



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

10th September 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm
New adorers always welcome.

We welcome Jamie Purcell; Ava Maria, Ivan and Riadh da Silva; Ollie Corrigan; Conor Gibney and Skye Kenny into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Altar Servers Required: Children and Young Adults: As the new school term begins again, we are looking for children in 4th or 5th or 6th class to become altar servers. The role of the altar server is very important in the Church as they give us valuable assistance each weekend. As well as children, we are also asking young adults to consider the option of serving at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday and to join the existing team of young adults. If you would like to join, please talk to Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna.

New Cantors: As we resume our ceremonies after the Summer break, we are looking for a few **new cantors** who will supplement our existing team of cantors. If you are interested, we would be grateful if you would contact our organist Mary or Fr Gerry in the next while.

Retreat in An Tobar, Ardbracan, Navan on Sunday 17th Sept beginning with 10.00 am Mass and finishing at 4.00 pm, €30 inc. lunch. Arranged by the Legion of Mary. Contact May 087 133 4872

Radio Maria: as part of their mission to share The Good News and promote home-based faith communities in our parishes, Parish Cells of Evangelisation will present a six week programme exploring parish cells on Radio Maria, commencing Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00pm.

Meath Samuel Group: (young adults, age 18-39) - do you want to strengthen and develop your daily prayer life? Join Meath Samuel Group. Meet one Sunday a month, from October to May, at St. Mary's in Navan for a talk, Holy Hour, and Mass, and commit to daily prayer. It's free! Find out more at www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Irish dancing Classes are held in The Venue, Ratoath every Tuesday at 4 pm.
Any enquiries contact: srncob@gmail.com

| 10 Sept | Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17 Sept | Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| 7.00pm | Jim & Lydia Everard Thomas, Kathleen & Martin Madden Bridie Lynch Catherina Burke Edward Gannon (Birthday Remembrance) | 7.00pm | Liam Woods |
| 9.00am | Charlie Synnott | 9.00am | Kathleen Gunn Kathleen & Jimmy Cusack |
| 11.00am | Connie Burgess | 11.00am | |
| 12.15pm | Mairead Reck Jack Foley Joe Keogh | 12.15pm | |

Monday Special Intention
 Wednesday Josie Brannigan & Patricia McAuley
 Thursday Jim Landy & Mattie Kerrigan

Tuesday Special Intention
 Friday Margaret Murrihy

**Pope Francis reflecting on his journey to Mongolia
at the General Audience on Wednesday.**

On Monday I returned from Mongolia. I would like to express my appreciation to those who accompanied me on my visit with prayer, and to reiterate my gratitude to the authorities, who solemnly welcomed me. I think back with joy of the local Church and the Mongolian people: a noble and wise people, who showed me great warmth and affection.

One might ask: why did the Pope go so far to visit a small flock of the faithful? Because it is precisely there, far from the spotlight, that we often find the signs of the presence of God, who does not look at appearances, but at the heart, as we have heard in the passage from the prophet Samuel. The Lord does not look for the centre-stage, but the simple heart of those who desire him and love him without ostentation, without wanting to tower above others..

That community has a touching history. It came about, by the grace of God, from the apostolic zeal of a few missionaries who, impassioned by the Gospel, went about thirty years ago to that country they did not know. They learned the language – which is not easy – and, despite coming from different nations, gave life to a united and truly Catholic community.. This is how the Church lives: bearing witness to the love of Jesus meekly, with life before words, happy with its true riches: service to the Lord and to brethren.

This is how that young Church was born: in the spirit of charity, which is the best witness of faith. At the end of my visit, I had the joy of blessing and opening the “House of Mercy”, the first charitable work that to be established in Mongolia as an expression of all the components of the local Church. A house that is the calling card of those Christians, but that asks every one of our communities to be a *house of mercy*: that is, an open place, a welcoming place, where the sufferings of each person can enter without shame in contact with God’s mercy, that lifts up and heals. This is the witness of the Mongolian Church, with missionaries from various countries who feel at one with the people, happy to serve them and to discover the beauty already there.

Season of Creation - September 1st to October 4th

A Four Direction Prayer

Let us turn our hearts to the West
From there the thunders bring us cleansing rain.
Creator God, heal us and our relatives.

Let us turn our hearts to the North
Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.
Creator God, restore our strength.

Let us turn our hearts to the East
The morning begins each day there.
Creator God, awake us and help us to walk with a renewed life.

Let us turn our hearts to the South
Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy.
Creator God, soothe our aching souls.

Let us turn our hearts to the Sky
From there our Creator sees all around us.
Creator God, help us to trust you to lead us.

Let us turn our heart to the Earth
From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.
Creator God, hear us as we pray.

(adapted from the Diocese of Western North Carolina – Anglican Indigenous Ministries)