



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

20th June 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.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of John Purcell (Mullinan Lane) who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

We welcome Eva Long into the Christian community. She was **baptised** recently.

Baptisms. Please call the parish office for details of dates, times and restrictions that are in place for the ceremonies.

€2,530 lodged to the **blue envelopes** account on 14th June and €2,660 lodged on the same date to the **white envelope** account (Development Fund).

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Bishops thank public for generosity to Trócaire.

The bishops thanked the public for its continued generosity to Trócaire which works in support of people affected by poverty, conflict and injustice worldwide. They noted that Trócaire's support brought positive change to the lives of 2.7 million people in 25 countries over the course of the last challenging year.

The bishops acknowledged that the Lenten campaign is essential to enabling Trócaire carry out this work and, in expressing their gratitude, noted that Covid-19, combined with the threats of climate change and conflict, have put many more millions of lives at risk of extreme poverty.

The bishops encouraged all individuals to make their Lenten return either through their parishes, or by donating by post, phone or online at trocaire.org/donations/now/

The ceremony of the blessing of the graves can be viewed on **live.ratoathparish.ie** and on the **Parish YouTube channel** and you can view it any time in the next number of weeks.

20 June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Mary & James O'Neill	7.00pm	Agnes & Michael O'Hare & the deceased members of the family
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Cathal Dunlop James, Agnes & Kate Rooney Abbie Loughnane Roy O'Hare	11.00am	Christopher & Christina Rooney John, Christina, Lilly & Sean O'Connor
12.15pm	Marie Reilly	12.15pm	Laura Donohoe Betty & David Colfer Michael Kelly Danny Delaney Bernard Fisher

Monday

Dermot Whelehan

Tuesday

Pa & Julia Donnelly & the deceased members of the family

Jerry & Sheila Sexton; and May & Sean Duffy

Wednesday

Ray Hannigan & Special Intention

Thursday

The O'Sullivan family

Reflection on today's gospel **"Let us go to the other side"** *from Intercom*

"Let us go to the other side" is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non Jewish) region.

While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat.

To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" After all Jesus has led them, and others boats to this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, "Peace Be Still".

While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us the Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account is more mature faith, deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

*"May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing". (Shane Claibourne)*

Prayer for Fathers Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

May the Holy Spirit of God constantly inspire all fathers with wisdom and strength; gentleness and mercy; fidelity and self giving love.

May all fathers be examples of love and joy and patience to those entrusted to their care.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Tuesday is the Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More

St John Fisher (1469-1535). As vice chancellor, he built Christ's College and St John's College in Cambridge. He was bishop of Rochester. His love of truth brought about his death.

St Thomas More (1478- 1535). He was the first commoner to be Lord Chancellor of England but he suffered martyrdom under Henry VIII. Thomas More wrote to his daughter, Margaret on the night before he was executed. It showed his tender love for his family and his complete peace with his impending death as "he longed to go to God".

In one evocative line in the long letter he wrote "farewell my child and pray for me and I shall for you and for all your friends that we may merrily meet in heaven".

Tweet from Pope Francis this week:

"Where there is no honour for the elderly, there is no future for the young".