



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

10th January 2021

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** Tom Morrison (Castlebellingham) father of Marcus Morrison (Rackinstown) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

The **Parish Office** will remain **closed** in these weeks.

You may email or phone the office to book Masses, organise certs etc.

Messages etc can be left in the letter box at the office.

Fr Gerry and Fr Yohanna will be available at all times for those who wish to see a priest.

The Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you are already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit myself to be separated from you.

In **Level 5 restrictions** public worship will not take place. The 11.00am Mass on Sundays will be streamed. The link can be found on the parish website www.ratoathparish.ie.

As previously, the intentions that were scheduled for a particular Mass at the weekend, will all be offered at the 11.00am streamed Mass, unless otherwise advised by families.

The week morning Masses (Monday to Friday) at 9.45am will also be streamed.

On the weekdays, the church will remain closed until after the morning Mass and will be open at approximately 10.15am for private prayer during the day.

At level 5, baptisms may not take place. Up to 10 mourners are permitted at funerals.

The number of guests allowed at weddings has been reduced to 6.

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 13th January. Speaker is Jamie Sherlock-Walsh, Homecare Manager and Social Activities Manager, who will give a talk on 'Accessing Homecare and Alternative Supports'. 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.

10 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord	17 Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00am	James, Mary & Paddy Monaghan Paddy, Catherine & Amy White Annie Clarke Eileen Flinter Desmond & Patricia Malin Christina & Christy Nulty & the deceased members of the family Lil & Emma Nulty Lily Cullen	11.00am	Tiny Gorman Dermot Gallagher Tommy & Bridie Dolan Winnie & Pud Mahon Pat & Mary Reilly

Monday Greta McLoughlin

Tuesday Helen O'Leary

Wednesday Dunne Family and Fagan Family

Thursday Molloy Family and the Holy Souls and a Special Intention

The Conclusion of the message of Pope Francis for

“The World Day of Peace”

1st January 2021

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the “rudder” of human dignity and the “compass” of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, “to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”.

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Refection on today’s feast of the Baptism of the Lord - from *Intercom*

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is.

Our readings are rich with water imagery.

Water is a powerful symbol throughout the scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast of Cana and Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan.

This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus’ ministry.

By approaching John for baptism, along with the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted along with the sinners. It is a sign that he is submitting to God’s will.

At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as “Beloved Son”.

It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus’ identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission.

We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God’s family.

In today’s first reading we are invited: “Come to the water all you who are thirsty”.

We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

“In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God we must be born from above” (J Vernon McGee)

Congratulations to Bishop Dermot Farrell – Archbishop Elect of Dublin

We offer our warmest congratulations, best wishes and prayers to Bishop Dermot Farrell, a former priest of the Diocese of Meath, on his appointment by Pope Francis as Archbishop of Dublin.

Bishop Dermot is a native of Castletown Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath.

He was President of St Patrick’s College, Maynooth from 1996 until 2007.

In 2007 he was appointed parish priest of Dunboyne & Kilbride and in 2009 Bishop Smith appointed Bishop Dermot as Vicar General of the Diocese of Meath.

In 2018 Pope Francis appointed Bishop Dermot, Bishop of Ossory.

Bishop Dermot will take on the role as Archbishop of Dublin on 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

We wish him every grace and blessing in his new and demanding ministry.