



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

**Holy Hour** in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of Patrick Doody (The Village Green) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Lodged on 15<sup>th</sup> September €1,500 to the **Development Fund Account** and €1,010 to the **Blue Envelope Account**. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

The members of the **Altar Society** wish to **thank** all who supported the recent **church gate collection** which raised €1,019.80 This money is used by the altar society for flowers for the altar, linen for the church, cleaning equipment and other items in connection with the upkeep of the altar, sanctuary area and sanctuary in our church. Thank you for your generosity.

**Introduction to the Bible on Kells Parish webcam.** Beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Fr. John Byrne will continue his introduction to the Bible. This time he will introduce the Gospel of Luke. The webcam sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays at 12 noon. Each session will last 25 minutes (approx). You can access the talks on [www.kellsparish.ie](http://www.kellsparish.ie) and click on Webcam.

## First Holy Communion

We congratulate the boys and girls of St Paul's National School and Rathbeggan National School who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

We thank their parents who supported them on their faith journey this year and we are grateful too for the support of the school principals and teachers who guided and assisted them in what was a difficult year.

Churches can now operate to **50% of capacity** for all ceremonies. So all **Masses, funerals and all other services** can operate at 50% capacity, except in the case of marriages, the limit of which remains at 100 persons until 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

19 Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Ray Fox (Months Memory) Jim & Lydia Everard Peter Murray John & Maura Foley	7.00pm	Robert Brunton James & Patricia Reilly Ronan Cahill Liam Woods Grace Jordan
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	James & Peggy Farrell	11.00am	John & Nora Looney Kathy Jack Nulty Thomas & Maria Nulty
12.15pm		12.15pm	Pudsar Toole Rodger & Elizabeth Corcoran Paddy McDermott Alice & Patrick Beggy Vincent Donnelly

Monday James Lynam  
Wednesday John Roche & Special Intention

Tuesday Evan Ormand  
Thursday Special Intention

On today's gospel Jesus is instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He took a little child and said to his disciples "whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me"

As we continue our journey through the Season of Creation, we are reminded of Pope Francis' words in On Care for our Common Home, where he challenges us to reflect: "what kind of world d we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up ?" In the context of the environmental crises our world is facing, how are we welcoming the generations to come?

Pope Francis does not hold back when referring to the challenges; "we may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth". We know that climate change and biodiversity are driving so many problems in our world at present. As the pope has said "climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day". Yet our pace of consumption does not ease. Young people are standing up and calling governments and world leaders to account, rightly concerned about their future.

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### **Pope Francis at the final Mass on his journey to Slovakia on Wednesday last**

In what was the final public event of his Apostolic Journey to Slovakia, Pope Francis on Wednesday morning celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Sorrow with an open-air Mass in Šaštín.

The town, some 71 kilometers north of the Slovak capital Bratislava, is home to the National Marian Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, the patroness of Slovakia. Some 90 bishops and more than 500 priests concelebrated at the Mass, attended by some 60,000 faithful.

In his homily for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Pope reflected on Mary's faith as a journey, a prophecy and as compassion.

Firstly, the Pope said, Mary's faith sets her on a journey. After hearing the message of the angel, she did not consider it a privilege to be chosen as the Mother of the Saviour; she did not lose the simple joy of her humility; she did not keep thinking about herself within the four walls of her house. Rather, after experiencing the gift she had received as a mission to be carried out, she went to visit and assist Elizabeth, her cousin. "She chose the unknowns of the journey over the comfort of her daily routines, the weariness of travel over the peace and quiet of home; the risk of a faith that makes our lives a loving gift to others over a placid piety." The Pope said the rest of her life would be a journey in the footsteps of her Son, as the first of his disciples, even to Calvary, to the foot of the cross.

Pope Francis held out the Blessed Virgin to Slovaks as a model of faith that involves journeying, a faith inspired by simple and sincere devotion, a constant pilgrimage to seek the Lord. It's a journey that overcomes the temptation to a passive and ritual faith, and makes life a pilgrimage of love towards God and their brothers and sisters. He urged Slovakia's Catholics to persevere on this journey without stopping.

The Pope said Slovakia today needs Christians, who are "weavers of dialogue where hostility is growing; models of fraternal life where society is experiencing tension and hostility; bringers of the sweet fragrance of hospitality and solidarity where personal and collective selfishness too often prevails, protectors and guardians of life where the culture of death reigns".

The Mother of Sorrows remains at the foot of the cross, without running away, trying to save herself, or finding ways to alleviate her grief. She stands there weeping with the faith that knows that, in her Son, God transfigures pain and suffering and triumphs over death.

Pope Francis encouraged Christians to a faith that becomes compassion, identifying themselves with the needy, those who are hurt, suffering and are forced to bear heavy crosses. It is a faith that does not remain abstract but becomes incarnate in fellowship with those in need. It is a faith that imitates God's way of doing things, quietly relieving the suffering of our world and watering the soil of history with salvation.