



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

11th October 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Suspended.

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

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 11th October - <https://youtu.be/ZiyNKGbWzEc>

We welcome Alice Maher into the Christian community. She was **baptised** recently.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of Deirdre Corcoran (Bodeen) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

In **level three** of the Government road map, all Masses are suspended except for funerals and weddings, where only 25 people are permitted to attend. Baptisms are also cancelled. The church will remain open during the day for private prayer and we do encourage parishioners to call in to pray. It is good to keep up the rhythm of our prayer in these days of anxiety and worry for so many. The 11.00am Sunday Mass will be streamed and the link can be found on the parish website www.ratoathparish.ie

Mass Intentions: For the next three Sundays, during level 3 of the government framework for living with Covid 19, the intentions that were scheduled for the Masses on Sunday 11th, 18th and 25th October will now be offered at the 11.00am streamed Mass, unless advised otherwise by families.

There is now a live **online donation facility** via the Diocese of Meath website (www.dioceseofmeath.ie) which will allow individuals to donate either directly to the Parish of their choice or to one of the central Diocesan funds.

There are two easy to use electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the website.

The first button is called 'Parish Collections'. This button allows you to donate to any of our 69 Parishes towards the Weekly Collection or the Clergy Collection. This money is credited to the central Diocesan bank account and at the end of each month any monies collected will be directly transferred to the relevant local parish bank account by the Diocesan finance staff.

The second button is called 'Diocesan Collections'. This allows a donor to donate directly to the central Diocesan fund, the fund for Sick and Retired Priests or the fund for the Education of Students for Priesthood.

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

11 Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 Oct	Mission Sunday
11.00am	Jim Eiffe Christy Donnelly Robert Davis Michael McIntyre & the deceased members of the family Youlanda Kelly Charlie Synnott (Months Memory) Peter & Mary Moore	11.00am	Jim Landy (Month's Memory) and Jimmy Landy (his son) Lizzy & John Madden Joe & Masie McCormack Terry O'Sullivan (Month's Memory) Imelda Everard Joseph & Mary White

The following Masses will be said by Fr Gerry in private for the following intentions

Monday	Paddy Hynes & the deceased members of the family
Tuesday	Special Intention
Wednesday	Kevin & Kathleen O'Sullivan & the deceased members of the family
Thursday	Michael Garrett
Friday	Dawn Heal

Farewell to Fr Brendan

Fr Brendan has taken up his new position as chaplain in UCD. We thank him for his seven years of service among us; for his commitment and dedication to his pastoral work in the parish.

He carried out his work with great competence and in the administration of the sacraments he prayerfully led the people of God. He touched the lives of so many people, who were always grateful for his kindness and support to them, especially in times of bereavement and difficulty. In a special way, we thank him for his tremendous work, encouragement and guidance that he gave our young adults over many years and we hope that his service and the witness of his faith to them will bear fruit in due course.

As education secretary for the Diocese he left a lasting impression on all the principals and schools he worked with over the years, for his knowledge of the complexities of all things educational, his patience and his solid advice that was of enormous support to principals and Boards of Management in the diocese.

On a personal level, I want thank him for his kindness and gentleness as we worked together over the past seven years. He was always a joy to work with and his thoughtful and his wise counsel was valued and much appreciated by me. I enjoyed his warm presence in the Parochial House and we have a friendship that will endure. I hope you will join with me as I wish Fr Brendan well as he sets out on his new pastoral work and we hope that he is happy and fulfilled in the chaplaincy role in UCD.

Welcome to Fr Yohanna

Fr Brendan's replacement is Fr Yohanna Jacob, who is a priest of the Diocese of Minna, Nigeria. Fr Yohanna has arrived in Ireland but as per the government guidelines he is in isolation at present. During his time with us, Fr Yohanna will be studying for a Masters degree in moral theology in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Prior to his arrival here, Fr Yohanna has served as a parish priest in St Patrick's Parish, Minna Diocese as well as serving as rector/formator in the local seminary. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome as he comes to live among us and serve the people of God in our parish.

Standing Orders for September €3,275.51

Blue Envelopes lodged €890 on 28th September and **White Envelopes** lodged €1,610 on 6th October. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

October is Mission Month and the theme this year is "Together we can do more – Blessed are the peacemakers". The theme recognises that many of our missionaries are on the front line in many parishes in mission lands. Next Sunday 18th October is Mission Sunday.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

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 the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Cleaner Position in Rathbeggan National School for 2 Hours per day. Expressions of interest to office@rathbeggans.ie by closing date 15th October.

Congratulations to all involved in Ratoath GAA and the Senior Football Team who won the County Final on Sunday last.