



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

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Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Congratulations to Saoirse Tormey and Anthony Burke who were **married** during the week.

We welcome Ellen Lavin into the Christian community. She was **baptised** recently.

Baptisms. Please call the parish office for details of dates, times and guidance that are in place for the ceremonies.

Tuesday is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.

We can learn from Peter and Paul's life.

Paul converted from being a brutal persecutor to a fearless preacher through the grace of God.

Peter learned that his denials are restored by love.

Both men showed by their lives that recovery from their mistakes and openness to God's love gave them courage to witness to their faith.

We all have shaky egos that are vulnerable to shame. But each of us, like Peter and Paul are also called by name for God's kind purpose and plan

“The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out to be heard. It makes no difference whether they are Catholic, Orthodox, Copts or Protestants. They are Christians!

Their blood is one and the same. Their blood confesses Christ...I ask that we encourage each other to go forward with this ecumenism which is giving us strength, the ecumenism of blood.

The martyrs belong to all Christians” *from an address by Pope Francis on 16th February 2015 to the Moderator and Representatives of the Church of Scotland*

Lough Derg 2021: Registration is now open to “Do Lough Derg from wherever you are” from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information email info@loughderg.org Phone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org

27 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	04 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Agnes & Michael O'Hare & the deceased members of the family	7.00pm	Anthony & Mary Rafferty Christy Fagan Maurice Molloy
9.00am		9.00am	Julia & Desmond Toole
11.00am	Christopher & Christina Rooney John, Christina, Lily & Sean O'Connor	11.00am	John Long (Month's Memory)
12.15pm	Laura & Elizabeth Donohoe Betty & David Colfer Michael Kelly Danny Delaney Bernard Fisher	12.15pm	Dee Cusack Fairbrother Adrienne Fairbrother

Thursday
Friday

Dee Cusack Fairbrother & Mary & Liam Corcoran & Rita Cusack
Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

In today's Gospel we hear two healing stories: Jairus' daughter and the woman with a haemorrhage. At first glance these stories might not seem to have a lot in common. The woman is a complete social outcast because of her condition, yet Jesus calls her daughter. He does not let social convention dictate who can be called child of God. Jesus reminds the people of this woman's identity. The synagogue official surprises us, pleasantly, with his faith in Jesus and his message.

What these two characters have in common is faith against all the odds as they reach out to Jesus in faith-filled action. There are those in the story who laugh when Jesus says he can bring back Jairus' daughter. They are sent away. Jesus' healing breaks down the barriers that isolate us from one another and from God.

We can all recall the times when we were struggling. We needed something to move us, to help us forgive, to help us walk away or to relieve us of physical pain. In the end it can be simple gestures that save us: a kind word, someone praying for us, a gentle touch or we can reach out to someone and like the woman with the haemorrhage we suddenly feel within ourselves that we are healing.

These accounts show us something of how God's grace can enter our lives and transform situations.

Mark leaves un-translated Jesus' native language when he restores the young girl to life:

'Talitha cum' - a beautiful phrase meaning "Little girl, get up!"

Jairus' daughter has been given new life; the woman has also been given new life.

Both have overcome the barriers that were keeping them from being free.

We know what those barriers are for each of us.

God's grace is gentle yet can bring life to situations of death. What do you need healing from today?

Bring this to prayer.

Bishops express thanks for over 550 submissions received for Synodal Pathway

Following the Spring 2021 General Meeting, the Irish bishops announced that a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland is to take place which will lead to the holding of a national synodal assembly, or assemblies, within the next five years. At their meeting this week, bishops expressed their thanks for the over 550 submissions received from the public as part of the initial phase of the Synodal Pathway.

On the 9th and 10th of October this year, Pope Francis will officially launch the Universal Synod and has asked that the whole Church prepare for this Synod which is scheduled to take place in Rome in October 2023.

The bishops decided to establish a Synodal Steering Committee and a Synodal Task Group to help move forward the Synodal Pathway process for Ireland.

Bishops announced that Dr Nicola Brady has been appointed as chair of the Synodal Steering Committee and the vice-chairs appointed are Mr Andrew O'Callaghan and Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick. The full membership of the Steering Committee and of the Synodal Task Group will be published as part of the official launch of the Synodal Pathway in the coming months.

The ceremony of the blessing of the graves can be viewed on **live.ratoathparish.ie** and on the **Parish YouTube channel** and you can view it any time in the next number of weeks.

Birth Information and Tracing Heads of Bill

The Irish Bishops welcomed the publication of the *Birth Information and Tracing Heads of Bill* on 11th May last, by Minister Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth, and reiterated their commitment to ensuring that dioceses can legally share whatever information they have in relation to adopted persons. To that end the Bishops' Conference will write to the Minister to request a meeting to discuss how this may be achieved in the drafting of the legislation.