



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

13th August 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on Sundays in the months of July and August.

The 12.15pm Mass will resume on Sunday 3rd September.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Alice Eiffe (Ratoath) who died during the week.
May she rest in peace.

We welcome Tadgh & Grace Donnelly; Archie Mahon and John Lynam into the Christian community.
They were **baptised** recently.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Assumption**.

The Mass for the feast day is at 11.00am. Please note there is no Vigil Mass.

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €2,086.53

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

We welcome a member of **Viatores Christi** who will speak at all the Masses this weekend.

Viatores Christi (VC), an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, was founded in 1960. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalized communities in which they work.

Why are they talking at the Masses ?

- To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas.
- To thank the people of the Meath Diocese for your support for our work over the years
- To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer.
- To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer.
- There will be a collection in aid of the work of VC.

13 August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Jimmy Gorman Gerard Oakley & the deceased members of the family Joan & Dominic Casey Sean Woods	7.00pm	Fergal Ronan
9.00am		9.00am	Catherine & Patrick Cowley & the deceased members of the family
11.00am	Christopher & Ann Donnelly Roderick O'Neill Ann Kerrigan Maureen Davis Mary Roche Salvacion Divay	11.00am	Margaret Cahill
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Monday Kathleen Brady
Friday Stephen White

Thursday Gerry O'Donnell

Excerpt of Homily of Pope Francis at the Final Mass of World Youth Day last Sunday in Lisbon

After these exciting days, surely we feel like repeating the words of the Apostle Peter on the mount of the Transfiguration: “Lord, it is good for us to be here!” Indeed, how good it has been to share this experience with Jesus, with one another, and to pray together with joyful hearts. Now, we can also ask an important question: What will we take back with us as we resume our daily lives?

I would like to answer this question with three verbs, drawing from the Gospel we have heard: *to shine*, *to listen*, and *to be unafraid*.

The first: *to shine*. Jesus is transfigured. The Gospel tells us: “his face shone like the sun”. Through this brilliant burst of light, Jesus prepares the disciples for the dark night of the Passion.

Dear young friends, today we too need something of this burst of light, so that it can fill us with hope as we face the many failures of each day and the darkness that assails us in life, and respond to them with the light of the resurrection of Jesus. The Lord’s light always shines.

Yet, I would like to tell you that we do not radiate light by putting ourselves in the spotlight, for that type of light is blinding. No, we cannot illumine others by projecting a perfect, well-ordered, refined image of ourselves, or by appearing to be powerful and successful, strong but without light. No, we radiate light – we shine – by welcoming Jesus into our hearts and learning to love as he does. But the moment you stop loving others and become self-centered, you extinguish your light.

The second verb is *to listen*. On the mountain, a bright cloud overshadows the disciples. And what does it tell us, this cloud from which the Father speaks? “This is my Son, the Beloved... listen to him!” *Listen to him*. To listen to Jesus, that is life’s secret. Listen to what Jesus is saying to you. “But I don’t know what he is saying to me”. Well, take the Gospels and read there what Jesus is saying, what he is saying to your heart. For he has the words of eternal life for us. Listen to him.

The first word: *to shine*, so be radiant; then, listen in order not to take the wrong path; finally the third word: *to be unafraid*. Do not be afraid. We often find these words in the Bible, in the Gospels: “Do not be afraid”. These were the last words spoken by Jesus to the disciples at the moment of the Transfiguration: “Do not be afraid!”

As young people, you have experienced these days of joy – I was about to say of *glory*, and indeed our encounters have been a kind of glory. As young people, you want to change the world – and it is very good that you want to change the world – you want to work for justice and peace. You devote all your life’s energy and creativity to this, but it still seems insufficient. Yet, the Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain. To all of you, dear young people, who are the present and the future, yes to all of you, Jesus now says: “Have no fear”, “Do not be afraid!”

National Novena at Knock Shrine taking place 14th – 22nd August.

Novena ceremonies take place at 3pm and 8pm daily and Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. There will also be workshops at 12 noon each day at the ‘Novena Village’ (adjacent to Knock Basilica). The Family Day will take place on Sunday 20th August with lots of free events and activities for all the family to enjoy. This takes place from 11am-3pm and is free of charge. All are welcome.

Novena Prayer Our Lady of Knock: Feast of Our Lady Queen of Knock, 17th August

Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”.

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.

Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.