

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2025 AD

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Vigil – 7.00pm;

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm (*July & August – no 12.15pm Mass*)

Holy Days – 11.00am

Weekdays – Monday to Friday at 9.45am

Confessions: Before Vigil Mass

Baptisms: on the 1st and 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

Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday and Friday

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

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23 RD MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		30 TH MARCH – LAETARE OR REJOICING SUNDAY!	
Saturday 7.00pm	Lorraine Keller, 1 st Anniversary; James, Eileen, Margaret & Pat Woods; Dickie Sweeney, 3 rd Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Thomas and Mary Wall
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Mary Kelly, recently deceased
11.00am	Des Cronnelly, Month's Mind; Pauline Byrne, Month's Mind; Noreen Hughes, 10 th Anniversary	11.00am	Pauline Vidler, 6 th Anniversary
12.15pm	Elizabeth Rooney; Noel Martin, 4 th Anniversary; Mary Foy, 3 rd Anniversary; Noel Duggan, 9 th Anniversary	12.15pm	Peggy Murphy, 2 nd Anniversary; Leigha Mc Keon; Patricia Hickey, 8 th Anniversary; Paul Doran; David and Betty Colfer

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Carmel Gaffney**, late of Ballybough, Tallaght and Ratoath; and **Mary Kelly**, Liverpool, sister of Eileen Kirwan, Lagore.

'Lent Extra'- Mass 7pm on Wednesdays of Lent (except 16th April, Chrism Mass at the Cathedral) and **Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 7pm**, led by a different member of the PPA each night.

The Wednesday Mass is an opportunity to bring parish groups together for prayer and planning for Easter and beyond. Only dates available are 26th March, 2nd April, 9th April (16th April, Chrism Mass at Cathedral, no 7pm mass).

So, the **Readers/Ministers of the Word** and the coordinators of each group are invited to the 7pm Mass this Wednesday and to remain on for a short meeting thereafter, to plan the Holy Week schedule etc

The **Parish Pastoral Assembly** met on Wednesday. Matters dealt with included a review of parish participation in the St Patrick's Day festival this year, with special thanks to the 6th class pupils who so willingly gave a hand; promoting the Lenten Monday stations of the cross; publishing details of the PPA members' names and contact details for the Assembly on the parish website; meeting again just before Holy Week to assist with plans for the schedule and logistics of Holy Week and Easter in the parish.

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS

Weekly Suggestions for Lenten penance – each week we will offer practical suggestions and ideas as to how to live the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting & good works in tune with modern needs and the pace of life!

Prayer – Read a book/newspaper/magazine about the Catholic Faith or listen to a podcast eg Word on Fire

Fasting – make no unnecessary purchases this week, we can live on less, so others have more!

Almsgiving/Service of others -perform a random act of kindness or service to a different person each day this week.

Would you take the **Pioneer pledge for Lent?** Please call 087 133 4872 or join online

Prayers for the Pope – we unite in praying for Pope Francis, that God may sustain him in his current illness.

Masses of preparation for families celebrating **First Communion** this weekend at the Vigil, 11am & 12.15pm. Congratulations to the boys and girls of Ratoath NS and St Paul's who had **First Confession** last week.

The **Trocaire** campaign this year follows the lives of Ilma, Julio and their four children in Guatemala as they struggle to deal with changes in climate, weather related emergencies and crop failures affecting their future. With our support they can build more secure housing, safer communities and a better future for the children. Perhaps we could all place a **Trocaire box** on the kitchen table or near the TV or PC as an encouragement to discuss the issues of this year's campaign with family members and friends and so personalize our Lenten giving.

Trocaire - It's not just a box – it's a lifeline!

Catholic Marriage Enrichment Programme has been transforming marriages in Ireland for over 50 years and is active in 94 countries. The weekend experience helps couples enhance communication, deepen their love for each other and enrich their understanding of the sacrament of marriage. Sacramentally married couples are invited to participate. Faithful to the Church's teaching, marriage is understood as a covenant between one man and one woman.

While faith is an important aspect of the experience, the focus of the weekend is on the realities and challenges of married life. Next Marriage Enrichment Weekend at Knock on Friday 28th March- Sunday 30th.

The best gift you'll ever give each other. Book now at www.marriagecounter.ie

Meath Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes "With Mary Pilgrims of Hope"

with Bishop Deenihan, 9th Sept. 4 or 5-night stay. Fares from €829 full board. Contact JWT 01-2410800

Evangelium Ireland invites young Catholics to its annual **Apologetics Conference** at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Sat, 26th April for talks and workshops on topics such as discipleship in the Gospel of St. John, doctrinal development, and the making of modern culture. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, incl lunch, refreshments, and a social. Programme & registration: www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland'

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Saint Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June.

Cost: €80.00 + €50.00 coach travel. Contact (044) 966 1191 or cooleparish@gmail.com.

Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick, and Lough Derg are issuing a **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Passport** for 2025.

See <https://www.pilgrimpassport.ie/>

Friends of Alzheimers, Ratoath. Training this Thursday, 30th March with ASI in Community Centre.

3 sessions throughout the day. Contact Tara Rice 087 6338494 or tara.rice@alzheimer.ie

Fairyhouse Golf Society, a local society, open to new members. All handicaps welcome, including beginners.

For more information phone Barry 0879102963 or Willie 0872040470

Meath Archaeological & Historical Society: launch of 2025 volume of *Ríocht na Midhe* by Dr Geraldine Stout, Wed, 26th March, Ardboyne Hotel, Navan at 7.30pm followed by a lecture - "It's All About the Land" – by historian and broadcaster Myles Dungan. Reception and book fair open to members and guests, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Parkinsons Awareness Week - 5th April; short walk in Claremount Stadium, 11am. Register: www.parkinsons.ie

Alzheimer Social - at Community Centre, Ratoath, Friday 28th March. 11am - 1pm. All welcome.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 16th March - € 2,470.00

Standing Orders for period ending 16th March €3,422.55

The Bulletin for the Month of March is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner. Thank you!