

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

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 and Elizabeth Ward. Details on noticeboard in porch

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1 **IBAN:** IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



7 TH SEPTEMBER – 23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		14 TH SEPTEMBER – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	
Saturday 7.00pm	John Maher – Month's Mind; Ronan Cahill 6 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Jimmy Maughan; 5 th Anniversary; Jim & Lydia Everard; Patrick McAuley, 10 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Sean & Brigid Slattery; Kathleen Gunn	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Patrick Hogan, 1 st Anniversary; Carmel Gray, 1 st Anniversary; John Colreavy, 4 th Anniversary; Pauline, Peg, Nan & Harry Everard; Jack Foley; 14 th Anniversary	11.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Michael Murray**, Meadowbank Hill, laid to rest on Saturday.

Daily Mass Intentions: **Tues** - Edward Gannon, 26th Anniversary; **Wed**; Charlie Synnott, 5th Anniversary.

Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets are always available at the Sacristy and Parish Office.

The Pastoral Council has prioritised working with the parents and families of the children preparing for sacraments in our parish Primary Schools based on the material in the *Grow in Love* religious education syllabus. The parents/guardians will be invited to an **Registration Meeting** in the church on **30th September**, addressed by members of the PC, and then each school will form a parent's group to prepare the children for the **Family Masses** they will attend in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

12.15pm Sunday Mass was introduced in the late 1990s to meet a need as the parish increased in population. Every parish is now asked to review and revise its mass schedule to meet current needs and to coordinate a new schedule with the parishes of the **Pastoral Area** so that masses are at a variety of times to enable priests to cover mass in neighboring parishes in the absence of a priest.

Taking this into account, **12.15pm mass will not resume in September**. Those who have booked an anniversary mass are asked to contact the office. There will be an adjustment in regard to Readers, Cantors, Organists, Collectors and Ministers of Holy Communion and the respective organisers will be contacted to redeploy those involved in these valued roles.

The **Folk Group** begin their 21st year of praise as they resume singing at the Vigil Mass this Saturday.

Meeting of the Pastoral Council this Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Parishioners who support our parish by Standing Order and who have not returned their **CHY4 Forms** are gently reminded and encouraged to kindly sign and return the form to the Parish Office.

Anyone who cannot approach the priest or minister to receive **Holy Communion** on account of mobility or age and who might have been unintentionally overlooked is kindly invited to raise their hand or ask a neighbour in the pew to make it known to the priest. Apologies if anyone has been forgotten!

This week, beginning on Tuesday, Bishop Deenihan will lead our **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, which brings together many groups who make up the life of our Church. Among those travelling are sick pilgrims, volunteers, young people bringing great energy and faith, and the Mullingar Cathedral Choristers.

The **Altar Society Annual Collection** takes place on 13th/14th September to cover the cost of flowers, linens and other supplies needed to maintain the beauty of our liturgical celebrations. Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Altar Society and church cleaning teams. New members always needed and welcome. It is hoped to have our **Harvest Mass** at the end of October to acknowledge the farming families of the parish and to remember where our food comes from and the work and skill involved in farming.

Clonard Jubilee Pilgrimage Sunday 21st Sept. Registration 11am-2pm at Clonard Parish Centre. Mass 12noon. Guided prayer at Ballyboggan Abbey every hour 1pm – 4pm. St Finian's Pilgrim route is a 12km round trip on existing roads. Bus departs Ballyboggan to Clonard 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. Details at info@kinnegadparish.ie

Koins for Kids: many thanks to those who have brought coins to the Office. They will be passed on to the charity when more are collected. Coins of all countries, denominations, pre-decimal, pre-euro gladly accepted.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, programme 2025/26 is a faith-formation process which prepares adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. Programme commences in the autumn. For further details, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia.

Attention young adults (ages 18-40) – Do you want to grow in your prayer life? **Meath Samuel Group** takes place in Navan, October to May. The programme entails attending a formation day once a month, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and a commitment to daily prayer. For more information and registration go to www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

A screening of the **Laudato Si' Film-Documentary** "*The Letter – A Message for Our Earth*" takes place in Collinstown & Fore Parish Centre, on Wed 10th Sept from 7-9 pm. 80-minute film followed by Q&A discussion.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats Guided Days of Prayer & Reflection - places available: **Sept 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st.**

Irish Blood Transfusion Service at Fairyhouse Racecourse **Thursday 11th September 3.45pm to 8pm.**

Traffic Notice. Ratoath AC Half Marathon takes place on Saturday, 13th September, 8:55am - 12pm with traffic restrictions and possible delays on: Fairyhouse Rd - Caulstown - Kilbride Village - Glascairn Lane. Apologies for any inconvenience and thanks for your cooperation and support. *Ratoath Athletic Club*

Weekly collection: Offertory for 31st August - € 2,040.00
White Envelopes for the period ending 31st August: €2,539.83

Bulletin sponsorship of €100 is much appreciated and covered up to the end of this month.

Bulletin for September is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner