



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

17th September 2023

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm
New adorers always welcome.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Patrick Tansey (Arkle House, Steeplechase) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Parish Pastoral Assembly. The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Assembly will be held in the Parish Pastoral Centre this Wednesday 20th September beginning at 7.30pm. This first meeting will be a training session with Fr Derek Darby who is assisting parishes to set up the Parish Pastoral Assemblies in the diocese. This group will work with Fr Gerry and Fr Yohanna in helping to further the mission of the church in our parish. Their primary concern will be “pastoral action”. It will be concerned with the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments, prayer, pastoral care, faith formation, outreach, evangelisation, pastoral supports and the work of renewal. It will endeavour to promote the gospel values of love, justice and peace. They will also make an important contribution to forward-planning in our parish. We are grateful to all who will be involved in this assembly.

Alpha Course Explore the meaning of life yourself or invite someone you know. Enjoy the free meal, video and chat with like-minded people. Starting 7.15pm Monday 25th September in the Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. Email alphadunshaughlin@gmail.com to register.

The Chosen is a video series on the life of Jesus. It gives a fresh look at the Gospels for those who have been reading the stories for years or for those who are just curious about who Jesus is and was. Course starts on Thursday 5th October at 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. Email faithformation@dcp parish.ie to register.

Meath Samuel Group: (young adults, age 18-39) - do you want to strengthen and develop your daily prayer life? Join Meath Samuel Group. Meet one Sunday a month, from October to May, at St. Mary’s in Navan for a talk, Holy Hour, and Mass, and commit to daily prayer. It’s free! Find out more at www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

You can listen to the weekly faith podcast, **Faithcast** on www.catholicnews.ie

17 Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Liam Woods Grace Jordan	7.00pm	Cathal Daly
9.00am	Kathleen Gunn Kathleen & Jimmy Cusack	9.00am	
11.00am		11.00am	John & Nora Looney P J Roche Jack & Kathy Nulty Thomas & Maria Nulty
12.15pm	Joseph Rooney Alice & Patrick Beggy	12.15pm	Michael Gleeson Patrick McDermott Patrick Doody Alice Burke

Monday Noel Murray
Wednesday James Lynam

Tuesday Tony Murphy
Thursday Special Intention

“Above all the gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian or a handful of Christians, who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine.

Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst?

Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one. Here we have an initial act of evangelisation.

St Pope Paul VI from Evangelii Nuntiandi

Feast Days in the Coming Week

Tuesday is the **feast of St Januarius**, martyred for the faith in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian. Venerated especially in Naples

Wednesday is the feast of **St Andrew Kim Tae-gon priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions**; the 101 Korean martyrs who died in the persecution of the church in Korea between 1839-67

Thursday is the feast of **St Matthew**, the apostle and writer of the gospel.

Saturday is the feast of St Pius of **Pietrelcina** (Padre Pio)

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €1,650.70 **Blue Envelope** €3,404.30

Standing Orders for August €3,143.99 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Knock Pilgrimage on Sunday 24th September A bus will leave Navan Fairgreen at 8.00 am and Trim Church at 8.20 am. Contact Noreen Evans 087 929 9544

50th Anniversary of the East Meath Pioneer Region The 24th September 2023 will mark the 50th anniversary of the East Meath Pioneer Region. Mass will be held at 3.00pm in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady Johnstown, on Sunday 24th September 2023. This will be followed by dinner and social evening in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. Music by Matt Leavy. Tickets €30.

Further information available from Jim 0876501915 and Mary 086 3592636 Chris 087 6766586

The next **Meath Archaeological and Historical Society lecture** will take place on Wednesday 20th September at 7:30pm in the Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub. The lecture “The Road to Kells - Prehistoric Archaeology of the M3, Navan to Kells and N52 Kells Bypass Road Project” will be given by Fintan Walsh (Archaeological Project Director) and Jerry O’Sullivan (Transport Infrastructure Ireland Archaeologist).

Conversational English Class Volunteers

Could you give a couple of hours a week to helping migrants practise their English and feel welcome in our community? Would you consider being a voluntary tutor for a conversational English class that Cultúr Migrant Centre has already established in Ratoath village? Classes will be on Wednesday evenings in ‘The Venue’. Resources and support will be provided. No teaching experience is required, just a willingness to engage with others in a friendly way. If you are interested, please contact Noel at 0872587658 or email outreach@cultur.ie

Irish dancing Classes are held in The Venue, Ratoath every Tuesday at 4 pm.

Any enquiries contact: srncob@gmail.com

Leaving Cert Higher **Maths tuition** commencing in the Community Centre in September.

Phone Joe on (086) 4076495 for details.