

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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Vigil – 7.00pm

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am

Holy Days – 11.00am and as indicated in bulletin of the previous week

Weekdays – Monday to Friday 9.45am

Confessions: Before Vigil Mass

Baptisms: on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 4.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Wednesday Mass until 7pm

Parish Priest: Rev Michael Cahill ~ **Assistant Priest:** Rev Gerry Stuart

Parochial House Eircode: A85 CK73. **Church Eircode** A85 VX46

Parish Office: Monday and Friday 10am -1pm; Wednesday 2pm-5pm.

Our Pastoral Area is Ratoath, Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Curragha, Ardath/Clonalvy & Skryne.

Parish Safeguarding Reps – Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. Details on noticeboard in porch

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1 ST FEBRUARY – FEAST OF ST BRIGID 2 ND PATRON OF IRELAND		8 TH FEBRUARY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Maurice Keogh; John & Alice Redmond	Saturday 7.00pm	Lily Mulvaney
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Olive Brennan, 5 th Anniversary
11.00am	Sean Sweeney, Month's Mind; Jadwiga Ostrowska Month's Mind; Frank Deering 1 st Anniversary; William & Dympna Mills; Eugene Gleeson, 6 th Anniversary; Mickey Eiffe; Martin Kerrigan; Catherine Williams, 7 th Anniversary; Mary Rose Mullen	11.00am	Noel (Christopher) Williams, 1 st Anniversary; Vidler Family, deceased members

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Joan Doyle**, Wexford, mother of Colm, Foxlodge Manor. and **Mary Rose Mullen** (UK) Aunt of Colfer Family, Kilrue.

Bank Holiday Monday – parish office closed

****First Friday:** due to the Confirmation ceremonies there will be **no 9.45am Mass**. Mass for those on the Altar List of the Dead will be offered on Thursday. Communion calls will be made on Monday 9th February.

Confirmation: on Friday Bishop Deenihan will confer Confirmation as the Sacrament of Christian maturity on 180 young people from our parish schools. Rehearsals take place this week for all schools.

10am - St Paul's NS; 12pm - Ratoath SNS (4 classes); 2pm - Rathbeggan NS & Ratoath SNS (2 classes).

'Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the young people and kindle in them the fire of Your love'.

Sunday 1st February: Feast of St Brigid of Kildare, Second Patron of Ireland, the first day of spring in the Celtic calendar, when we think of nature, agriculture and the fertility of the soil.

A Prayer to St Brigid

From all sin and all harm, from all danger and woe, Guard me, O Mary of Ireland, wherever I go.

O Brigid, be with me until the road's end, O Help me to pass through that gate as God's friend.

From famine and drought, O Lord deliver us; from fear and failure, O Lord deliver us;

from waste and want, O Lord deliver us; from poverty and riches, O Lord deliver us;

from greed and gluttony, O Lord deliver us; from sin and shame, O Lord deliver us.

By the powerful intercession of St Brigid, may God make fruitful our fields and flocks, our land and livestock, and the seed about to be sown. May we be faithful and our land fruitful until the end of time. Amen

Monday 2nd February: Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, also known as **Candlemas**, when it is customary to bless candles for use in the church and the home. Candles may be left on a table near the altar to be blessed and then taken home after mass. Please make sure to have your name on your candles!

Tuesday 3rd February: St Blaise – the blessing of throats is a blessing for the fullness of health and strength of mind and body. Two candles are held in the shape of the cross against the throat of the faithful with the words: *by the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, may God preserve you from all illness of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* The blessing will be given after Mass on Tuesday.

Pastoral Council Meeting took place last Wednesday. Matters addressed include - Stations of the Cross on the Mondays of Lent at 7pm with the participation of various parish groups; tea/coffee and hospitality after 11am Mass on the last Sunday of each month; a review of the parish cemetery policy to begin in conjunction with the Finance Committee to assess remaining capacity and make plots available to parishioners on a fair and equal basis in light of growing population and a limited amount of space remaining. Next meeting of the PPC on 11th March.

First Communion preparation continues with our **Grow in Love** programme at the Vigil & 11am Mass on 7th/8th February for those in second class preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion this year.

Polish Community: Fr. Marcin Pietras, Polish chaplain in the Diocese will celebrate Mass with the Polish Community in Dunshaughlin church next Sunday, 8th February, at 2pm. Confessions at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Meath Alzheimer Café, Wednesday 4th Feb 7–9pm, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. Guest speaker will talk about house adaptations and grants for getting work done in the home. All welcome. Contact 087 346 5198

Day for Religious - on Sunday, 8th February, the Religious of the Diocese will gather for a Celebration of Sung Vespers at 4pm at the Cathedral to acknowledge the contribution of Religious to our Diocese. All parishioners welcome to attend.

Young Adults Retreat (18-40 yrs) to prepare for Lent at the Abbey of Our Lady of Silence Roscrea, 13-15 Feb. Prayer, Mass, Adoration, friendship in faith, talks, confession/personal chat with one of the monks, lovely walks
Cost: Donation. Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Irish Cancer Society seeks dedicated volunteers with strong organisational skills willing to bring Daffodil Day fundraising events to the community. If available on Friday 20th March to become a Daffodil Day Community Organiser, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse will be held on 20th February. More info next week.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend with Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20th-22nd March.
A weekend like no other! Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

Medjugorje - May 13th-20th & Oct 7th-14th. €875 PPS. Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages.
Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 15th April for 7 nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal. €745. Dublin to Mostar flying back from Split Airport. Spiritual Director, Fr Oliver Devine. Phone Amy on 0876552453 for details.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 25th January - €1,833.00,
Totals for period ending 18th January: **White Envelopes** - €1,645.00; **Blue Envelopes** - €615.00
Standing Orders for December - €4,631.88.

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