



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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

20th 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 20th September - <https://youtu.be/t8To5shHhY8>

The link for the Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 27th September - <https://youtu.be/XgYCDK7T-rw>

Please pray for **the repose of the soul** of Terry O'Sullivan (Kilbride Road); Charlie Synnott (The Reask); Jim Landy (Peacockstown, Kilbride) and Monsignor Edward Dunne (retired PP of Dunboyne) brother of Gladys Bourke (Ballyhack) and Barbara McAuley (Rathbeggan) who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Reverend Norman Allred will be **Ordained to the Priesthood** for the Diocese of Meath, this Sunday at 3.00pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King. He will be ordained by Bishop Deenihan.

Please remember Norman in your prayers as he begins his service as a priest for the Diocese of Meath.

First Holy Communion

We congratulate the boys and girls of Rathbeggan National School and St. Paul's National School who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. The support of their parents on their faith journey to this day is so important and we are grateful to the parents for journeying with the boys and girls this year.

Many thanks too, to the teachers and staff who taught the boys and girls during the year.

We are indebted to the principals and deputy principals for their assistance to us at the ceremonies.

We are grateful and appreciative of the organists and cantors who provided the music last weekend, which enhanced our ceremonies.

This completes the First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies for this year. Over the past three weekends, we are glad to have had the opportunity of celebrating them after the postponements due to the coronavirus.

This year there were 16 ceremonies celebrated in small groups in line with the Government guidelines and protocols and we thank all for adhering to the guidelines and for your understanding.

The safety of all was our number one priority. Despite the restrictions, we are grateful for the many positive comments we received from those who attended on the prayerful atmosphere and well organised and conducted celebrations in our church.

20 Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Jim & Lydia Everard Liam Woods Mary Bradshaw James & Peggy Farrell	7.00pm	Patricia & James Reilly
9.00am		9.00am	
11.00am	Katie & Jack Nulty Thomas & Maria Nulty James Lynam	11.00am	John & Nora Looney Harry & Emily Elmes
12.15pm	Mary Roche (Months Memory) Vincent Donnolly Grace Jordan	12.15pm	Paddy McDermott

Monday

Evan Ormond

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

From Intercom

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today he tells the story of the landowner who pays the wages to all his workers- those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined later in the day.

Naturally, the early birds are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding,

who make up the most of the opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living.

Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or “handouts”?

Such criticisms fail to take into account that not very one has the same opportunities or privileges in life.

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity.

He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity- some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time.

God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Sadly we do not live in an equal world where everyone’s dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities.

In this season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world’s poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

“Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out”.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

From the General Audience of Pope Francis on Wednesday last 16th September

To emerge from a pandemic, we need to look after and care for each other - to look after and care for each other.

And we must support those who care for the weakest, the sick and the elderly.

Ah, there is the tendency to cast the elderly aside, to abandon them. And this is bad.

These people - well defined by the Spanish term "*cuidadores*" (caretakers), those who take care of the sick - play an essential role in today's society, even if they often do not receive the recognition and recompense they deserve.

Caring is a golden rule of our nature as human beings, and brings with it health and hope.

Taking care of those who are sick, of those who are in need, of those who are cast aside: this is a human, and also Christian, wealth.