



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

9th January 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will resume this Wednesday 12th January

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Rose McGirl (Well Road); Ultan Nulty (late of Peacockstown); Frances Byrne (St Margaret's), sister of Margaret Elliott and Deirdre Reilly (London), sister of Josephine Reilly (Rathbeggan) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Rathbeggan NS enrolling for September 2022 now.

Call 018259891 or visit www.rathbeggans.ie for further information

Meath Alzheimer Cafés are being held online. The next Virtual Café is on Wednesday 12th January at 11:00 am. Guest speaker is Sarah Kerrigan, Senior Speech and Language Therapist with HSE who will speak about "Communication and Swallowing in Dementia". All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to join us. If you wish to take part please email: meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie and you will receive an invitation to attend.

The **Advanced Manufacturing Course** run by FIT will be starting early January.

Places available. For further information please contact Rachael at FIT on rachelwall@fit.ie

"When the song of the Angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the Shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost; to heal the broken; to feed the hungry;
to release the prisoner; to build the nations; to bring peace among others;
to make music in the heart".
(Howard Thurman)

| 9 Jan | The Baptism of the Lord | 16 Jan | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| 7.00pm | Serghei Buga (Month's Memory) Noel & Therese Scally Packy, Catherine & Francis O'Brien Nina Madden | 7.00pm | |
| 9.00am | Maureen Walsh Helen O'Leary | 9.00am | |
| 11.00am | Ben Glynn John, Brian, Michael & Mary Brazil Michael & Patricia Shortt Michael Fitzgerald | 11.00am | Tommy & Bridie Dolan Jack Deasy Tiney Gorman |
| 12.15pm | Eileen Flinter Michael Scannell Heather Dosunmu | 12.15pm | Pat & Mary Reilly Tom, Catherine & Tommy McLoughlin Florence O'Neill |

Monday Tim Geoghegan
Wednesday John Moore
Friday Rosie Smith

Tuesday William McLoughlin
Thursday Special Intention

Excerpt of the Homily of Pope Francis on 1st January, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

The shepherds found “Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger”. For the shepherds, the manger was a joyful sign: it was the confirmation of the message they had heard from the angel, the place where they found the Saviour. It is also the proof of God’s closeness to them, for he was born in a manger, an object they know well, as a sign of his closeness and familiarity. The manger is also a joyful sign for us. Jesus touches our hearts by being born in littleness and poverty; he fills us with love, not fear. The manger foretells the One who makes himself food for us. His poverty is good news for everyone, especially the marginalized, the rejected and those who do not count in the eyes of the world. For that is how God comes: not on a fast track, and lacking even a cradle! That is what is beautiful about seeing him there, laid in a manger.....

At the beginning of the New Year, then, let us place ourselves under the protection of this woman, the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials and with the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and can transform every cross into a resurrection... Let us stand and, facing Our Lady as did the people of God in Ephesus, let us together repeat three times her title of Mother of God: “Holy Mother of God, Holy Mother of God, Holy Mother of God”! Amen.

Excerpt from the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace on 1st January

...Today the *path of peace*, which [Saint Paul VI](#) called by the new name of *integral development*, remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidarity sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day *the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth* constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace.

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an “architecture” of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an “art” of peace that directly involves each one of us. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

I wish to propose *three paths* for building a lasting peace. First, *dialogue between generations* as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, *education* as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, *labour* as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for “making possible the creation of a social covenant”, without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support at this time, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most