



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

5th July 2020

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm. All are welcome.

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

Mass on **Sunday 5th July** at 11.00am will be streamed. The link is <https://youtu.be/dZ-nVq-MYeQ>

Mass on **Sunday 12th July** at 11.00am will be streamed. The link is <https://youtu.be/ZfmyTGLyEX0>

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 10.00pm

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

Baptisms have resumed. We hope to hold a number of baptism ceremonies at different times on Saturday 4th, 11th and 18th July, and 1st & 15th August so as to accommodate the baptisms that were deferred or pending, due to the pandemic. Those who wish to have their child baptised in the month of July or August should contact the parish office and we will explain the protocols that are in place.

5 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm		7.00pm	Tommy Carberry
9.00am	Deceased members of the Boshell family	9.00am	
11.00am	Seamus McIntyre & the deceased members of the family Teresa Joyce Mary & Tom Gannon & the deceased members of the family Anthony & Mary Rafferty	11.00am	Bridie & Tommy Dolan Michael & Elizabeth Kavanagh Edward & Mary Rafferty Mylie & Kathleen Byrne Michael Clarke Rose McCarthy
12.15pm	Thomas Shaw Bernard Fisher	12.15pm	
Tuesday	Cormach Murrihy	Friday	Sheila O'Donnell

A **support team** of parishioners has been established to organise preparations for reopening and to oversee the implementation of the government guidelines. They met with Fr Gerry on Tuesday evening last in preparation for the weekend Masses.

We are grateful to all who have volunteered to assist us so that parishioners can safely return to our church.

We ask you to please follow the direction of the stewards, who are there to help all of us to attend Mass in a safe and healthy environment.

You will notice during Mass that the offertory procession and the sign of peace will be omitted.

Hymns will not be in use. Music ministry will continue with a rota of cantors.

Ministers of Holy Communion will sanitize their hands before and after Holy Communion and wear a face-covering for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Instructions will be given at Masses as how to approach for the reception of Holy Communion.

Movement within the church will have to be kept to a minimum.

Holy Communion should be received in the hand.

Collection baskets will not be passed along during Mass, but collectors will collect at the entrance to the church/ or collection baskets will be placed near the doors of the church.

Reflection on the Gospel passage

“Come to me all you who are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest”

In the opening lines of the gospel today, Jesus praises God for the grace of openness and humility he sees around him, for revealing “these things” to infants and hiding them from the “wise”.

I imagine that Jesus had enough of the arrogance and the egos of the elite. The authorities of the time were so closed to his message of love and compassion. Jesus’ disciples were not from the upper echelons of society, but they trusted in Jesus, they wanted to understand, they had an openness to learn.

For Jesus, God’s grace was found in the humble, in those who were open to new possibilities, in those whose hearts were not hardened or consumed by ego.

Over the past number of months, we have all been humbled a little. The Covid 19 pandemic stopped us in our tracks and suddenly we realised we were not in control. It has been a traumatic and stressful time for most people.

And yet within it all, our faith asks us to watch out for the signs of hope, for stories of resurrection all around us, for good news.

Today we hear some of the most beautiful lines in the gospel; “Come to me all you who are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls”.

One interpretation of this passage says “learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I will not lay anything heavy or ill fitting on you. Keep company with me and you will learn to live freely and lightly”.

During days of uncertainty, may we remember and whisper these lines, with open hearts.

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In regard to coming to Mass.

Please note that the health advice is to **wear masks** when in enclosed spaces.

For parishioners, particularly those who are cocooning, sick or aged or unwell, **the advice is to remain at home**. Dispensation for attending Mass is extended for the time being.

People who are nervous about been in enclosed spaces may prefer to attend Mass on weekdays rather than on weekends for the foreseeable future.

We ask people not to congregate outside the church after Mass but to leave directly at the end of the ceremony. Please follow the advice of the stewards when leaving the church building.

It is important to observe social distancing at all time – in approaching and leaving the church and in the church building.

Please be conscious when approaching for Holy Communion to leave the 2 metre distance between yourself and the person in front of you.

Please respect other people and step aside to give others space.

Please use the hand sanitizers that are placed at all entrances to the church.

Practice good cough/sneeze hygiene. Use our elbow or a tissue.