

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 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

**Parish Office:** 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Direct bank transfer** – Your donation can be transferred to:

**Account Name:** Ratoath Church Account No. 1

**IBAN:** IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



9 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		16 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
<b>Saturday 7.00pm</b>	Melissa Hogan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	<b>Saturday 7.00pm</b>	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9.00am</b>	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	<b>Sunday 9.00am</b>	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
<b>11.00am</b>	Michael Gilchrist, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Kay & Brendan Menton	<b>11.00am</b>	
<b>12.15pm</b>	Dick & Chris Donnelly; Paddy Moore, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Seamus Ennis, decd family mbrs & Irene Dunn; Teresa, John & Gerry McCann	<b>12.15pm</b>	Charlie Reilly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Vincent McAuley, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Paul Sherwin, 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, decd family mbrs and Ellen & Bobby Bradley; Daivid and Eileen Conmey

**Rest in Peace:** we commend to God the soul of **Bill Igoo** (Naas), father of Ken Igoo, Coill Beag.

## Weekday Mass Intentions

**Monday:** Special Intention; **Tuesday:** Deirdre Cusack-Fairbrother

**Lent Extra-** there will be an additional **Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7pm** and **Stations of the Cross** each Monday at 7pm reflecting on some aspect of the Passion of Christ, led by a different person each night, organised by the Parish Pastoral Assembly.

The 7pm Wednesday Mass would be a good opportunity to bring parish groups together for prayer and planning for Easter and beyond. So, the Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Choirs/Cantors, Altar Society/Glantoiri will each be invited to come on one of those Wednesdays. Dates to follow next week.

## 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** - say a (short?) prayer on rising and going to bed, or attend one extra parish liturgy this week

**Fasting** - give up just one food you like each day this week, eg bread, meat, biscuits, crisps

**Almsgiving/Service of others** - visit someone you know may be lonely or longing for some company

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

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.

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

**New Speakers** – responding to parishioners' welcome and helpful comments, the microphone at the ambo was adjusted this week by the engineer, to give it the same strength and volume as the altar and chair microphones.

**First Confession** is being planned and prepared in our parish schools to take place during Lent. On Tuesday after 9.45am Mass we welcome the children of Ratoath Junior School for their First Confession.

**St Patrick's Day** – Mass at 9am and 11am with Blessing of Shamrock. No 12.15pm Mass due to the parade. The Pastoral Assembly met during the week to finalise plans for the parish celebration. The church grounds will be decorated and a marquee at the main entrance where, with the help of some of the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils recently confirmed, we will hand out a beautifully produced bookmark with parish details and St Patrick's Breastplate to those who pass by in the parade. As the parade begins at 12pm, those parked on the church grounds will have to exit swiftly after 11am Mass or wait until the parade is over.

**Ratoath Village St Patrick's Day Festival and Parade, 12pm to 2pm** along the main street; live music plus a quiet room for those with additional needs in the Venue; market stalls at Ratoath Manor car park, and a 3-day Fun Fair with sensory sessions in Grainger's Ratoath Inn car park. Some traffic restrictions from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March. If interested in participating or you can spare 2 hours to help, contact [ratoathst.patricksdays@gmail.com](mailto:ratoathst.patricksdays@gmail.com)

**Light the Fire for St Patrick's Day!** The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in Drogheda invite us to Evening Prayer on the Hill of Slane at 5pm on 17<sup>th</sup> March with Rosary Procession to Slane parish church for Mass at 6.15pm celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Montemayor, and Bishop Deenihan.



**JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST '25.** Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese to join young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis and share in a week of events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! €750 approx. incl flights/accommodation. [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth).

**Meath Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes “With Mary Pilgrims of Hope”** with Bishop Deenihan, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 4 or 5-night stay. Fares from €829 full board. Contact JWT. Tel: 01-2410800

**Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome:** 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025.  
Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie)

**Dunshaughlin Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima,** 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June. Contact Marian pilgrimages 01 8788159

**Legion of Mary Acies,** an annual Consecration to Our Lady in Dunshaughlin Church, Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 3pm. Active & auxiliary members invited (also in St. Mary's, Navan on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 3pm). Tel 087 133 4872

**Ratoath College Musical** - the parish wishes students and all taking part every success as they perform Disney's *High School Musical* on stage this coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening at the College.

**Blondelles:** Ratoath College 1<sup>st</sup> Year Fittings for School Uniforms in Blondelles: March 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Inclusive (Boys). Any other students who wish to order at this time can contact 01-8257711

**Parish Office** now open on Mondays and Fridays from 10 am – 1pm.

**Gluten free hosts** are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion.

**Weekly collection:** Offertory for 2<sup>nd</sup> March - € 1,830.00

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