



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

21<sup>st</sup> 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 Myles and Fionn Mullane, Senan Flaherty, Conor Tiernan and Logan Murray into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Please **pray for the repose of the soul** of Sheila Naughton (The Village) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

## Prayer of St Columban - Feast Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> November

“O Lord, grant us that love which can never die, which will enkindle our lamps but not extinguish them, so that they may shine in us and bring light to others.

Most dear Saviour, enkindle our lamps that they may shine forever in your temple.

May we receive unquenchable light from you so that our darkness will be illuminated and the darkness of the world will be made less. Amen.”

Lodged on 17<sup>th</sup> November to the **blue envelope** account €660 and €970 to the **white envelope** account (Development Fund). Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

## Distribution of Parish Envelopes: Assistance needed

We are grateful to all who distribute the parish envelopes for us at the end of November and early December every year.

The envelopes are a major source of income to the parish and more so in the past year with the Covid restrictions that were in place in the church.

We are looking for a number of volunteers who would be available to drop the envelopes to a number of areas in the parish. If you can spare an hour for this work, we would be grateful for your assistance.

Mention it to Fr Gerry or Fr Yohanna or contact Maureen at the Parish Office.

21 Nov	Feast of Christ the King	28 Nov	First Sunday of Advent
7.00pm	Johnnie & Mary O'Brien Johno Mulvaney Tommy & Rosemary Wallace Falcacion Fabalboro	7.00pm	Joe & Teresa Gorman
9.00am		9.00am	John, Michael & Elizabeth Mulvaney
11.00am	Kathleen, Billy & Liam Lynch Attracta & Colm Donnelly	11.00am	Olive McCann Nicholas O'Connor
12.15pm	Thomas Murphy (Month's Memory) Derek Walker & the deceased members of the Walker & Kenny families Michael McIntyre	12.15pm	Adrian Madden (Month's Memory) Ciaran Kilcline & the deceased members of the Glynn & Kavanagh families

Monday Owen & Anne Murray  
 Wednesday Tommy & Eileen Moore  
 Friday Phil Byrne

Tuesday Special Intention  
 Thursday Mary Corcoran

## Feast of Christ the King - "Mine is not a kingdom of this World"

Many voices direct our lives: voices which direct to wealth and comfort,  
or to relationships which do not last,  
voices for peace and for justice, and the voices we tune into in prayer.  
Voices speaking of violence and power,  
and others of compassion and forgiveness;  
voices which call us back to another era  
when things now seem better than they were then.

And the voice of Jesus.

The voice which appeals for peace and justice in a world often proposing violence and greed;  
the voice which is strong for forgiveness when our own hearts are bitter;  
the voice that speaks the truth that is fully human and is the word of God.

His Kingdom not of this world, but is part of this world;  
like the branch is part of the tree.

And when we speak of justice, peace forgiveness and love, we speak of his Kingdom;  
and when we live from his truth, we are not far from the Kingdom of God. *Donal Neary SJ*

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### **Excerpt from homily of Archbishop Martin at Mass of Remembrance for the bishops' pilgrimage to Knock last Sunday**

We are gathering today to remember all those who died during the Covid-19 pandemic. What a cruel time it has been for the dying and the bereaved.

Here in Ireland we traditionally wrap those who are dying, and families who are bereaved, in a blanket of love and care. We accompany our relatives and friends in their suffering, and surround them with love and prayer and gently assist them in body, in mind and in spirit. All human life remains precious until the moment of natural death. That is why we tend to their pain, while always assuring them that they remain loved and valued in those final moments – and especially so, because they are so completely vulnerable and dependent on others.

Sadly, in many cases during the Covid pandemic, those precious, final moments saw increased heartbreak. At a time when physical closeness is so important, and our caring instinct is to hug someone, or hold their hand, it was distressing that often the final words of love and prayer had to be spoken over a telephone, or from behind windows and screens, or masks or visors.

Many families over these past nineteen months have walked the Way of the Cross with Jesus. Thankfully, along that Way, they were able to meet kindly 'Veronicas' – in the shape of our amazing and dedicated health workers and carers who put themselves out to wipe the brow and dry the tears of our suffering and dying brothers and sisters.

And there were many 'Simons' and 'Good Samaritans' helping others to shoulder their burden; offering messages of hope and encouragement to say, "you are not forgotten" and "even if we cannot hold your hands or give you a hug, we still care deeply for you", and, "we hold you close in our prayers and in our hearts."

In a special way today in Knock we remember, with deep gratitude and prayer, the 'heroes' who kept our health, emergency, chaplaincy and other essential services going during the pandemic, often denying themselves in the cause of compassion, charity and love. And they are still doing it, today and every day. These heroes remain at their posts – dedicated, often exhausted, under huge pressures and staff shortages, but always deeply committed to their vocation of love and care and mercy.