



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

16th October 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

Congratulations to **Fr Yohanna** who received **First Class Honours** in his Masters Degree in Moral Theology from the Pontifical University at St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

It is a wonderful achievement and well deserved.

We wish Fr Yohanna every good wish as he continues his studies for his doctorate in Moral Theology.

Please pray for the **repose of the souls** of Fergus Murray (Cabra) brother of Anthony Murray (The Old Mill) and Ann Kenna (England), sister of Margaret McCabe (Dunshaughlin Road) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Standing Orders for September €3,207.24 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Next Sunday 23rd October is Mission Sunday

The theme for World Mission Sunday this year, which the Church will celebrate around the world next Sunday 23rd October, is 'You Shall Be My Witnesses'.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

On World Mission Sunday, collections will take place at Masses throughout the universal Church so that Catholics might give what they can to help support struggling dioceses in the developing world. The Mission Sunday collection promotes the work of missionaries in poor and remote communities. The funds raised will help build vital infrastructure, including churches, medical clinics, nurseries and schools. Please support the **Mission Sunday collection** at the Masses next weekend.

November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/friends who are no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. We ask you to fill them in and return them to the box at the back of the church called List of the Dead, before early November. All those on the parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses in November and on the first Fridays of every month.

16 Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 Oct	Mission Sunday
7.00pm	Willie Kissane & Sandra Buttner Deirdre & Colman Corcoran Joe & Peggy Lynch James & Margaret Nolan	7.00pm	Michael Maher Atti McCasserty Kitty, Joe, Paul & Margaret Sherwin Tom Murphy
9.00am	Mella Everard & Anne Kenny Maureen Regan	9.00am	
11.00am	Youlanda Kelly The deceased members of the Brennan family (Cabin Hill) Alice Burke	11.00am	Joe & Masie McCormack
12.15pm	Adrian Madden	12.15pm	Declan Sweeney Dick Donnelly Irene O'Leary Miriam Browne

Monday

T P Smith

Wednesday

Tuesday

Kathleen Mernagh

Phil & Jim Eiffe

Bishops appeal to Government to extend energy-cost support to local community facilities which are not grant aided

In welcoming certain *Budget 2023* measures that were announced by Government on 27 September last, specifically to provide financial support to households, businesses, sports organisations and voluntary organisations facing rapid inflationary energy costs, bishops noted the lack of assistance for community facilities which are not grant aided. Such public utilities include parish centres, community halls and church building themselves.

Bishops stated that, “especially during winter church buildings are frequented by the homeless and vulnerable to keep warm and to be safe. With soaring heating costs, the numbers seeking to spend part of their day in such settings can be expected to rise dramatically. However, the related energy costs are also rising rapidly to the point where it is difficult to see how drastic closures can be avoided. To address this dilemma, we urge Government to make assistance available so that these vital community resources can remain open on a sustainable basis throughout this stressful period, and to offer grant support to equip such facilities to be more energy efficient in the future.”

Message of Pope Francis sent to the Bishop of Raphoe on the tragic events in Creeslough.

“His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the loss of life and destruction caused by the explosion in Creeslough and he expresses his spiritual closeness to all those suffering in the aftermath of this tragedy.

While entrusting the deceased to the merciful love of Almighty God, His Holiness implores the divine blessings of consolation and healing upon the injured, the displaced and the families coping with pain of loss. As a pledge of strength and peace in the Lord, the Holy Father sends his blessing to all the people of Ireland”.

The Pope’s Intentions for the month of October:

For a Church open to everyone:

“We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.”

Introduction to the bible on Kells webcam: Fr. John Byrne will continue with his talks on the Acts of the Apostles on Mondays at 12 noon. Each session will last 25-30 minutes. You can access the talks as you would the Mass each day on www.kellsparish.ie. The sessions will be recorded.

For queries, you may contact Fr. John on email: jplowebyrne@gmail.co

A **safeguarding meeting** for all safeguarding representatives, clergy and all adults involved in activities for children/ young people will be held in Ashbourne Parish Centre on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm

A meeting of the **Parish Liturgy Committee** will take place next Tuesday 18th October at 8.00pm

A meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** will be held on Wednesday 19th October at 8.00pm

Meath County Council’s **Meath Age Friendly Older Persons** council event taking place in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Wednesday 19th October 11am-2pm. Please register at community@meathcoco.ie or contact Áine Bird in the Community Section 046 9097400 if you wish to attend.

Meath Befriending Service aims to help reduce loneliness and isolation through a weekly home visit from a Befriender. To avail of this service or make a referral contact Eva at 0858622496, or email eva.ofarrell@meathpartnershi