



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

14th April 2024

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Donald Conran (Powderlough) and Joe Clarke (Porterstown Lane) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

We welcome Eadhla Flynn, Theodore Smyth, Sophie O’Hare and Tom Barnes into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Next weekend we welcome the boys and girls of Second class for their last **“Do This in Memory of Me Mass”** before their First Communion in May. We welcome them along with their parents who are supporting them on their faith journey this year. We ask you to keep them in your prayers in these final weeks of preparation.

Next Sunday is **Vocations Sunday** and the basket collection at the Masses if for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage 2024 at Knock Shrine on this Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April. See the church notice board for further details.

The Pope’s Intention for April

For the role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Trocaire Boxes should be returned now. Your contribution can be placed in the box beside the Baptismal Font. Please do not leave Trocaire boxes at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support to this year’s Lenten campaign, which will make a real difference to the lives of so many who struggling with poverty, injustice, war and climate change.

Standing Orders for March €2,480.95 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

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

Applications are now open at St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth **for postgraduate programmes** in Theological Studies, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry and Liturgy. More information is available at sppu.ie or by calling 01 708 4778.

14 April	Third Sunday of Easter	21 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter
7.00pm	Mick Lagan	7.00pm	Lorraine Keller (Month’s Memory) Angela Daly
9.00am		9.00am	Charlie Reilly (Month’s Memory) Mattie McCabe
11.00am		11.00am	Pierce Glynn
12.15pm	Paul Doran Noel Eiffe	12.15pm	Tony Donnelly Anthony King

Meetings this Week

A meeting of the Board of Management of **Ratoath Senior National School** will take place in the school on Monday 15th April at 7.00pm

A meeting of the Board of Management of **Ratoath Junior National School** will take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm

A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Assembly** will take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm

A meeting of the Board of Management of **Rathbeggan National School** will take place in the school on Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm

From Darkness to Light – refecton on the gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

In all the Easter work of Jesus, he led the disciples out of the darkness into light, out of sadness into joy, out of isolation into community, giving the living bread of hope for the dry bread of their disappointment.

He did this by sharing himself with them, sharing the scripture that spoke of him, and the bread that was his body.

No long instructions, no long exhortations, just the openness of sharing himself with them.

This is his plea to us, his Church:

Be light in darkness, be joy in sadness,

Be community in isolation,

Be Eucharist to dry bread,

Be wholeness to broken life.

(from Communion Reflections by Donal Neary S.J.)

Immigration and integration: “through encounter, we will all be enriched”

At their Spring meeting the Irish Bishops discussed how Ireland welcomes immigrants, refugees and people seeking asylum. They expressed the hope that through encounter, we will all be enriched by the presence and contributions of new people to our society and Church.

In that regard, the bishops restated that racism – whether online or on our streets – is always wrong and sinful, and should have no part in Irish life.

The bishops also expressed the need for greater efforts to integrate people coming to Ireland into our communities and that Government and those with responsibility need to do more to fulfil their commitment to integration.

In doing so there is a need to work actively with local communities so that the needs of all, especially housing, be addressed in a meaningful way.

SeniorLine: SeniorLine is Ireland’s national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine’s older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don’t be alone if sharing a problem would help