



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

31st October 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 Chloe Fitzsimons- Smith; Orla Eiffe; Erin Donnelly; Cian Clarke and Brody Dunne into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Monday is the Feast of All Saints. It is a holy day of obligation and the Masses are at 11.00am and 7.00pm

The patient and joyful heroism of the saints, sustained through all manner of adversity, testifies to God's quiet yet powerful action in those who are faithful to him. With their lives before us as an example, we confidently ask the saints to intercede with God that we may imitate their virtues just as they imitated Christ. All you angels and saints pray for us.

Tuesday is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (Feast of All Souls)

Masses will be at 9.45am and 7.00pm

The church in her pilgrim members, from the earliest days, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead and "because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins", she offer her prayers for them.

On **Sunday next, 7th November at the 12.15pm Mass** we will celebrate our annual **Remembrance Mass** for all our deceased parishioners, remembering in a special way all those who died in the past 12 months.

On 27th October, €925 lodged to the **blue envelope** account and €1,480 lodged to the **white envelope** account (Development Fund). Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Next Sunday is a **blue offering** day

31 Oct	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	P J Roche (Month's Memory) Greg Campbell Patrick McCabe Des Crofton	7.00pm	Julie Crowe
9.00am	Agnes Farrell	9.00am	Anthony & Mary O'Boyle John & Alice Mannering & the deceased members of the family
11.00am	Joe & Kitty Sherwin Paul & Margaret Sherwin Attie McCafferty Sean Glynn	11.00am	John McCarthy Jim Simpson Baby Freddie Killian Geraldine O'Reilly
12.15pm	Anne Sloan (Month's Memory) Seamus Ennis John Kellett & Maureen Foran	12.15pm	Remembrance Mass for all the Faithful Departed

Monday Masses at 11.00am and 7.00pm

Tuesday Masses at 9.45am and 7.00pm

Thursday John O'Neill

Friday Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead

The **2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference**, also known as COP26 and the Glasgow Conference, is the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference. It is scheduled to be held in Glasgow, between 31 October and 12 November 2021

“Climate change is a global problem with grave implications; environmental; social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades”

Pope Francis from his encyclical On Care for our Common Home

“The Lord is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its inhabitants;
For upon the seas did He set it; upon the rivers He made it firm”

Psalm 24

“Our planet is home to a seemingly infinite variety of species, from ocean giants to the tiniest insects...but today it is vanishing, at rates never seen before in human history” *David Attenborough*

“Among the greatest dangers of the climate crises are the loss of hope and the inaction that follows in its wake. Such a response represents a deep loss of faith, a withdrawal from the life God gives us and is the death knell for our planet as we know it. Does the Risen Lord still not call us to a courageous response?...The crises is deep and vast. It is truly a global crises that no single nation is able to tackle on its own. ... Such a deep crises defies easy solutions. There is no magic bullet. That is not to say that – even now – we are condemned to inaction.”

Archbishop Dermot Farrell from his pastoral The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor

We are the **first generation** to feel the effect of climate change and the **last generation** who can do something about it.”

Barack Obama, Former US President

“The climate crisis has already been solved. We already have the facts and solutions. All we have to do is wake up and change.”

Greta Thunberg

November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/ friends who are no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. We ask you to fill them in and return them to the box at the back of the church called List of the Dead, before early November. All those on the parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses in November and on the first Friday of every month.

The message in this weekend's gospel

Today's gospel brings us to right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in the spirit of love.

Meath Alzheimer Cafés are being held online. The next Virtual Café is on Wednesday November 3rd at 11:00 am. Guest speakers are Dr Diane O'Doherty and Ciara O'Reilly, Research Officers. They will speak about “Having Your Voice Heard – Ways to Engage in Research with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland”. All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia are welcome to join us. If you wish to take part please email: meathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie and you will receive an invitation to attend.

Enrolment Certificates for First Confessions and First Communion

This note is a reminder to parents that if your son or daughter in Second class wishes to receive First Confession and First Communion next year, they should bring the completed enrolment certificate to Mass next weekend as this is the **final weekend** for enrolling. Please give the certificate to Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna at the end of Mass.