envelopes and €2,435 for the **white** envelopes.

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Next Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

The annual **Chrism Mass**, usually takes place on the Wednesday of Holy Week. This year it will be held on Thursday next in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar at 7.00pm. This is by ticket only. At this Mass the priests will renew their priestly vows and the bishop will bless the oil of the sick; the oil of catechumens and the oil of chrism that will be used in the sacraments during the coming year.

Cemetery Sunday

The parish normally holds Cemetery Sunday on a Sunday near the end of May. This is a day that is very important in the calendar of parishioners and also an important day for many people who reside elsewhere but who have loved ones buried in Ratoath Cemetery.

Traditionally the celebration of the Remembrance of the Dead on that day brings a very large crowd to the cemetery.

We regret that we are unable to hold Cemetery Sunday at this time due to the restrictions that are in place which state that large gatherings of people should not take place at the present time.

This will be a disappointment to so many people but we must adhere to the public health guidance and advice.

However Fr Gerry and Fr Yohanna will recite the Prayers for All the Faithful Departed and bless all the graves in the coming week or so and this will be recorded and up loaded on the parish website for all to view. We will let you know when the ceremony will be uploaded on the website.

Because this is an important day in the life of the parish, if the public health guidance changes during the Summer and if the advice allows for a gathering to take place and they deem it safe, we might be able to hold a ceremony at the end of the Summer. We will keep this under review and inform you in good time if we can hold Cemetery Sunday later in the Summer.

23 May	Pentecost Sunday	30 May	Feast of the Holy Trinity
7.00pm	Patrick & Mary Wall	7.00pm	Edward & Carmel McAuley
9.00am		9.00am	Desmond & Julia Toole Ita & Oliver Doran
11.00am	Vonnie & Ben Cullen	11.00am	Michael Rooney (Month's Memory) Peter & Jim Brady Rose Hickey
12.15pm		12.15pm	Eileen McDermott Michael Walsh

Monday Ann McCool

Tuesday Peg & Frank Vaughan & Michael Murphy

Wednesday Mass offered for all who sympathised with the family of the late Julia Clarke

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is "Advocate" meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone.

We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers – all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from the Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the street, proclaiming the Good News.

The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

Day of Prayer for the Church in China – Our Lady of Sheshan (24th May)

In a letter written to the faithful of the Catholic Church in China in May 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI, he expressed the hope that on 24th May, the memorial of Our Lady Help of Christians, who is venerated with such devotion at the Marian shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai, would become a day of prayer for the Church in China.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China,
who amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love.
May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world and of the world to Jesus.
In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high,
offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love.
Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love,
Ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built.
Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer by Pope Benedict XVI

Baptisms

Baptism ceremonies have now resumed. Please call the parish office for details of dates, times and restrictions that are in place for the ceremonies.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Wednesdays beginning after the morning Mass and ending at 7.00pm. (Please note the change of the finishing time)

Streaming of Masses: We continue to stream the 11.00am Mass on Sundays.

The Diocese of Meath has a **Safeguarding Children Policy**; you may access this on www.meathsafeguarding.ie

You can listen to the weekly faith podcast, **Faithcast** on www.catholicnews.ie

Covid-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024