

Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

14th August 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

The Sunday Mass at 12.15pm will resume on Sunday 4th September

We welcome Aoibh Burke, Laura Maciejowska, Vincent Smullen, Harvey Weldon, Orla O'Neill and Sonny O'Neill into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Angela Kirwan (nee Eiffe) and Sean Woods (Bodeen) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Monday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses at 11.00am and 7.00pm

Standing Orders for July €3,119.21 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Tweet on Thursday from Pope Francis

"Those who believe themselves to be rich, successful and secure, base everything on themselves and close themselves off from God and their brothers and sisters, whereas those who know they are poor and not self-sufficient remain open to God and their neighbour. And they find joy".

On this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus recognised that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception.

This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God.

When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself or in others?

Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members.

When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage?

What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?

Medjugorje: Ex Dublin to Dubrovinik, September 14th for 7 nights, half board staying in P I M K House, 5 minutes from the church. Cost €765.00. Contact Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682

14 Aug	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 Aug	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Ray Fox	7.00pm	Peggy, Michael & Pauline Flood
	James Gorman		Catherine & Patrick Cowley
			Kay O'Connell
9.00am		9.00am	Neil Igoe
11.00am	Pudsar Toole	11.00am	Maureen & Frank Mason
	Roger & Elizabeth Corcoran		Paddy & Linda O'Connor
	Christopher & Ann Donnelly		Maria O'Connor-Howard & the
	Mary Roche		deceased members of the Campbell
	Roderick O'Neill		family
			Margaret Cahill
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Tuesday Sean Mulvihill Wednesday Rachael Smyth

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August

The Vision of Heaven

Mary's summertime feast expands our vision from earth to heaven, from time to eternity, from the human to the divine.

As she is now in heaven, our sure hope is that one day we shall share this vision; to see God face to face, to live in the circle of love which never ends, to be alive in the light of joy that never fades.

This is what the human heart longs for, happiness that will last, joy that nobody can take from us, ehe eternal gift of God.
All that is human is part of heaven, all that is good, beautiful, all that is true, all that is alive.

Love that lasts through life, friendship that does not fade, the good we do and try to do, all will live with us in heaven.

Our hope is to bring to God, a life lived in love, and the efforts to live the gospel, and to be remembered in kindness and compassion, for the good we tried to do and the love we tried to share.

This feast today lifts our eyes beyond smoky cities, to the new and eternal city of God, attunes our ears beyond any strident cry, to the silent music of the world's creator, puts us in touch with the fragrance of God and the touch of the Father of the world, gentle, healing, making whole.

This feast today reminds us all of our immense dignity as children of God, a dignity that lasts beyond this life into the joy and the light of eternity.

We lift our eyes this day and see the dignity of the one who has gone before us:

Mary, mother of Jesus,

Mary, mother of God.

Donal Neary S.J.