



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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

There will be no 12.15pm Mass for the months of July and August.

The Sunday Mass at 12.15pm will resume on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations to Gary Eiffe and Shannen McDonnell who were **married** last week and John Petherbridge and Michelle Eiffe who were **married** this week.

**White Envelopes** (Development Fund) €2,137.79

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock on next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**. The Meath Diocese pilgrimage to Knock will be renewed this year and will take at the start of the Knock Novena on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The Pilgrimage will be by Bishop Thomas Deenihan. The Anointing of the Sick takes place in the Basilica at 2.30pm and Mass is at 3.00pm. The Rosary procession will follow outside on the grounds of the Shrine, weather permitting. See also Knock Shrine website. [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> A bus will leave Navan Fairgreen at 8.00am, Dunshaughlin Church at 8.30am, Dunboyne Church at 8.45am.

Please contact May 0871334872 and Peggy 087 7846455

**Medjugorje:** Ex Dublin to Dubrovnik, September 14<sup>th</sup> for 7 nights, half board staying in P I M K House, 5 minutes from the church. Cost €765.00. Contact Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682

The annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022 will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The cycle raises vital funds for the housing and homeless charity founded by Fr Peter McVerry.

The event is open to all abilities and is a great day out.

To find out more visit [www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle](http://www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle) or call 01 823 0776.

## Feast Days in the Coming Week

Monday	St Dominic, founder of the Dominicans
Tuesday	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Patron of Europe
Wednesday	St Lawrence, a Deacon and Martyr of the early church.
Thursday	St Clare

7 Aug	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 Aug	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Liam McLoughlin	7.00pm	Ray Fox James Gorman
9.00am	Deceased members of the Lysaght family	9.00am	
11.00am	James Ralph Ann Kerrigan	11.00am	Pudsar Toole Roger & Elizabeth Corcoran Christopher & Ann Donnelly Mary Roche
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass

Monday	Christopher & Kathleen Hartford and Brian Shanley
Tuesday	Maureen Davis

# Pope Francis in Canada

At the start of the fifth day of his Apostolic Journey to Canada, Pope Francis presided over Mass in the National Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, some 30 kilometers east of Quebec and recalled that Jesus always walks with us to help us move beyond our failures toward hope in God.

The Pope travelled by car to the oldest pilgrimage site in North America, which was first built in 1658 to house a miraculous statue of Jesus' grandmother.

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the conclusion of Luke's Gospel, which recounts the journey of the disciples to Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not initially recognize.

The Pope said the disciples' experience began with their distress and sadness at the apparent failure of Jesus' plan but ended with the birth of a new hope, after Jesus accompanied them as a fellow traveller.

*"Whenever our failures lead to an encounter with the Lord, life and hope are reborn and we are able to be reconciled: with ourselves, with our brothers and sisters, and with God."*

Like the disciples, we too can experience failure in our own spiritual journey when our plans fall through, when we give up on our high ideals due to our own inadequacies, or when we feel crushed by our sins.

Pope Francis said the Church community experiences similar setbacks when faced with "the scandal of evil and the violence that led to Calvary."

The temptation in such moments of doubt and failure is to flee and seek refuge in grief and remorse.

*"Fleeing is a temptation that comes from the enemy, who threatens our spiritual journey and that of the Church, for he wants us to think that all our failures are now irreversible."*

However, said Pope Francis, the Gospel teaches us that Jesus comes to walk by our side at precisely those moments of failure and teaches us to read events in a new light.

He noted that the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré has been rebuilt three times, once after a devastating fire. Yet, the faithful of the area kept dreaming and set out again "with courage and creativity".

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## **The Intentions of Pope Francis for the Month of August**

Stores, workshops, cleaning businesses, transportation businesses, and so many others –

- the ones that don't appear on the world's richest and most powerful lists, and despite the difficulties, they create jobs, fulfilling their social responsibility.
- the ones that invest in the common good instead of hiding their money in tax havens.

They all dedicate an immense creative capacity to changing things from the bottom up, from where the best creativity always comes from.

With courage, with effort, with sacrifice, they invest in life, creating wellbeing, opportunities, and work.

*Let us pray for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, so they may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*