



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

27th September 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. All are welcome.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 27th September - <https://youtu.be/XgYCDK7T-rw>

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 4th October - <https://youtu.be/n8F64QnScIw>

We welcome Cillian McGuinness, Teagan Sweeney, David Thomas and Ben Kelly into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Congratulations to Kathryn Reddin & Declan Comiskey who were **married** during the week.

Blue Envelopes lodged on 18th September €910 and **White Envelopes** lodged on 21st September €1,425. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity at this time.

Vocations: The Diocese of Meath currently has three seminarians in preparation for priesthood.

The new vocations director is Fr Tony Gonoude who can be contacted on 033-9373923.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Saints of the Week

Tuesday:	Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.
Wednesday:	Feast of St Jerome (340-420) who translated the bible into Latin.
Thursday:	Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, popularly known as the little flower of Jesus Declared a doctor of the church by Saint John Paul II in 1997
Friday	Feast of the Guardian Angels

Ratoath Junior National School: Notice re enrolment of children for 2021/22.

If you have a child or know of a child who is due to start school in the year 2021/22 and wishes to be considered for a place in Ratoath Junior National School The Parents/Guardians of the child should fill out and submit our "Notification of Enrolment Form " available on the school web site

www.ratoathjuniornrs.ie or phone 01 8256639 to request the form.

27 Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Patricia & James Reilly	7.00pm	Patrick Cowley
9.00am		9.00am	Mary Kate, Michael & Anthony Gaughan
11.00am	John & Nora Looney Harry & Emily Elmes	11.00am	Charles & Elizabeth Keogh & deceased members of the family Alice Burke Michael & Mary Carey
12.15pm	Paddy McDermott	12.15pm	Sean McGrath Michael Scannell

Monday	Joe & Ella Kennedy & the deceased members of the family
Tuesday	John Carey & Lily O'Sullivan
Wednesday	Colette Smith
Thursday	May & Tom Cline
Friday	Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Reflection of the Sunday Gospel

Good Intentions

During the recent “lockdown” due to the Covid -19 pandemic, many people found themselves turning to nature. There was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of the challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonders of God’s creation all around us.

As life begins to return to “normal”, can we retain this sense of wonder and awe?

In this season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gift of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation.

This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are of living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions.

In today’s gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father’s vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work.

While the second son has good intentions, he doesn’t follow through.

When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter.

We may have been careless in the past but a change of heart is happening, right across our society.

It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities.

As we emerge from a challenging few months, let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God’s beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

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*“Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light”.*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Introductory Words of Pope Francis at the General Audience last Wednesday.

To better come out of a crisis like the current one, which is a health crisis and at the same time a social, political and economic crisis, each of us is called to take on his share of responsibility, that is, to share responsibilities. We must respond not only as individuals, but also starting from our group to which we belong, from our role in society, from our principles and, if we are believers, from faith in God. Often, however, many people cannot participate in the reconstruction of the common good because they are marginalized, excluded or ignored; certain social groups are unable to contribute to it because they are economically or politically suffocated. In some societies, many people are not free to express their faith and values, their ideas: if they express them they go to jail. Somewhere else, especially in the Western world, many self-repress their ethical or religious beliefs. But in this way we cannot get out of the crisis, or in any case we cannot get out of it better. We will come out for the worse.

So that we can all participate in the care and regeneration of our peoples, it is right that everyone has adequate resources to do so.

On the one hand, and especially in times of change, when individuals, families, small associations or local communities are not able to achieve the primary objectives, then it is right that the highest levels of the social body intervene, such as the state, to provide the necessary resources to move forward.

On the other hand, however, the top management of society must respect and promote the intermediate or lower levels. Indeed, the contribution of individuals, families, associations, businesses, all intermediate bodies and even the Churches is decisive. These, with their own cultural, religious, economic or civic participation resources, revitalize and strengthen the social body. That is, there is a collaboration from top to bottom, from the central state to the people and from the bottom up: of the formations of the people above. And this is precisely the exercise of the principle of subsidiarity.