



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

22nd November 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Suspended.

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 Paul McConnon (Australia) formally of Meadowbank Hill who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Lisa Petherbridge and Conan Sinclair who were **married** during the week.

Blue Envelopes lodged €895 on 30th October and €1,775 on 6th November

White Envelopes lodged €1,750 on 6th November

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity at this time.

There is an **online donation facility** on the Parish Website – www.ratoathparish.ie

The Month of the Holy Souls

List of the Dead sheets are available at the back of the church. Completed lists can be left into the parish office, as soon as possible.

All those on the parish list of the dead are remembered at all the Masses during the month of November and on the first Friday of every month.

All Masses are suspended except for funerals and weddings, where only 25 people are permitted to attend. Baptisms are also cancelled. The church will remain open during the day for private prayer and we do encourage parishioners to call in to pray.

It is good to keep up the rhythm of our prayer in these days of anxiety and worry for so many.

The 11.00am Sunday Mass will be streamed and the link can be found on the parish website

www.ratoathparish.ie

Mass Intentions: During level 5 of the government framework for living with Covid 19, the intentions that were scheduled for the next number of Sundays will now be offered at the 11.00am streamed Mass, unless advised otherwise by families.

Distribution of Parish Envelopes

In early December the envelopes for 2021 will be distributed. We are most grateful to all who distribute the envelopes for us, as they are an important source of income for the parish. We are looking for a few more people who might be willing to give up an hour of their time to help with the distribution of envelopes for us. If you can help us, would you please ring the parish office (01-8256207) and leave your name with Maureen.

22 Nov	Feast of Christ the King	29 Nov	First Sunday of Advent
11.00am	Dick Donnelly (Months Memory) Irene O'Leary (Months Memory) Una Fitzmaurice (Months Memory) Bernard & Michael McIntyre Tom & Rosemary Wallace Attracta & Colm Donnelly Joe & Teasy Gorman Michael Ryder Paul McConnon	11.00am	Olive McCann Anna & Frank O'Reilly Patsy & Christy Smith Ciaran Kilcline & the deceased members of the Kavanagh family Nicky O'Connor Frank & Molly Maher The deceased members of the Butler family Christy Donnelly Larry & Kathleen Murphy Owen Boylan

Reflection for “The Feast of Christ the King”

A Different Sort of King

Today’s gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting in the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew’s Gospel that kings, like Herod, were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairytales, movies and TV shows- that all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down.

He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear.

Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock.

He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom.

He is in solidarity with the “least” of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as “brothers”.

Jesus’ kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness.

He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome.

There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day.

Such love for others is love for God: “In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me”.

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“In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love”. *St John of the Cross*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. The stipend for a Mass is €10

Monday is the Feast of St Columban (Columbanus). Born around 543. He became a monk at Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to “go on pilgrimage for Christ”, he set out with twelve companions and went to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest Irish missionary monks.

A little laugh in the midst of the pandemic!!!

Protocol for the Establishment of Cribs for Christmas 2020

1. A maximum of 4 shepherds will be permitted in the Crib.
2. All will have to wear a mask and observe social distancing.
3. Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus will be able to stay together as they form part of a family bubble.
4. The donkey and the ox will have to obtain a declaration of non contamination certified by the Department of Agriculture.
5. The Three Wise Men will be subject to a 15 day quarantine, regardless of whether or not they have tested negative for Covid as they come from a non-Schengen Area.
6. The straw, moss, palm branches and other decorations must be disinfected with alcohol.
7. The angel flying over the Crib will not be allowed due to aerosol effect produced by the battering of his wings.
8. The choir will be restricted to one person because of the risk of contamination.
9. No shepherd shall be more than 65 years old or in a vulnerable category.
10. Pilate will explain to authorised participants how to wash their hands.