



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

23rd June 2024

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on the Sundays of July and August

We welcome Orla Kelleher, Brid Johnson, Hazel Fahy, Maya Engles and Jack Greene into the Christian community. There were **baptised** recently.

Congratulations to Laura Cluskey and Jack McCormick who were **married** during the week.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Mary Mulvaney (St. Oliver's Park) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

Our parish secretary Maureen Butler retired on Friday last after over 25 years as Parish Secretary.

Maureen was the first point of contact for so many people who came to the parish office or who phoned or emailed the office.

Over the years she got to know so many in our parish and had a great knowledge and understanding of the community. Maureen was a dedicated, diligent and committed secretary who was generous with her time. She was so kind to us in the parish office and house and was unfailingly loyal.

We wish Maureen every good wish and blessing in her retirement.

On the Move

As you all know by now, Fr Gerry will resign as Parish Priest of Ratoath and Administrator of Ardcah and Curraha parishes on 5th July and will continue to serve as assistant priest in Ratoath parish.

Fr Yohanna will transfer to Curraha Parochial House assisting in Curraha and Ardcah parishes while continuing his doctoral studies in St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Fr Michael Cahill, the present parish of Johnstown is appointed as Parish Priest in Ratoath and Administrator of Ardcah and Curraha parishes, and will take up his position on 5th July.

23 June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Brendan & Eileen Boylan Edna O'Gorman Agnes & Michael O'Hare & deceased members of the family Mary & James O'Neill	7.00pm	Christy & Christina Rooney
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Kathleen Kenny Cathal Dunlop Margaret, Val & Cormach Murrihy	11.00am	
12.15pm	Colum Curtis (Month's Memory) Laura Donohoe Deirdre Cusack-Fairbrother Bernard Fisher	12.15pm	Thomas Shaw

Monday

Margaret Bowler

Tuesday

Margaret, Val & Cormach Murrihy

Reflection on today's gospel

Our faith does not preserve us from the storms of life, no more than they preserved Jesus, but it can enable us to remain at peace in the midst of the storm.

Jesus rebuked his disciples for their lack of faith in God, their lack of trust.

Jesus was with them; that should have been enough for them, even as the storm howled.

Jesus is with us too as risen Lord, as we battle with our own storms in life.

If we keep our focus on him at such times, we will come to share in his own peace and rest.

Fr Martin Hogan

Feast Days in the Coming Week

Monday – The Nativity of St John the Baptist

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ursday – **Feast of St Cyril** (370-444) Patriarch of Alexandria and was at the Council of Ephesus in 43, where Mary was proclaimed the Mother of God

Friday- **Feast of St Irenaeus**, born about the year 130 AD.

He was brought up in Smyrna and was a disciple of St Polycarp.

He became bishop of Lyons, the largest trading centre in Gaul.

Tradition has it that he was martyred around the year 200.

Saturday- **Feast of St Peter and St Paul**. St Peter became the leader of the apostles and the rock on which the church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64AD

St Paul, became the “apostle of the Gentiles” was martyred by beheading around 67 AD

The basket collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend is the **Peter's Pence Collection**.

This collection, taken up in every church throughout the world, supports the work of the Pope as he respond to the needs of the church and through the charitable works of the Pope on behalf of those most in need.

Loughcrew Sunday takes place next Sunday 30th June.

Mass at 3pm in Loughcrew Gardens, Oldcastle, the birthplace of St Oliver Plunkett.

This year marks the 49th Anniversary of his Canonisation in Rome by St Pope Paul VI in 1975.

Retreat for Young Adults (18-40 yrs) St. Columban's Dalgan Park, Navan on Saturday 6th July (10am -5.30pm) *'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.'*

(St. Augustine). A time to reflect, with time apart from the hustle of modern life. Mass, helpful talks, adoration, confession, spiritual direction if desired, walks through delightful woodlands etc.

Cost: €20 suggested (lunch and snacks provided). Contact; Sr Una 090 6481666

The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** began on Friday 31st May and continues until 15th August

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. www.joewalshstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800

The **Ratoath Choir** conducted by Rebecca Rodgers with special guest performance in Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath on Thursday 27th June. Doors open at 7.15pm; concert 7.30pm. Adults €10, Kids €5. Cash on the doors. Proceeds to the Mater Hospital Foundation

Alzheimers Group has their monthly gathering next Friday 28th June from 11am to 1pm in the Ratoath Community Centre.