

Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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6th September 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.

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 6th September is https://youtu.be/wDJ0ENrmQnY The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 13th September - https://youtu.be/Q9djvDbDUIU

Please pray for **the repose of the soul** of Laurie Dunne (Growtown) who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

We appreciate your generosity and support at this difficult time. This Sunday is a **blue offering** day.

Fr Brendan has been appointed Chaplain to University College, Dublin and will be taking up this new appointment over the next few weeks. He will say his good-byes at weekend Masses later in the month.

First Holy Communion

This weekend we celebrate the First Holy Communion ceremonies for Ratoath Junior National School. There were four ceremonies; one on Friday evening at 7.00pm and the other three on Saturday at 10.00am; 11.30am and 1.00pm

Next weekend we will celebrate the First Holy Communion Ceremonies for Rathbeggan National School on Friday evening 11th September at 7.00pm and for St. Paul's National School on Saturday 12th September at 10.00am; 11.30am and 1.00pm

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who were confirmed by Bishop Deenihan last weekend. We thank Bishop Deenihan who came to celebrate the sacrament in 8 separate ceremonies.

Many thanks to all who assisted on the day – principals, teachers, SNA's, organists, cantors, servers, sacristans. We are grateful to all for their assistance in these difficult circumstances. We thank all the parents for accepting the protocols that were necessary to keep everyone safe.

Local Primary School seeking **Cleaner** for an immediate start. To express interest or for further information please contact 018259891 or email application.rathbeggan@gmail.com

6 Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary	13 Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
	Time		Time
7.00pm	Ronan Cahill	7.00pm	Peter Murray
9.00am		9.00am	Kathleen Gunn
11.00am	Ann, Aidan & Pat Murphy Deceased members of the Brennan family (Cabinhill) Jack Foley	11.00am	Darragh Maxwell
12.15pm	Pauline Everard Angelo & David Mulvaney Denis & Breda Lane	12.15pm	

Monday Wednesday Juliette O'Donoghue Eileen Fernandes Tuesday John O'Connor Thursday Special Intention

Pope Francis at the General Audience on Wednesday last 2nd September

After so many months we resume our meeting face to face and not screen to screen. Face to face. That's beautiful! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked, to each other, for both bad and good. Therefore, to get out of this crisis better, we must do it together. Together, not alone, together. Alone, no, because you can't! Either it is done together or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in *solidarity*. Today I would like to emphasize this word: *solidarity*.

As a human family we have our common origin in God; we live in a common home, the planet-garden, the earth where God has placed us; and we have a common destination in Christ. But when we forget all this, our *interdependence* becomes the *dependence* of some on others - we lose this harmony of interdependence in solidarity - increasing inequality and marginalization; the social fabric is weakened and the environment deteriorates. It is always the same way of acting.

Therefore, the principle of solidarity is now more necessary than ever, as Saint John Paul II taught. In an interconnected world, we experience what it means to live in the same "global village". This expression is beautiful: the big world is nothing more than a global village, because everything is interconnected. However, we don't always transform this interdependence into solidarity.

There is a long way between interdependence and solidarity. Selfishness - individual, national and of power groups - and ideological rigidities, on the contrary, feed "structures of sin"

In the midst of the crisis, *faith*- led *solidarity* allows us to translate God's love into our globalized culture, not by building towers or walls - and how many walls are being built today - that divide, but then collapse, but by weaving communities and supporting processes of truly human and solid growth. And for this solidarity helps. I ask a question: do I think about the needs of others? Let each one answer in his heart.

Recycling Day in Ashbourne Retail Park on Saturday 12th September from 8am - 4pm (Sharp). All material accepted including electrical and white goods any size, except garden clippings, concrete and hazardous waste. We will also have a confidential document shredding facility on site. Please wear masks/face coverings while on site and if you require help to offload heavy material bring a suitable helper along. Contact tracing and social distancing will also apply. Queries: Joe on 0879749563. For detailed brochure contact. joebonner I | @gmail.com

Prayer for those who tend the sick

Almighty God, Father of mercies, in his earthly your Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people.

Comfort, heal and sanctify those who suffer in mind, body or spirit.

Grant to all doctors and nurses, and to all who tend the sick, sympathy and patience.

Bless all who labour to prevent suffering, make them instruments of your healing love and continue through them your loving purpose among us, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.