

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2024 AD

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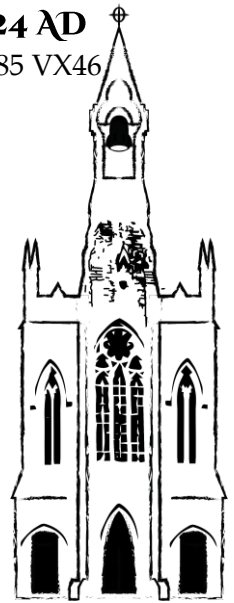
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22 ND DECEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		29 TH DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	
Saturday 7.00pm	Paddy, Teeny, Raymond, Declan and dec'd members of the Brennan family; Margaret & John Donnelly and dau Ellen Smyth; James Brennan, 1 st Anniversary; Pat & Sheila Naughton; Mary Smith	Saturday 7.00pm	Edward, Mary, Tom & Mary Gannon and deceased family members
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Mary Corcoran and Rita Cusack
11.00am	Kathleen Humphreys, Month's Mind; William (Bill) Bourke, 1 st Anniversary	11.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
12.15pm	Aubrey & Patrick Mc Auley & dec'd members of Mc Auley & Carthy families; Daniel Nulty, 2 nd Anniversary; Pat, Eddie and Ian Smith; Frank Quigley, 1 st Anniversary	12.15pm	Anne Malone, 13 th Anniversary

Mass times this week

Monday-9.45am; Tuesday- no 9.45am mass;

Wednesday 25th as below;

Thurs/Fri- no mass

Mass intentions: Mon – **Frank Quigley**, 1st Anniversary, with thanks to all who offered so much support this past year; and a remembrance of **Marcella & Timothy Kerins**.

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Angela Murphy** laid to rest on Tuesday; and **Margaret Cusack**, Castleknock, Mother in law of Stephen Harte, Principal of St Paul's NS

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve: 5pm - Children's Choir; 7pm - Folk Group; 9pm - Parish Choir

Christmas Day: 9am, 11am, 12.15pm. Organist and Cantors at all masses

Please share these Christmas mass times with others and invite them to join us as we celebrate in Ratoath parish at its festive best! If needed, offer a lift to mass to a friend or neighbour.

Parish outreach. We open our hearts and doors to others. Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time for some. Please let us know of anyone who may need a visit or phone call. Maybe a neighbour needs a visit, a chat, a phone call or some shopping done?

Thanks to John & Bernie Lord at **Ratoath Garden Centre** for the two beautifully paired Christmas trees lighting up the sanctuary with 8,000 sparkling lights!

Offerings for period ending 15th Dec: White Envelopes-€2,007.30; Blue Envelopes-€615.00; Standing Orders-€2,833.82

Ratoath SVP sincerely thank parishioners for their generosity to the recent annual collection. All donations go directly to support local families in need at Christmas and throughout the year.

The Sign of Peace has resumed with the invitation '*by word or gesture we offer to the person next to us the sign of peace*'. Please understand if not everyone is comfortable with shaking hands!

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd– 27th September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Are you, or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? You may be interested in the '**Living Well Programme**' a **FREE**, 6 week self-management programme for adults with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke etc. Spaces available on Dunboyne, Navan & Online Programmes for Jan '25 Contact **Aine** 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 **Elaine** 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD FROM THE *ROMAN MARTYROLOGY*

This ancient text declares in a formal way the birth of Christ. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the announcement help to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Twenty-fifth Day of December.

When ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in His own likeness;
when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set His bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,
the whole world being at peace, **JESUS CHRIST**, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by His most loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since His conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man:
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

**WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES
AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE
A TRULY JOYFUL, HAPPY, HOLY, BLESSED AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS**

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