



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

20th November 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm

We welcome Cole Ryan, Aoibhan O'Connor and Jack Gogarty into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Joe Mannering (The Paddocks, Kilbride Road) and Michael Browne (Coventry), brother of Eugene Browne (Mooretown) and Eamonn Browne (Ballybin) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

This weekend we welcome the boys and girls who are to receive their **Confirmation** in February to their second preparation Mass. We welcome them along with their parents who support their sons and daughters as they prepare for the sacrament.

Parish Envelopes – can you help? In the next few weeks the parish envelopes will be distributed and we thank and are grateful to all who assist in leaving boxes of envelopes at the door of houses. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with this work. If you can spare about an hour in the next few weeks, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The countdown for **World Youth Day 2023 1st-6th August**, which will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, has begun. It is time to save the date and prepare for the journey. Pope Francis has registered and invites those aged 18-35 to gather from all parts of the world in joyful celebration of the faith and identity we share in Jesus Christ, Saviour of the World. We look at the example of the young Mary of Nazareth and seek her to intercede and guide all young people. **“Mary arose and went with haste” Lk. 1:39** Follow www.dioceseofmeath.ie & Facebook: Meath Diocese WYD. Watch this space for more info in the coming weeks.

20 Nov 7.00pm	Feast of Christ the King Sheila Naughton Johnnie & Mary O'Brien Joe & Teresa Gorman Marie & Benny Wallace Paul McConnon	27 Nov 7.00pm	First Sunday of Advent Ann & Frank O'Reilly Patsy & Christy Smith Frank & Irene Regan Kenneth Cullen Paddy & Laffey Tommy & Rosemary Wallace Karen & Joan Monahan
9.00am	Paddy Regan	9.00am	
11.00am	Colm & Attracta Donnelly	11.00am	Olive McCann Nicholas O'Connor Michael Ryder
12.15pm	Mary White Derek Walker & the deceased members of the Walker and Kenny families Phil & Noel Shanley & the deceased members of the family	12.15pm	Ciaran Kilcline & deceased members of the Kavanagh family. Louis Collins.

Tuesday
Thursday
Friday

The deceased members of Ratoath Men's Shed
Philip Byrne
Mary Corcoran; Jimmy & Kathleen Cusack; Paddy & Sis Hynes

The Feast of Christ the King

And how is he king?

How is this man king?

Jesus Christ, of and heaven and earth, mocked and killed through the cruelty of his people – a king?

Just in paradise? Or now, today?

Where is his power? How is he powerful?

This man - one single life- who has been the most predominant influence on human history.

His power is seen on the cross, and cross is his throne.

Maybe we see him at his truest there, forgetful of self,

mindful of the thief beside him,

compassionate to the end,

saying to one beside him on Calvary- *“Today you will be in paradise”*.

His power is in the weakness of love, and strength of compassion.

His leadership is in the sharing of struggles and in his vision of humanity.

His attraction is in his care for all and in his urgency for justice.

His influence is from the truth of God and his desire that this word be heard in the way we life.

A king not only of the future but of today,

not only of heaven but of earth, not of power but of service,

for he comes among us as one who serves.

Compassion, love, forgiveness, truth,

wholehearted care acceptance of us all;

this is Jesus the King, fully human, fully divine,

Son of God and Son of Mary.

Donal Neary S. J.

Next weekend the boys and girls who are receiving the **Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion** will join us along with their parents for their second Masses in the “Do this in Memory of Me programme”

Blue Envelopes €3,600 and **White Envelopes** (Development Fund) €1,119.35

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Pope’s Intention for November

For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Meath Archaeological and Historical Society: Lecture: “Lex Innocentium (The Law of the Innocents)” by Dr Jim Houlihan on Wednesday 23rd November in St Columban's College, Dalgan Park, Navan, at 7.30pm