



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

26th 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 Cathal Daly (Glascarn Lane) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Introduction to the Bible on Kells Parish webcam. Fr. John Byrne will continue his introduction to the Bible as he continues his talks on 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 and click on Webcam.

We cannot force God into a relationship. God comes to us on his own initiative and no discipline, effort or ascetic practice can make him come. All mystics stress with an impressive unanimity that prayer is “grace” – that is, a free gift from God, to which we can only respond with gratitude. But they hasten to add that this precious gift indeed is within our reach.

In Jesus Christ, God has entered into our lives in the most intimate way, so we could enter into his life through the Spirit.

Henri Nouwen from Reaching Out

Rathbeggan N.S. enrolling now. Call 018259891 or www.rathbegganns.ie for further information

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 22nd October.

26 Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Robert Brunton James & Patricia Reilly Ronan Cahill Liam Woods Grace Jordan	7.00pm	Patrick Cowley Kiva Corr Christy Fagan John, Bridget & Eugene Eiffe
9.00am		9.00am	John Moore (Month's Memory) Anthony, Mary Kate & Michael Gaughan
11.00am	John & Nora Looney Kathy Jack Nulty Thomas & Maria Nulty	11.00am	John Roche (Month's Memory) Alice Burke Tom & Kathy Brennan & the deceased members of the family Michael & Mai Carey
12.15pm	Pudsar Toole Roger & Elizabeth Corcoran Paddy McDermott Alice & Patrick Beggy Vincent Donnelly	12.15pm	Sean McGrath Michael Scannell

Monday	Special Intentions	Tuesday	Special Intention
Wednesday	John Moore; Johnny Carey & Lil O'Sullivan		
Thursday	May Cline		
Friday	Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead		

Reflection on the Gospel

from Intercom

In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on into the gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down the “little ones”. It is a lesson in tolerance and a call to care for the weak and vulnerable.

During the Season of Creation we are reflecting on the call to Restore Our Common Home and care more deeply for God’s creation, to live out our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork. This means being aware of the facts of the crisis so that we can discern where we are being called to act. Scientists tell us that we are now living through the 6th mass extinction of life on the planet because of the catastrophic destruction of biodiversity due to human activity. We have plundered the earth. We are also aware that our world faces a devastating climate crisis.

This Autumn, two vital UN conferences are due to take place, the UN Conference on Biodiversity (known as COP15) in China and UN Conference on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow. Catholics all over the world have been invited to sign a petition addressed to the Presidents of these conferences, to raise our voices for God’s creation and encourage world leaders to take the necessary action.

This petition is called “Healthy Planet, Healthy People” and has been endorsed by the Vatican as the main action for Catholics to take during this Season of Creation. It is something we can all easily do by going to www.thecatholicpetition.org and inviting our family and friends to do the same. By taking part in this way, we are standing in solidarity with young people, with the poor who suffer the most from environmental destruction and with creation.

Excerpt from the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees 26th September 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

.....The highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.

The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer *others*, but only a single “we”, encompassing all of humanity.

Thus I would like to use this World Day to address the Catholic faithful.

For the members of the Catholic Church, this appeal entails a commitment to becoming ever more faithful to our being “catholic”, as Saint Paul reminded the community in Ephesus: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism”.

The Holy Spirit enables us to embrace everyone, to build communion in diversity, to unify differences without imposing a depersonalized uniformity. In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are by right members of both their local ecclesial community and the one Church, dwellers in one home and part of one family....

In our day, the Church is called to go out into the streets of every existential periphery in order to heal wounds and to seek out the straying, without prejudice or fear, without proselytising, but ready to widen her tent to embrace everyone. Among those dwelling in those existential peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached. “The current influx of migrants can be seen as a new “frontier” for mission, a privileged opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message at home, and to bear concrete witness to the Christian faith in a spirit of charity and profound esteem for other religious communities.