



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

21st January 2024

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Rose Kavanagh (Meadowbank Hill); Peter Spratt (Ratoath Manor Nursing Home); Hugh Nally, brother of Tom Nally (Fairycastle Road) and Teresa Feehan (Tullamore) mother of Caroline Thomas (Woodlands) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until 25th January.

We welcome the boys and girls who are **preparing for Confirmation** to their final Mass of preparation for the sacrament next weekend. At the Mass they will present a page on the saint's name they have chosen for Confirmation, along with the reason for their choice.

On Sunday, January 28th, the Priests and Religious of the Diocese will gather with Bishop Deenihan to celebrate the blessing of candles and sung **Vespers in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar** at 4pm. The homily will be preached by Fr John Harris OP, Provincial of the Irish Dominicans. This is an annual gathering to celebrate the contribution of religious sisters, brothers and priests to our diocese.

This year, the celebration will also mark the **fortieth anniversary of Bishop Smith's Ordination as Bishop of Meath**. This is a significant milestone which will be celebrated that evening and we wish Bishop Michael many more years of health and happiness. All parishioners are welcome to attend this celebration in the Cathedral.

Diaconate Ordination: On Sunday 21st January, Bishop Deenihan will ordain Anthony Kerr to the Diaconate in Saint Mary's Church in Drogheda at 7pm. A native of Navan, Anthony is currently on Pastoral Placement in Drogheda. Do keep Anthony in your prayers at this time and pray too for those who are discerning a call to priesthood and religious life.

21 Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Packie, Catherine, Frances & Mary O'Brien Noel, Therese & baby Noel Scally Nina Madden Tommy & Bridie Dolan Esme & Barney Browne	7.00pm	Bill Bourke (Month's Memory) Maurice Keogh John & Alice Redmond Mary, Ted & Peg Gannon Jemmy Boyle Roddy Quinn
9.00am	Tom, Catherine & Tommy McLoughlin	9.00am	
11.00am	Dymphna & Bill Mills Noel Walshe	11.00am	Frank Quigley (Month's Memory) Martin Kerrigan
12.15pm	Tiny Gorman Christina, Christopher, Emma, Lil & Ultan Nulty Lilly Cullen Christy Crowley	12.15pm	Brian White (Month's Memory) Stephanie Moran Michael, Mary & John Flinter Luc & Juliet Dehaene

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

Dorothea Mates

Anthony Lawlor & the deceased members of the family

Paddy Dalton (Month's Memory)

A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Assembly** will be held on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Catholic Schools Week takes place from 21st January to 27th January.

The theme this year is “**Catholic Schools: Communities of Service**”

Each of us belongs to a community. Catholics belong to a special community of faith.

We see this in our parish when we come together to pray and worship God at Mass, to support each other in sad times and to celebrate important moments in life together. Jesus calls us to be a community and tells us that when we gather in faith, hope and love, he will be there too.

Every Catholic school is called to be a community that serves, invites student to use their gifts and talents at the service of others. In our schools, we model love, kindness and care toward ourselves, others, God and creation. In this way our Catholic schools are communities of service. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate and recognize the unique contribution our schools make at the service of our pupils, our communities and our church. May the Lord bless us and guide us in being communities of faith, hope and love.

Diocese of Meath Vacancy for Director of Faith Development, 5 year fixed term contract.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit for the role of Director of Faith Development in the Diocese of Meath. It is an exciting and challenging opportunity in the life and mission of the Diocese.

The post holder will be required to lead and work under their own initiative as well as work as part of a team to develop and implement new approaches, resources and programmes to adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelisation in parishes across the diocese.

The terms are based on a 5-year Fixed Term Contract, working 35 hours per week, work pattern to be agreed.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of €40,000-€42,500 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience and qualifications.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan Website at: www.dioceseofmeath.ie clicking on the tab **job vacancy** where terms and conditions and application form relating to the role can also be accessed. Closing date for applications will be 5pm on Friday 2nd February 2024

Medjugorje Pilgrimages for 2024

15th May for 7 days ex Dublin, staying in P.I.M.K. House. Half board. Cost €825 including all taxes and transfers. Early booking discount €50 if booked before 1st February.

And 3rd October for 7 days ex Dublin. Cost €835 including all taxes and transfers. Early booking discount €50 if booked before 1st February.

All inquires to Joan Ashbrook at 087-7987682 or joanashbrook1@gmail.com

Considering a Postgraduate or Mission & Ministries Programme in 2024?

Studying at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, you will be encouraged to engage critically, so that you can form your own ideas and conclusions and become more skilled at expressing yourself and gain the confidence to communicate powerfully and eloquently. Explore our wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning Programmes from Certificate, Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Master's to Doctorate level in: Theology; Philosophy; Divinity; Liturgical Music

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Ratoath Alzheimer's Social Club is on January 26th Friday 11.00am to 1.00pm in Ratoath Community Centre