



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

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

Congratulations to Aisling Dolly and Luke Treacy who were **married** last weekend.

**On the Fridays of Lent:** The Stations of the Cross will be held after the 9.45am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Fridays from 5.00pm to 8.00pm

## Words of Pope Francis at the end of the General Audience on Wednesday last

I would like to take a minute to remember the victims of the war. The news of displaced persons, of people fleeing, of people killed, people wounded, of so many soldiers fallen on both sides, is news of death.

We ask the Lord of life to deliver us from this death of war: with war everything is lost, everything. There is no victory in a war: everything is defeated.

May the Lord send His Spirit to make us understand that war is a defeat of humanity, which we need to defeat, all of us; that waging war is a need that destroys us, and to deliver us from this need for self-destruction.

We pray, too, for leaders to understand that buying weapons and making weapons is not the solution to the problem. The solution is to work together for peace and, as the Bible says, to turn weapons into instruments for peace.

## The Synod and the Ratoath Deanery

A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place in **Ashbourne Church on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm**. Everyone will be welcome to come to this Mass, asking God to bless the parishes in the Ratoath deanery as we set out to discover God's will for the church and how best to strengthen the faith in our parishes.

Ratoath Junior and National School parents and teachers should note that there will be **traffic delays** on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30am to 4.30pm due to road works and installation of speed ramps.

27 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent	3 April	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7.00pm		7.00pm	Bill Eiffe
9.00am	Oliver Carthy Thomas & Tommy Everard Cyril & Una Brennan	9.00am	
11.00am	Noel Duggan	11.00am	Ray Murphy
12.15pm	Noel Martin David & Betty Colfer	12.15pm	Brian Whelan (First Anniversary) Mary McIntyre Dick & Chris Donnelly Con, Ellen, Mary and baby Laoise Buckley

Monday  
Thursday  
Friday

Special Intention  
Tommy Farrell & Special Intention  
Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Tuesday

Bill Mannering

**Thanks** to everyone who so generously donated supplies to the **Ukrainian Aid Appeal**.

A packed truck left Porterstown Lane on 22<sup>nd</sup> March to travel to the Ukrainian border.

Thanks also to Wayne Bracken for sponsoring the truck. Anne and Barbara

Table Quiz for **Ukraine Red Cross Appeal** on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in The Ratoath Inn.

Tables of four - €100. Donations welcome. Contact Conor on 086-8519707

### **Ratoath Parish - Ukrainian Refugee Appeal**

# **€9,795** donated our appeal to date.

Many thanks for your incredibly generous donations.

We have already transferred €9,000 to a parish in Romania on the request of Archbishop Miguel Maury, the Papal Nuncio to Romania (who has visited Ratoath in the past).

This parish is St John's Parish in Suceava. If you search *Google Maps*, you will see that Suceava is close to the border of Ukraine. The parish is offering accommodation, meals and support to refugees, most of whom are women and children. This parish is in the diocese of Iasi, Romania and a number of priests from that diocese are ministering in the diocese of Meath.

This is our final weekend for our parish appeal for Ukraine. We will leave the donation box and envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who might like to contribute to the appeal.

If you have already contributed to this appeal, we thank you most sincerely.

It is our intention to send all our donations as quickly as possible to parishes that are providing accommodation and essential needs to those most in need. In sending the donations from the parish, we will be guided by the Papal Nuncios in Poland and Romania who are on the ground and will ascertain where the need is greatest.

### **From the Irish Bishops – On the Situation in Ukraine**

“At this time of trial, we want to stand in prayerful and practical solidarity with the Ukrainian community here in Ireland and also to acknowledge the many Russians in our midst who bear no responsibility for this tragic situation. What we are witnessing during these days impels us again to appeal for diplomacy and dialogue – to work for a genuine human fraternity - as the only way to resolve differences and conflicts.

As tens of thousands of refugees arrive in Ireland in the near future, there is no doubt that the Gospel is calling on us to open our hearts and our homes. We welcome the waiving of visa requirements for Ukrainians seeking refuge in Ireland and in other EU countries.

In order to help Ukrainians recover from the trauma and violent displacement that they have experienced, we encourage everyone to welcome refugees in a sensitive and compassionate manner.”

“Already millions of people have been forced to flee their homes as refugees. It is a source of inspiration that people all over Ireland are responding with customary generosity to support humanitarian efforts in this crisis. Many parish communities have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. Recognising these urgent needs, the bishops are asking that a special collection be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 27 March.”

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### **From the Lenten Message of Pope Francis**

“Let us not grow tired of doing good....goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all: they have to be realised each day.”