



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

10th April 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

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

Pope Francis laments Bucha massacre and calls for end to war in Ukraine.

As the extent of the massacre of civilians in the Ukraine town of Bucha continues to become clear, Pope Francis has lifted his voice to lament the human tragedy that occurred while Russian troops held the area.

Speaking at the Wednesday general audience, the Pope said that the killing of innocent civilians must cease. He said, “even more horrendous cruelties (are occurring), even against civilians, women and helpless children. They are victims whose innocent blood cries out to heaven and implores”.

Pope Francis then renewed his appeal for an end to Russia’s war in Ukraine.

“May this war cease! May weapons fall silent. Stop sowing death and destruction”.

He also asked everyone to pray in silence for a moment to ask God for this intention.

He then unfurled the faded and war-stained flag and held it up for all to see, saying the flag “came from war, from that martyred city of Bucha”.

Pope Francis added that several Ukrainian children – now refugees in Italy – were present at the General Audience and he invited them to come up on the stage with him. He said “these children had to flee, and have come to a strange land. This is one of the fruits of war. Let us not forget them, and let us not forget the Ukrainian people”. As he let the children return to their seats, Pope Francis noted that it is “difficult to be uprooted from one’s homeland”.

Bucha, a suburban town which lies to the northwest of Kyiv, was held by Russian forces from 27 February until 31 March when troops withdrew from the area.

As Ukrainian troops entered the town – accompanied by members of the international press – apocalyptic-like scenes began to emerge of bodies piled together and burned along with evidence of execution-style killings of unarmed civilians. What was once a middle-class suburb has now become a grisly scene of torture and summary killings, with the town’s mayor saying over 320 civilians have been murdered there.

10 Apr	Palm Sunday	17 April	Easter Sunday
7.00pm	Jimmy & Kathleen Cusack & the deceased members of the family	8.00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
9.00am	Luke & Margaret Ralph & the deceased members of the family	9.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Edward & Ray McAndrew Jimmy Ralph	11.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
12.15pm	Noel Eiffe & the deceased members of the Brunton family Thomas & Margaret Campbell & the deceased members of the family	12.15pm	Mass for the People of the Parish

Monday

Deceased members of the Deering family

Tuesday

Deceased members of the Connolly family

Holy Week Ceremonies

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy that lay ahead of him, he endured the cross, disregarding the shame of it and has taken his seat at the right hand of God’s throne” (Hebrews)

Confessions in Holy Week

Tuesday and Wednesday	After Morning Mass
Good Friday	After Stations of the Cross
Saturday	From 11.30am to 12.30pm

Mass Monday to Wednesday at 9.45am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

8.00pm

On Holy Thursday we recall the Last Supper the night before Jesus died. The Last Supper was the first Mass celebrated by Jesus when he gathered with his disciples and told them “do this in memory of me”.

After the Holy Thursday ceremony, you are welcome to pray at the Altar of Repose. Adoration will end with night prayer at 9.40pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

3.00pm

We will journey the Way of the Cross and pray and reflect at each station.

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

8.00pm

This is the main celebration for Good Friday. We hear again the story of Christ’s suffering and death. We venerate the Cross and at the conclusion of this solemn but simple service, we receive Holy Communion

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

8.00pm

On this Holy Night, we pass from the darkness of death on Good Friday to the empty tomb and the joy of Christ’s resurrection. The light of Christ and the blessing of new water remind us of our hope in the risen Christ. The Lord is risen, alleluia

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.