



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

26th February 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

The **sick and the housebound** will be attended to in their homes on next Friday.

The **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent after the 9.45am Mass

We encourage all to make an effort during **Lent for prayer** by visiting the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time during Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays between 10.00am and 7.00pm in the family room of the church.

Please bring home a **Trocaire box** for Lent, to support the **annual Lenten appeal**. This year is the 50th anniversary of the launch of Trocaire. Over the years, the Irish people’s compassion and generosity have been an enduring source of inspiration and support in the fight against poverty and injustice. Your contributions have helped to build a better future for those who are most in need. With your support, Trocaire will continue to help bring lasting change to communities across the globe.

Blue Envelope Collection €2,780.30

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €1,348.50

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Special Collection for those affected by earthquake in Turkey and Syria:

The Bishops are taking up a special collection in all Dioceses in response to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Bishop Tom has suggested that a special collection should be taken up at all Masses on first weekend of March - 4th/5th March. So next weekend we will ask you to be generous for this appeal. The money will be sent to the Diocesan Office, which will then be forwarded to Trocaire who will work with Caritas in bringing relief to those who are in need.

Accord Navan’s **Marriage Preparation Course** dates 2023. We are pleased to let you know that our course dates up to the end of June 2023 are now available for booking on the Accord Website. Couples can book here: <https://www.courses.accord.ie/booking/listing/meath>. We are delighted to welcome couples back to in-person courses from 10/11 March 2023, at our Centre here in Navan

26 Feb	First Sunday of Lent	5 th March	Second Sunday of Lent
7.00pm	Peg Carey (Month’s Memory) David Lynch	7.00pm	Lily Mulvaney (Month’s Memory) Paddy & Colette Devenney
9.00am	Kay & Brendan Menton	9.00am	
11.00am	Ellen Dunne	11.00am	
12.15pm	James Rooney Geraldine Turley Brian Johnson Cepta & Russell McNabb Special Intention	12.15pm	Paddy Moore

Monday

Michael & Bridget Carey

Tuesday

Daniel O’Donovan

Wednesday

May & Joe Geraghty

Friday

Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Opening Words of the Homily of Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday

“Behold, now is the favourable time; behold, now is the day of salvation!” (2 Cor 6:2). With these words, the Apostle Paul helps us enter into the spirit of the Lenten season. Lent is indeed the “favourable time” to return to what is essential, to divest ourselves of all that weighs us down, to be reconciled with God, and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit hidden beneath the ashes of our frail humanity. Return to what is essential.

It is the season of grace when we put into practice what the Lord asks of us at the beginning of today’s first reading: “Return to me with all your heart” (Jl 2:12). Return to what is essential: it is the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, let us not neglect the grace of this holy season, but fix our gaze on the cross and set out, responding generously to the powerful promptings of Lent. At the end of the journey, we will encounter with greater joy the Lord of life, we will meet him, who alone can raise us up from our ashes.

St. Loman’s Hospital Cemetery – Remembrance Mass: Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 3pm in St. Paul’s Church, Delvin Road, Mullingar, in memory of people buried in St. Loman’s Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970 and to remember deceased patients and staff. Mass will also be livestreamed on www.mullingarparish.ie

Ratoath College Uniform fittings for incoming students 2023.

On following dates, Girls -Monday 27th February to Saturday 4th March and Boys 6th March to Saturday 11th March. Please note these dates for your diary.

There are **Walk-in Covid Vaccinations** available in Simonstown GAA Club for anyone who may wish to avail of them. Please check the HSE website <https://www.hse.ie> for days and opening times

Meath Alzheimer Cafés take place in the Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin. The next Alzheimer Café is on Wednesday 1st March from 7 to 9pm. Guest speaker is Cathriona Leddy, Public Health Nurse (PHN) on an Older Persons Team. She will speak about “The Role of the PHN in the Community / Care of the Older Person”. All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer’s Disease/Dementia are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee, and scones will be served. There is no charge for this service. Contact: 087 188 8178.

Are you looking for a way to contribute towards making Ireland a more inclusive society?

Could you give a couple of hours a week to helping migrants practise their English and feel welcome in our community? Would you consider being a voluntary tutor for a **conversational English Class** that is about to begin in Ratoath village? Resources and support will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Noel at 0892487364 or email outreach@cultur.ie .

These classes are supported by Cultúr Migrant Centre (cultur.ie).

Creative Writing Course in Claremont Stadium. A 6-week Creative Writing course starts Tuesday 14th March from 2 pm-4 pm in Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan.

To register call: 046 902 9693 or email events@claremontstadium.ie with your name and contact number. Registration is essential to secure a place. A registration fee of €15 applies.

This course is facilitated by Louth and Meath Education and Training Board.

Tús is a community based support work placement scheme for people aged 18 and over who are unemployed for over 12 months. Tús participants work for 19.5 hours per week in good quality local community settings. Benefits of participating include opportunities to learn new skills, dedicated 1:1 support with job searching, interview skills and c.v. updated, opportunities for further training and education. If you would like more information about the roles that are available in this area please contact Patricia mobile 089 4366800