



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

29th November 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm.

Holy Hour in the Nursing Home chapel on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Suspended.

Blue Envelopes lodged €2,080 on 20th November.

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity at this time.

There is an **online donation facility** on the Parish Website – www.ratoathparish.ie

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. The stipend for a Mass is €10

Resumption of Public Worship: Tuesday 1st December

Following the government announced on Friday evening, public worship will resume in churches from Tuesday next 1st December. So our morning Masses will resume this Tuesday at 9.45am.

The guidelines also indicate that the numbers permitted for Funerals and Weddings Masses will remain at 25.

29 Nov	First Sunday of Advent	6 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
7.00pm	No Mass	7.00pm	Alan Rafferty
9.00am	No Mass	9.00am	Ben & Vonnie Cullen
11.00am	Olive McCann Anna & Frank O'Reilly Patsy & Christy Smith Ciaran Kilcline & the deceased members of the Kavanagh family Nicky O'Connor Frank & Molly Maher The deceased members of the Butler family Christy Donnelly Larry & Kathleen Murphy Owen Boylan The deceased members of the Mulvaney family John McEnroe & deceased members of the family Joe Keogh	11.00am	Richard King & Bridget Wall
12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	Sean Eiffe Margaret Ward Margaret, Brendan & Paul McDermott & the deceased members of the Reilly family

Wednesday Special Intention

Thursday

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Friday

Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A Word of Thanks

Since the beginning of the lockdown during the Covid 19 pandemic, we have been blessed to have the assistance and support of Eamonn McGonigle, who each week provided parishioners with the live streaming of the Sunday Mass. We know speaking to parishioners how much they appreciated and looked forward to the Mass on Sunday. It was a visible connection to our parish church and it was, for many, a source of consolation, blessing and grace during the past few months. The feedback was most positive and we know too that parishioners who were abroad were delighted to join our Mass on Sundays.

Eamonn also assisted us in bringing many funeral Masses to bereaved family members and friends who were unable to attend the funeral Masses due to the government restrictions and protocol. We realise how difficult the restrictions were on family members, relations, friends and neighbours but we know that they fully understood the need to abide by the protocols in the interests of public health. Eamonn's assistance in bringing the funeral Mass to so many family members was greatly appreciated.

We thank Eamonn too who recorded Fr Gerry and Fr Brendan at the prayers for the dead and the blessing of the graves in the cemetery in May and who then added music and hymns to the ceremony.

We must put on record our immense gratitude and thanks to Eamonn. Nothing was a problem to him and he carried out the work of streaming the Masses with ease, good humour and kindness.

We were also blessed to have Sandra who read the Word of God each week and Mary, our organist available to us, along with the many cantors who volunteered to sing for our Masses and who greatly enhanced our liturgy.

Now that our churches will open again for public worship, it is an opportune time to "release" Eamonn from his duties to the parish and to allow him to have his Sunday back to himself and his family.

We have now **invested in a webcam** so that we can continue to have Masses available on line for parishioners, who might not be able to return to Mass at this time. You will now be able to link in to the any weekday morning Mass at 9.45am (Monday to Friday) and the 11.00am Mass on Sundays. The link is on the parish website.

At the same time we need to re emphasise that "watching Mass" is very different from being physically present and participating in the celebration of the Mass with other members of the faith community. For all its advantages and immediacy, the virtual is no substitute for physical presence with the assembled community. However we appreciate that many people are uneasy about returning to Mass at this time but many should now be able to return to Mass safely. As Cardinal Sarah wrote to all the bishops of the world recently, virtual Masses "risk distancing us from a personal encounter with the incarnate God....This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable".

The **annual collection for SVP Ratoath** will take place on Saturday 5th December at SuperValu, Centra and Spar shops, Ratoath. Your donations are greatly appreciated, especially during these challenging times. The church collection will not take place this year due to Covid restrictions

Distribution of Parish Envelopes

In early December the envelopes for 2021 will be distributed. We are most grateful to all who distribute the envelopes for us, as they are an important source of income for the parish. We are looking for a few more people who might be willing to give up an hour of their time to help with the distribution of envelopes for us. If you can help us, would you please ring the parish office (01-8256207) and leave your name with Maureen.