



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

29th August 2021

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.

We welcome Holly Cosgrave, Poppy Finglas, Paisley Donohoe, Heidi Lane, Ailson Kilduff, Ezra Dolan, into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently in a number of ceremonies.

Congratulations to Niamh Boylan and Fergal Murphy who were **married** during the week.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Hugh Campbell, father of Damien Campbell (Steeplechase Hill) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Next Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

Next weekend **church gate collection** (4th/5th September) is for the **Altar Society** of Ratoath Parish. This collection is used by the altar society for flowers for the altar, linen for the church, cleaning equipment etc and other items in connection with the upkeep of the altar, sanctuary area and sacristy in the church. We ask you to please support this collection.

Sunday's gospel refection

What's on the inside

from Intercom

“It's what's on the inside that counts'. How often do we hear this? Yet we get contradictory messages and we are also bombarded with messages about how we should dress or act, or what is appropriate behaviour. Rules about outward behaviour govern many aspects of life, from our school and work environments to our churches.

Today, Jesus has something to say about the tension between outward appearances and what's on the inside. To the religious authorities who challenge Jesus, outer appearances and traditions are important, and they rebuke Jesus for allowing his disciples to eat with “unclean hands”. However, Jesus explains that it is not external actions that make a person unclean. It is what's on the inside that indicates the true nature of our hearts. “Lip-service” is not worth much if our hearts are not in tune with God. As Jesus puts it, ‘You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions’.

It is an invitation to examine how we put our faith into practice, individually and as a church community. Which human traditions do we “cling to?”

Do we become so focused on outward rituals that we risk losing sight of the teaching of Jesus and its radical implications?

Do we treat our religious life as checklist of observances, or as a real encounter with Jesus?

“The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart” Pope Francis

29 Aug	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	John Staunton	7.00pm	Frances Lyons
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Mary Carey	11.00am	Pauline Everard
12.15pm	Angelo & David Mulvaney	12.15pm	

Monday
Friday

Ray Fox

Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

Tuesday

Bernie Kelly

Rathbeggan National School enrolling for September 2021.

Email the office for further information on office@rathbeggannns.ie or phone 01-8259891

Confirmation on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September

Bishop Deenihan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the boys and girls who have just completed 6th class and we welcome him to our parish.

From the prayer that the Bishop will recite at the laying on of hands in the ceremony of Confirmation.

“Send your Holy Spirit upon these sons and daughters to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen”

On **Saturday 4th September** there will be ceremonies at 10am; 12noon; 2pm and 4pm for the boys and girls of Ratoath Senior National School and at 6.00pm for Rathbeggan National School.

On **Sunday 5th September** the boys and girls of St Paul's National School will receive the sacrament in ceremonies at 2pm; 4pm and 6pm.

Those who are to be confirmed are asked to come to the church for a short rehearsal on the following times.

Those to be confirmed on Sat 4th at 10am – rehearsal on Wednesday 1st at 7.00pm

Those to be confirmed on Sat 4th at 12noon – rehearsal on Wednesday 1st at 7.30pm

Those to be confirmed on Sat 4th at 2pm – rehearsal on Wednesday 1st at 8.00pm

Those to be confirmed on Sat 4th at 4pm – rehearsal on Wednesday 1st at 8.30pm

Those to be confirmed on Sat 4th at 6pm – rehearsal on Thursday 2nd at 8.30pm

Those to be confirmed on Sun 5th at 2pm – rehearsal on Thursday 2nd at 7.00pm

Those to be confirmed on Sun 5th at 4pm – rehearsal on Thursday 2nd at 7.30pm

Those to be confirmed on Sun 5th at 6pm – rehearsal on Thursday 2nd at 8.00pm

All public health protocols will be observed and our aim is to keep everyone safe and well. We are conscious of the need to remain vigilant and to stay within the guidelines.

We wish the boys and girls every blessing on this special day in their lives. We thank all the teachers and staff for all the guidance and help they provided to the children in their preparation to receive the Sacrament

First Communion on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th September.

On **Saturday 11th September** the boys and girls of Ratoath Junior National School will receive their First Holy Communion at ceremonies at 10am; 11.30am; 1.00pm and 2.30pm

On **Saturday 18th September** the ceremonies at 10am; 11.30am and 1.00pm will be for St Paul's National School and at 2.30pm for Rathbeggan National School.

Fr Gerry will write to parents this week giving guidance for the ceremonies and indicating the public health protocols that are in place.

Painting of the Interior of the Church

The painting of the church is now completed and we thank you for your understanding and patience during this time. Thanks too to the contractors who carried out the work in a professional and competent manner.