

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

Sunday Mass – 9.00am and 11.00am

Holy Days – 11.00am and as indicated in bulletin of the previous week

Daily Mass – 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. **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 at Parish Office

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



27 TH SEPTEMBER - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		4 TH OCTOBER - TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	John & Nora Looney; Liam Woods, 31 st Anniversary; Jim & Lydia Everard	Saturday 7.00pm	Thomas, Kathleen & Martin Madden
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Sean & Brigid Slattery, Anniversary
11.00am	Harry Elmes (40 th Anniv) & his wife Emily; John, Mary & PJ Roche; Michael Lynam, 2 nd Anniversary; Aoife & Aidan Conway	11.00am	Damian Murray, 1 st Anniversary; Peter & Mary Moore, Anniversary; Aisha Suleiman, IM Thanksgiving; Michael & May & John Carey & Lil O'Sullivan

Rest in Peace: We commend to God **Michael Kane** and **Ann Conmey**, laid to rest this past week.

Sunday hospitality after 11am Mass this Sunday. Baking and cakes welcome!

Mass intentions: Tuesday - Special Intention; **Thursday** - May & Tom Cline

First Friday of October: Mass offered for those on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual.

Retired priests are supported by the diocese by means of the **Fleming Fund**. On retirement, usually over the age of 75, a priest receives the state contributory pension and, unless he has independent means, he relies on the diocese for accommodation or nursing home care in old age.

The **Fleming Fund** has sought no donations from parishes since 2020 and so the bishop has issued an appeal to all parishes saying that 'on the advice of the Diocesan Finance Committee, I am directing that a second collection for the 'Care of Sick and Retired Priests' be taken up in each parish on a Sunday in September or early October. The proceeds...will be used exclusively to support priests who have given many years of faithful service to the diocese and who, in retirement or due to illness, now rely on the support of the diocese. This is a specific second collection'. **We will take up this collection in our parish this weekend at all Masses.**

Grow in Love Family Masses on 17th/18th October; 5th/6th December; 6th/7th Feb 10th/11th April.

Confirmation Enrollment on 7th/8th November at 7pm Vigil and 11am Sunday Mass.

Blessing of School Year Mass for **St Paul's** this Tuesday at 11am.

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday 25th October at 11am.

November Service for the deceased and bereaved of the past year – date to be arranged soon.

Parish Offerings and Dues envelopes now being prepared and labeled. A big task to distribute them! The process will be explained in the coming weeks as to the different ways in which you can support your parish.

Ministers of Holy Communion: a new rota is being prepared for the I am Mass. Thanks to those who have contacted the parish office. Last call to those still active and who wish to be included in the monthly schedule!

World Youth Day Seoul, Korea (27th July – 10th Aug) The diocese invites young people (aged 19-35) to this gathering of young Catholics with Pope Leo! A long but extraordinary journey, to share the joy of the Gospel in the Far East where many Irish missionaries have served and given their lives for Jesus Christ!

Limited number of seats available; anyone or parishes interested in joining this world event should book now! Cost €2,750 approx. (any reduction depending on flight availability yet to be confirmed) All expenses included.

To find out more check out the QR code, see posters in parish church or email: meathyouth@gmail.com.

****Those interested are welcome to a *Get2gether* on Sunday 4th October at 3pm in St. Anne's Resource Centre on the grounds of St. Mary's church, Navan, C15 W0YX.**

Calling young adults (ages 18-40) – Want to grow in your prayer life? Meath **Samuel Group** begins in Navan, October to April. Formation day in Navan every month, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and commitment to daily prayer. Register by 1st October.

Information and registration at: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Vocations Holy Hour in Duleek church on Friday 23rd Oct 7pm-8pm. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923 Website: www.meathvocations.com Facebook Page: Diocese Of Meath Vocations Instagram Account: dioceseofmeathvocations Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie

Sycamore Programme - Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, Monday 28th September 7.15pm - 9pm. Every Monday night for 9 weeks. To register email sycamoredunshaughlin@gmail.com

Relic of St Bernadette: an offer has been made to the parish that we receive a precious relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes on 18th October and all who wish will be blessed with the relic after Mass.

Fr Willy Doyle was an Irish Jesuit who served as a British Army Chaplain in WWI and gave his life ministering to soldiers at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. Since then, there has been great devotion to him and Bishop Deenihan opened the *Diocesan Tribunal for the Cause of his Canonisation* in 2022 with the approval of the Holy See. The *Concluding Session* of the Tribunal takes place after Evening Prayer at the Cathedral in Mullingar on Sunday, 18th October at 4pm. All are welcome to attend this celebration of Vespers and the closing ceremony.

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Rd, D03 FP52) - Advent 2026 Retreats
Advent Triduum Retreat. Mon-Fri, 30 Nov-4 Dec / Mon-Fri 14-18 Dec. Step away from the busy-ness of the season and ponder the themes of Advent - waiting, watching and preparing for the mystery of Christ's coming.
Advent Weekend Retreat. Fri-Sun, 4-6 Dec. Based on the core themes of Advent, the weekend includes time for personal prayer and reflection, prayer with others, and the opportunity to meet with a spiritual director
For more information, check the website: manresa.ie or contact reception@manresa.ie / 01 5529 448.

'Meath Cares About Older People 2026' on Wednesday 7th Oct, City North Hotel & Conference Centre, Gormanston, 10.30am – 2pm to showcase the range of supports & services for older people throughout Co Meath. Booking recommended as places are limited - 046 9057400 or email community@meathcoco.ie.

Accord the national agency of the Catholic Church providing marriage preparation, relationship counselling and education services is currently recruiting for the position of **Executive Director**.
Info & applications to Forvis Mazars execrecruit@mazars.ie, +353 (1) 4494400.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 20th September: €1,385.00

Standing Orders for period ending 6th September €2,533.45

Totals for period ending 20th September: White Envelopes - €1,049.10; Blue Envelopes - €947.00

Our Parish Mission Statement

*The mission of Holy Trinity parish is to bring the joy of Christ to where we live,
building a community who journey together in faith, hope and love.*

Thanks to the generous donor who has sponsored the Bulletin for September