



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

13th 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.

Standing Orders for May €3,317.32 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

We welcome Elijah Fay into the Christian community. He was **baptised** recently.

A meeting of the **Board of Management** of Raotath Senior National School will be held on this Monday 14th June at 7.00m and a meeting of the **Board of Management** of Ratoath Junior National School will take place on Tuesday evening the 15th at 7.00pm and a meeting of the **Board of Management** of Rathbeggan National School took place on Thursday last 10th June.

Dates for the Diary

Confirmation Ceremonies will take place on 4th and 5th September.

First Confessions for those who will be receiving their First Communion have taken place.

First Communion will be on 11th September for Ratoath Junior National School and on 18th September for St Paul's National School and Rathbeggan National School.

Cemetery Sunday

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.

13 June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Joe McGrath (Month's Memory) Bobbie, Annie & Michael Wall The deceased members of the Doran Family John Fullam May Hessman	7.00pm	Mary & James O'Neill
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am		11.00am	Cathal Dunlop James, Agnes & Kate Rooney Abbie Loughnane
12.15pm		12.15pm	Marie Reilly

Monday Special Intention

Thursday Brendan & Eileen Boylan & Edna O'Gorman

Friday Special Intention

Wednesday David & Betty Tansey

Hope

Vaclav Havel, the playwright and former President of the Czech Republic, asserted that "hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out".

Study expresses our hope that all that we live, our joys and sorrows, will finally be revealed to have a plenitude of meaning that now we barely glimpse. St Paul reassures the Corinthians: "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known"

from Alive in God by Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

Reflection on the Sunday's Gospel "It is like a mustard seed" from Intercom

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; his followers including fishermen were in tune with the rhythm of the sea.

In Pope Francis' encyclical "On the Care of our Common Home", he reminds us that Jesus "was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder".

Jesus parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty "cedars of Lebanon" to explain God's kingdom. Mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head.

There is an ancient text, which forbade planting mustard seed in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds.

Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures.

The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation. "The very flowers of the field and the birds which Christ's human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence".

As we watch out for the traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation.

Friendship

No matter how much live the experience of these years of your youth, you will never know their deepest and fullest meaning unless you encounter each day your best friend, who is Jesus.

Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Through our friends, the Lord refines us and leads us to maturity. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are also a reflection of the Lord's love, his gentle and consoling presence in our lives. The experience of friendship teaches us to be open, understanding and caring towards others, to come out of our own comfortable isolation and to share our lives with others. For this reason, "there is nothing so precious as a faithful friend".

Friendship is no fleeting or temporary relationship, but one that is stable, firm and faithful, and matures with the passage of time. A relationship of affection that brings us together and a generous love that makes us seek the good of our friend. Friends may be quite different from one another, but they always have things in common that draws them closer in mutual openness and trust.

From Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive) an Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis published in 2019 after the Synod on young people, faith and vocational discernment.

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

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays beginning after the morning Mass and ending at 7.00pm. (Please note the change of the finishing time)

Streaming of Masses: We continue to stream the 11.00am Mass on Sundays.