



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

13th February 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of Nicky Sherry (Mooretown) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Standing Orders for January €3,941.79 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Next Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

Confirmation on Friday 18th February

We welcome Bishop Deenihan to the parish this Friday when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the boys and girls of Sixth Class in Ratoath Senior NS; St Paul's NS and Rathbeggan NS

There will be four ceremonies – 10am; 12noon; 2.00pm and 4.00pm

We wish the boys and girls every blessing in this special day in their young lives. We thank all their teachers and the whole school community who have guided and supported and prepared the children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament. Their parents, too, have had a very special role in supporting the boys and girls for this day.

From the prayer that the bishop will recite at the laying on of hands in the ceremony of Confirmation. *“Send your Holy Spirit upon these sons and daughters to be their helper and guide.*

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of right judgment and courage; the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen”

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fully Escorted Trip 1st June 2022. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Henry.

Visiting: Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tiberias and more. Cost: €1895.00 HB.

Details from: Travaline.ie Navan Travel 0818 333990 www.travaline.ie

Ratoath College. In coming first year students for September 2022. Fittings takes place in Blondells for girls on 28th February and Saturday 5th March and for boys on Monday 7th and Saturday 12th March.

13 Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm		7.00pm	
9.00am		9.00am	Martin Cusack
11.00am	Kathleen Staunton (Month's Memory) Claire Butler David Nelson	11.00am	
12.15pm	Martin Cusack (Month's Memory) Nuala Callaghan Damien Corr Louise Kelly	12.15pm	Jimmy & Peter Brady

Monday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Special Intention
Eileen Gilsenan & Special Intention
Special Intention
No morning Mass due to Confirmation ceremonies.

Tuesday

Special Intention

Reflection on Sundays' Gospel

Blessed are we.

Blessed are the people who have lost a lot - isn't this what Jesus is saying?

People who have lost money and are poor,
who have lost love and who weep,
who have lost food and are hungry.

And we can think of people who have lost a lot, who are refugees or out of work,
who are lonely or without friends, and wonder what sort of happiness is this?

We can only ask if there have been times when life seemed very empty and yet there was peace.

When children leave home, either because they want to or have to;
when husband or wife dies, when marriage breaks up, when family relationships go sour,
the soul and heart are opened, and the love and care of God may enter.

Or in the middle of the pain and disappointments,
we know that some other energy is around, that gives another peace,
not in the place of what we have missed, but alongside it.

And we begin to know that there are many happiness,
some can last, like love and convictions,
some last just a while, like youth and health,
some last forever, like faith, hope, and love,
and one blessing nobody can take from us is the relationship we have with God in Jesus,
for in all life's experiences is a space for the blessing of God.

Altar Servers

As restrictions are lifted, we are looking for new altar servers and we want to welcome back existing altar servers. The role of the altar server is very important as they give valuable assistance at our weekend Masses. Becoming an altar server is a good way for children to be involved in the Church. We are now recruiting altar servers from children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes.

If parents are willing to give consent, we ask you to come to the sacristy after any Mass at the weekend or call to the Parish Office and pick up a consent form.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission The Synodal Pathway in the Diocese of Meath

All the baptised in the Diocese of Meath are invited to participate in the synodal process during Lent 2022. Opportunities to engage in the process locally will be announced soon.

The Synodal Process is first and foremost a spiritual process. It is not a mechanical data-gathering exercise or a series of meetings and debates. Synodal listening is oriented towards discernment. ... We listen to each other, to our faith tradition, and to the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us. Pope Francis characterizes the two interrelated goals of this process of listening: "to listen to God, so that with him we may hear the cry of his people; to listen to his people until we are in harmony with the will to which God calls us."

To learn more about synodality see www.synod.ie www.dioceseofmeath.ie/news/universal-synod/

The Diocese of Meath has a **Safeguarding Children Policy**; you may access this on www.meathsafeguarding.ie