

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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24 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		1 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY – ST BRIGID, ABBESS AND PATRON OF IRELAND	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Frank Healy, Month's Mind; Olive Manning, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Peg O'Kane & Ignatius; Michael 'Skipper' Lynch & dec'd mbrs of Lynch and Cundall Families; Anthony Lawlor and dec'd family mbrs; Esme & Barney Browne;	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Maurice Keogh; John & Alice Redmond
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
<b>11.00am</b>	Carlo Dehaene, Month's Mind and Luc & Juliet Dehaene; Marie Quirke-Fairbairn, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Lil, Emma & Ultan Nulty & Christina and Christopher Nulty & Lily Cullen; Stephanie Moran; Michael & Mary Flinter, son John, and son in law Joe Merriman; Tom, Mary, Edward and Mary Gannon & dec'd members of Gannon Family, Christy Crowley, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Maura & Angela O'Reilly; Tommy, Rosemary & Vera Wallace; Kathleen & Johnny Staunton	<b>11.00am</b>	Sean Sweeney, Month's Mind; Frank Deering 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; William & Dympna Mills; Eugene Gleeson, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Mickey Eiffe; Martin Kerrigan; Catherine Williams, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary;

**Mass intentions this week: Tuesday** - Robert & Audrey McKenna

**Rest in Peace:** we commend to God the soul of **Sean O'Brien**, Dunboyne, brother of Ger Maher, Rathbeggan.

**Catholic Schools Week** was celebrated in our parish schools this week with activities based on the theme *Normal Lives, Called to Holiness*. Bishop Deenihan said in a recent interview that 'Catholic schools serve society and the common good' and he will celebrate Mass broadcast live from Mullingar Cathedral this Sunday at 11am.

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** concludes this Sunday. An occasion for prayer, reflection and dialogue on the journey towards that unity for which Christ Himself prayed (John 17:21-23).

We remember in prayer the late Rectors and faithful of this parish and send our greetings to our brothers and sisters at St Seachnail's Church of Ireland in Dunshaughlin.

**Pastoral Council Meeting** this Wednesday at the Parochial House. Report will follow.

**Choral Vespers/Sung Evening Prayer** in our parish church next Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 5pm with organist, visiting choir, soloists including Aidan Forde and the collaboration of Blanaid Murphy of the Palestrina Choir. A glorious celebration of sacred music to the glory of God and in memory of the late Frank Deering. All welcome.

**Cemetery Sunday – the Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February with Bishop Deenihan as follows:

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

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

**Livestream and IT issues!** – With regret, last Sunday I am Mass did not broadcast. It had nothing to do with our broadband but was down to a technical change with the server who provides our livestream.

On the wider issue of broadband, currently the internet comes from the Parochial House to the church and is boosted mid-way by a device in a tree! This device sometimes fails due to the signal being blocked by trees and other obstacles. A team came before Christmas but discovered that the fibreoptic cable is on the other side of the main street and there is currently no means of linking it to the church. We are exploring other possibilities!

**Marriage Preparation Programme 2026 in Accord Centre, Navan.**

Places available on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** with Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March.

A weekend like no other! Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Alzheimer Social** at Ratoath Community Centre on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. 11am to 1pm. All are welcome!

**Medjugorje** - May 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> & Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. €875 PPS, €50 discount for deposits of €200 paid before 30 Jan.

Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages. Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Blaise and to Medjugorje**, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Sept staying in the coastal town of Mlini. Cost €1,350 incl of return flights, 7 nights half board, transfers, trips and full religious programme. Book with Navan Travel on 046 9068600 and enquiries to Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314.

**Holy Week Camino.** Experience the Camino in the Spirit of St. James. Sarria to Santiago - the last 100km! Dep Dublin 27<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Return flights, coach transfers, hotel accommodation, Marian Pilgrimages rep throughout, 5 Walk days with spiritual programme. For details, contact 01 8788159 or [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

**Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men** led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey in France. Starts Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> April 3pm at Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone. €450 (meals & single room). Daily Mass - (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

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