



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

24th April 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Angela Daly (Tankardstown, Ratoath) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

There will be **no 12.15pm Mass** on Sundays in the months of July and August this year.

Cemetery Sunday is **Sunday 29th May** beginning with prayers for the dead in the church at 3.00pm followed by rosary and blessing of the graves. Please inform family members and friends.

Since it is three years, since our last Cemetery devotions, we ask you to make a special effort to prepare your family plots and to attend on the day.

Trocaire Boxes can be returned from now onwards. Your contribution can be placed in the box that will be placed at the altar (near the baptismal font). Please do not leave your contribution at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to this year's Lenten appeal, which will make a real and lasting difference to people's lives.

Thanks to all who have returned their **CHY4 certs** (tax relief for donations received).

If you have received a letter re CHY4 certs from the parish office and have not returned the form, we would be grateful if you could complete it and return it to the parish office.

First Communion Dates and Times

Saturday 7th May Ceremonies at 10.00am; 11.30am and 1.00pm for St Paul's NS

Saturday 14th May Ceremonies at 10.30am and 12.30pm for Ratoath NS

Saturday 21st May Ceremony at 11.00am for Rathbeggan NS

| 24 Apr | Second Sunday of Easter | 1 May | Third Sunday of Easter |
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| 7.00pm | John Davis Special Intention | 7.00pm | Gerard Ralph |
| 9.00am | Bridget Boshell Mattie McCabe Frank O'Leary | 9.00am | |
| 11.00am | Michael, Sheila & Thomas Ward Pierce Glynn | 11.00am | Michael Rooney Michael, Bridget McIntyre and the deceased members of the family Michael & Mick Ryan |
| 12.15pm | Tony Donnelly Anthony King Phyllis & James Price Molly & Earnest Devine Henry & Nora Conway & the deceased members of the family | 12.15pm | Mary Foy (Month's Memory) Betty Sherry Noel & Phil Shanley |

Monday Special Intention
Wednesday Special Intention

Tuesday Special Intention
Thursday Detta Hannigan

Easter Time

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season.

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast day, the “great Sunday”.

From the Homily of Pope Francis at the Easter Vigil

The women saw. The first proclamation of the resurrection was not a statement to be unpacked, but a sign to be contemplated. In a burial ground, near a grave, in a place where everything should be orderly and peaceful, the women “found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body”. Easter begins by upsetting our expectations. It comes with the gift of a hope that surprises and amazes us. Yet it is not easy to welcome that gift. At times – we must admit – this hope does not find a place in our hearts. Like the women in the Gospel, we are overtaken by questions and doubts, and our first reaction before the unexpected sign is one of fear: “They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground”.

All too often we look at life and reality with downcast eyes; we fix our gaze only on this passing day, disenchanted by the future, concerned only with ourselves and our needs, settled into the prison of our apathy, even as we keep complaining that things will never change. In this way, we halt before the tomb of resignation and fatalism; we bury the joy of living. Yet tonight the Lord wants to give us different eyes, alive with hope that fear, pain and death will not have the last word over us. Thanks to Jesus’ paschal mystery, we can make the leap from nothingness to life. “Death will no longer be able to rob our life” (K. Rahner), for that life is now completely and eternally embraced by the boundless love of God. True, death can fill us with dread; it can paralyze us. But the Lord is risen! Let us lift up our gaze, remove the veil of sadness and sorrow from our eyes, and open our hearts to the hope that God brings!

The intention of Pope Francis for the month of April

“We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.”

St Catherine of Siena (1347- 1380) Feast day 29th April

Catherine of Siena is remembered as a mystic and reformer of religious life. She was proclaimed a doctor of the church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

Quotes from St Catherine-

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire”

“Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear”

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring”

“Realize that in the crucified Christ, you can do anything”

“There is nothing that we can desire or want with our heart that we do not find in God”

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes.

Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September.

Raffle in aid of the **Alzheimer's Day Centre Navan** will be held in Navan Shopping Centre on Thursday 5th May. Support greatly needed.

Anyone who would like to host a Tea Day can contact Dorothy 0872411527