



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

9th August 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 9th August** at 11.00am will be streamed. The link is <https://youtu.be/VUAQcLIgzWU>

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

We welcome Emilia Ni Mhairtin into the Christian Community. She was **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the souls** of Kathleen O'Connell (Clonkeen) and Liam Murphy (Waterford) uncle of Gerry Murphy (Wilkinstown) who died during the week.
May they rest in peace.

Saturday is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

Mass for the feast day will be at 11.00am

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on this Sunday 9th August, this year will be a virtual pilgrimage. Two priests from the diocese will attend the Shrine in Knock for the Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm. These events can be followed online on the Knock Shrine website. www.knockshrine.ie

Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival 14th -16th August. Register free on www.youth2000.ie.
This year the content will be online, with as much as possible live-streamed and interactive.

A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore. *Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps.
Contact 0 (0353) 71 9861518 or info@loughderg.org for details. Numbers are limited.
Advance booking essential.

Baptisms have resumed and will be celebrated at different times on Saturday 15th & 22nd August. Those who wish to have their child baptised in the month of August should contact the parish office and we will explain the protocols that are in place.

We wish to acknowledge and thank parishioners who have sent in the **blue and white envelopes** to the parish office. We appreciate your generosity and support at this difficult time.

| 9 Aug | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 Aug | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| 7.00pm | Liam McLoughlin | 7.00pm | Roddy O'Neill |
| 9.00am | Evelyn Corrigan | 9.00am | |
| 11.00am | Margaret & Tom McMullan Frances Kinsella | 11.00am | Deborah Cleary (Month's Memory) |
| 12.15pm | Ann Kerrigan Maureen Davis Jimmy Kearney | 12.15pm | Christopher & Ann Donnelly Pudsar Toole Roger & Elizabeth Corcoran |

Wednesday Deirdre Fairbrother

Thursday Pa & Julia Donnelly; Gerry & Sheila Sexton; Sean & May Duffy

Friday Deirdre Fairbrother

Saturday Mass at 11.00am

Bishop Deenihan celebrated the **Chrism Mass** on 28th July.

He blessed the oils for baptism, confirmation, ordination and anointing of the sick.

These holy oils will be used in each parish from now until next Easter.

The following is a **Rite of Reception of the Holy Oils**:

1. Through the **Oil of the Sick**, blessed by our Bishop for the healing of body, mind, and soul, may the sick, who are anointed with it, experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love. Lord hear us.

2. Through the **Oil of Catechumens** blessed by our Bishop for the anointing of those preparing for Baptism, may they be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms, as they prepare for the saving waters of Baptism. Lord hear us.

3. The **holy Chrism**, a mixture of olive oil and perfume, has been consecrated by our Bishop and the Priests of our Diocese. Through it, may infants at Baptism, those who are to be confirmed and Priests at their Ordination grow in holiness and grace. Lord hear us.

Congregational prayer: Gracious and loving God, you anointed Priests, Prophets, and Kings of old with the oil of Gladness. You infuse your Church with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, heal, comfort and sanctify those anointed with oil in your name.

May these holy oils remind us always of your sacramental mysteries.

May the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and Holy Chrism, confirm our unity in faith and prayer that we may be effective signs of the love that you pour into our hearts.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Excerpt of the Words of Pope Francis at the General Audience on Wednesday last 5th August

This pandemic continues to cause deep wounds, exposing our vulnerability. On every continent there are many who have died, many are ill. Many people and many families are living a time of uncertainty because of socio-economic problems which especially affect the poorest.

Thus, we must keep our gaze firmly fixed on Jesus: in the midst of this pandemic, our eyes on Jesus; and with this *faith* embrace the *hope* of the Kingdom of God that Jesus Himself brings us; a Kingdom of healing and of salvation that is already present in our midst; a Kingdom of justice and of peace that is manifested through works of *charity*, which in their turn increase hope and strengthen faith.

Within the Christian tradition, *faith, hope and charity* are much more than feelings or attitudes.

They are virtues infused in us through the grace of the Holy Spirit gifts that heal us and that make us healers, gifts that open us to new horizons, even while we are navigating the difficult waters of our time.

Renewed contact with the Gospel of faith, of hope and of love invites us to assume a creative and renewed spirit. In this way, we will be able to transform the roots of our physical, spiritual and social infirmities and the destructive practices that separate us from each other, threatening the human family and our planet.

Although the Church administers Christ's healing grace through the Sacraments, and although she provides healthcare services in the remotest corners of the planet, she is not an expert in the prevention or the cure of the pandemic. She helps with the sick, but she is not an expert. Neither does she give specific socio-political pointers. This is the job of political and social leaders.

Nevertheless, over the centuries, and by the light of the Gospel, the Church has developed several social principles which are fundamental, principles that can help us move forward in preparing the future that we need. I cite the main ones which are closely connected: the principle of the dignity of the person, the principle of the common good, the principle of the preferential option for the poor, the principle of the universal destination of goods, the principle of the solidarity, of subsidiarity, the principle of the care for our common home.

These principles help the leaders, those responsible for society, to foster growth and also, as in the case of the pandemic, the healing of the personal and social fabric.

All of these principles express in different ways the virtues of faith, hope and love.