



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

14th November 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 Lucy McKenna into the Christian community. She was **baptised** recently

Congratulations to Aoife Ward and Liam Downey who were **married** recently.

Standing Orders for October €3,500.02

Lodged on 10th November to the **blue envelope** account €2,320.

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Mass for all those who have died during the pandemic in Knock Shrine

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered during the pandemic, and in the context of November being the traditional time when we remember our dead, **on Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm**, the bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine to concelebrate Mass for all those who have died on the island and for their families during the pandemic.

During the Mass the bishops will offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. The Mass will be live streamed on www.knockshrine.ie

Dates for the Diary 2022

Confirmation Ratoath Senior NS; St Paul's NS and Rathbeggan NS on Friday 18th February

First Confessions Ratoath Junior NS on Monday 7th March; St Paul's NS on Tuesday 8th March; and Rathbeggan NS on Wednesday 9th March

First Communion St Paul's NS on Saturday 7th May
Ratoath Junior NS on Saturday 14th May
Rathbeggan NS on Saturday 21st May
Exact times to be decided later, but for now save the date.

14 Nov	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 Nov	Feast of Christ the King
7.00pm	John, Patrick & Mary Moore Mary & Edward Murphy	7.00pm	Johnnie & Mary O'Brien Johno Mulvaney Tommy & Rosemary Wallace
9.00am	Kathleen & Hugh Nally	9.00am	
11.00am	Agata Broda Deceased members of the Byrne Family (Cabin Hill)	11.00am	Kathleen, Billy & Liam Lynch Attracta & Colm Donnelly
12.15pm	Aggie & Anthony Donohoe Jack & Maggie Donnelly Mary White	12.15pm	Thomas Murphy (Month's Memory) Derek Walker & the deceased members of the Walker & Kenny families

Monday John, Patrick & Mary Moore & Special Intention
 Tuesday Ray Hannigan & Michael & Alice Hatch
 Wednesday Anne Alford & Special Intention
 Thursday Deceased members of the Men's Shed
 Friday Paul McConnon and Special Intention

**Excerpt of message of Pope Francis to the “BBC Radio – Thought for the Day”
on the occasion of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow**

Climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic have exposed our deep vulnerability and raised numerous doubts and concerns about our economic systems and the way we organize our societies.

We have lost our sense of security, and are experiencing a sense of powerlessness and loss of control over our lives.

We find ourselves increasingly frail and even fearful, caught up in a succession of “crises” in the areas of health care, the environment, food supplies and the economy, to say nothing of social, humanitarian and ethical crises. All these crises are profoundly interconnected. They also forecast a “perfect storm” that could rupture the bonds holding our society together within the greater gift of God’s creation.

Every crisis calls for vision, the ability to formulate plans and put them rapidly into action, to rethink the future of the world, our common home, and to reassess our common purpose.

These crises present us with the need to take *decisions*, radical decisions that are not always easy. At the same time, moments of difficulty like these also present *opportunities*, opportunities that we must not waste. We can confront these crises by retreating into isolationism, protectionism and exploitation. Or we can see in them a real chance for change, a genuine moment of conversion, and not simply in a spiritual sense.

All this represents an *immense cultural challenge*. It means giving priority to the common good, and it calls for a change in perspective, a new outlook, in which the dignity of every human being, now and in the future, will guide our ways of thinking and acting. The most important lesson we can take from these crises is our need to *build together*, so that there will no longer be any borders, barriers or political walls for us to hide behind.

**Excerpt from the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of the Poor on this
Sunday 14th November.....**

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor. In everything, Jesus teaches that poverty is not the result of fate, but a concrete sign pointing to his presence among us. We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live. As I never tire of repeating, the poor are true evangelizers, for they were the first to be evangelized and called to share in the Lord's joy and his kingdom.

Jesus not only sides with the poor; he also *shares their lot*. This is a powerful lesson for his disciples in every age. This is the meaning of his observation that “the poor you will always have with you”. The poor will always be with us, yet that should not make us indifferent, but summon us instead to a mutual sharing of life that does not allow proxies. The poor are not people “outside” our communities, but brothers and sisters whose sufferings we should share, in an effort to alleviate their difficulties and marginalization, restore their lost dignity and ensure their necessary social inclusion.

Many are the examples of saints who made mutual sharing with the poor their life project. I think, among others, of Father Damien, the saintly apostle to the lepers. With great generosity, he went to the island of Molokai, which had become a ghetto accessible only to lepers, to live and die with them. He rolled up his sleeves and did everything he could to improve the lives of those who were poor, ill and outcast. He became both doctor and nurse, heedless of the risks involved, and brought the light of love to that “colony of death”. He himself contracted leprosy, which became the sign of his total sharing in the lot of those for whom he had given his life. His testimony is most timely in our own days, marked by the coronavirus pandemic. The grace of God is surely at work in the hearts of all those who, without fanfare, spend themselves for the poorest, sharing with them in concrete ways.