



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 8.00pm. Restarting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Holy Hour** in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Michael Rooney (Fairycastle Grove) and Kevin Cunningham (New York) brother of Ann O'Malley (Mruigtuaithé) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

**Public worship** will **resume** on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May** with morning Mass at 9.45am  
 From May 10<sup>th</sup>, 50 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony in the church and for a funeral Mass or service 50 mourners are allowed to attend.

**Baptisms** will resume on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Each family will be allowed to 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.

After May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to stream the 11.00am Mass on Sundays and also the week morning Masses (Monday to Friday) at 9.45am. The link can be found on the parish website [www.ratoathparish.ie](http://www.ratoathparish.ie).

The **Parish Office** will reopen in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May. If the phone is unattended please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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.

**Eucharistic Adoration** will take place **this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May** after the morning Mass until 6.00pm and from then onwards we will revert to the usual day Wednesday beginning Eucharistic Adoration after the morning Mass and ending at 8.00pm.

## The Month of May

This year in May we celebrate the great feast of Ascension, Pentecost and The Holy Trinity. Here we celebrate our new life in the risen Christ. We are called as God's people. We are guided by the Holy Spirit who will teach us everything, to usher in a new era for our world and our Church. Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God; walk in peace under the protective presence of God's love; walk in faith, hope and love, knowing that Christ walks with us.

| 2 May   | Fifth Sunday of Easter                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9 May   | Sixth Sunday of Easter                                                                                                                               |
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| 11.00am | Brian Whelan (Month's Memory)<br>Ita, Masie & Patrick Kennedy<br>Betty Sherry<br>Gerard Ralph<br>Noel & Phil Shanley<br>Bridget & Michael McIntyre & the deceased members of the family<br>May & Tom Cline | 11.00am | Mary McIntyre (Month's Memory)<br>Paddy Dolan & the deceased members of the family<br>Julia Clarke<br>Maria & Martin Colfer<br>David & Eileen Conmey |

Monday Carmel Campbell & the deceased members of her family  
 Tuesday Frs Martin Burke & Fintan Cassidy & deceased priests of Ratoath & Ashbourne parishes.  
 Wednesday Mary McIntyre  
 Thursday Special Intention  
 Friday Mary & Liam Corcoran; Rita, Shona & Deirdre Cusack

Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you are not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking.

In today's gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe his relationship with his disciples. He tells them he is the vine and they are the branches. The life of Jesus flows into us and sustains us and this is the reason our lives can bear fruit in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome.

The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. If a branch is separated from the vine, it cannot flourish on its own. It must be connected to the vine from which it gets its nourishment.

Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to "remain" in him – to rest in him to be part of him. And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals: "you are the branches".

We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us and the way in which his love bears fruit in our lives.

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### Silence in Worship

Silence is an important element in all communication. It is particularly important to allow for silence as a part of the dialogue between God and the community of faith. It allows the voice of the Holy Spirit to be heard in the hearts of the people of God and to enable them to unite personal prayer more closely with the word of God and the public voice of the church. During liturgical silence all respond in their own way recollecting themselves, pondering what has been heard, petitioning and praising God in their inmost spirit.

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Accord Central Office is recruiting counsellors to train for the **Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)**. The programme, commencing in September 2021, is open to already qualified and experienced counsellors and psychotherapists to apply **on or before June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**. This programme will take place over 1 academic year: September 2021 to June 2022, is validated by the Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth and is equivalent to Level 8, 20 credits on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Given the current public health situation this training will take place in a blended format, over zoom and in person (as permitted by public health guidelines). The application form will be available on the ACCORD website <https://www.accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor>, for downloading and when completed can be submitted by email to Breda Landy Horgan [bhorgan@accord.ie](mailto:bhorgan@accord.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

**Meath Alzheimer Cafés** are now being held online. The next Virtual Café is on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am. Guest speaker is Mary Bolger, ASI Services Manager, will speak about "ASI Training and Homecare Services". 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](mailto:meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie) and you will receive an invitation to attend.

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.ratoathjuniornrs.ie](http://www.ratoathjuniornrs.ie) or phone 01 8256639 to request the form