



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

9th May 2021

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm. Restarting on Wednesday 12th
Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

On 4th May lodged €815 for the **blue envelopes** and €1,670 lodged for the **white envelopes**.
 We are most grateful to all our parishioners who have left in envelopes and donations to the parish office at this time and we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Thursday is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the Summer of 1917, beginning on 13th May when the “Lady” asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13th October, the “Lady” identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.

Friday is the Feast of St Matthias. “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen”. This first public prayer of the church begged God to reveal the man who was to take the place of Judas after his betrayal of the Lord. Matthias, whose name literally means “gift of Yahweh”, was chosen. According to Clement of Alexandria, Matthias was one of the 72 disciples that Jesus sent out. He joined the 12 as a privileged witness to the Resurrection of the Lord.

In the recent **clerical changes**, that come into effect on 3rd July, Bishop Deenihan has appointed Fr Gerry Administrator of Curraha and Ardcah in addition to his duties as P.P. of Ratoath

Ratoath Junior National School: Notice re **enrolment** of children for 2022/23

If you have a child or know of a child who is due to start school in the year 2022/23 and wishes to be considered for a place in Ratoath Junior National School The Parents/Guardians of the child should fill out and submit our "Notification of Enrolment Form " available on the school web site

www.ratoathjuniorns.ie or phone 01 8256639 to request the form

Vincent Van Gogh called Jesus “an artist greater than all other artists”.

This is what he wrote in a letter dated 28 June 1888:

“Christ alone, of all the philosophers, magicians, etc., has affirmed eternal life as the most important certainty, the infinity of time, the futility of death, the necessity and purpose of serenity and devotion. He lived serenely, as an artist greater than all other artists, scorning marble and clay and paint, working in the living flesh. In other words, this peerless artist, scarcely conceivable with the blunt instrument of our modern, nervous and obtuse brains, made neither statues nor paintings nor books. He maintained in no uncertain terms that he made ... living men, immortals.”

9 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	16 May	The Ascension of the Lord
7.00pm	No Mass	7.00pm	Yvonne Saul Fagan Kevin Cunningham & Padraic O'Malley
9.00am	No Mass	9.00am	
11.00am	Mary McIntyre (Month's Memory) Paddy Dolan & the deceased members of the family Julia Clarke Maria & Martin Colfer David & Eileen Conmey	11.00am	Mary Flinter George & Albert McAuley Daniel & Sarah Eiffe Angelo & Ellen Whyte Ann, Tom, John & Bridgie Reilly Michael McMahon
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	Nancy Ryan

Tuesday Special Intention

Thursday Colette Healy

Public worship will resume on this Monday 10th May with morning Mass at 9.45am

The announcement by the Taoiseach recently provides clarity in relation to the return of public worship. The arrangements will be the same as when we were open prior to Christmas. This means that the pods system will apply.

For Mass

Our parish church has three distinct sections (**pods**) - the gallery; the seats on the right side of the main body of the church and the seats on the left side of the main body of the church. Each pod is allowed to have a maximum of 50 people, once the guidelines are adhered to. So our church has capacity **for 150** people at any one Mass.

The following guidelines are in place and are given so as to help keep everyone safe.

1. You should wear a **face covering** in the church.
2. Please use the **hand sanitizers** that are available in the church porches.
3. It is important to observe **social distancing** at all times – in approaching and leaving the church and in the church building. It is especially important not to congregate outside the church after Mass.
4. Special arrangements for Holy Communion, so that there is no movement between sections (pods)
5. **Holy Communion** should be received in the hand.
6. Parishioners must enter and leave the church by the designate doors.
7. The church will be sanitised and ventilated on a regular basis.

Funerals

The number at funerals Masses is capped at 50 regardless of the size of the church.

Funeral Masses will continue to be live streamed.

The guidelines state “There is an increased risk of transmission of the virus where families and communities come together following the death of a loved one. Therefore, numbers at funeral services is capped at 50 regardless of size of premises. Notwithstanding the increase in numbers permitted, funerals are still considered private family events and all notices in newspapers or on-line should be clear about this. Funeral services should continue to be live-streamed to help reduce numbers attending. Attendance at wakes in private homes and at Funeral Homes remains unchanged i.e. immediate family only and people should be discouraged from queuing to pay respects”.

Weddings

50 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony in the church, regardless of the size of the church.

Baptisms

Baptisms will resume on Saturday 15th May. Each family can bring a maximum of 10 people and there will be a number of baptismal ceremonies on the same Saturday in an effort to accommodate those who could not have baptisms because of the restrictions to date.

In the immediate future, there will be baptisms held on 15th, 22nd, 29th May and 5th June.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will revert to the usual day Wednesday beginning after the morning Mass and ending at 7.00pm. (Please note the change of the finishing time)

Streaming of Masses:

We will discontinue the streaming of the week day Masses but continue to stream the 11.00am Mass on Sundays. The link can be found on the parish website www.ratoathparish.ie

Parish Office:

The Parish Office will reopen in the week beginning 10th May.

If the phone is unattended please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.