

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 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 on noticeboard in porch

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



1 ST MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		8 TH MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	John & Geraldine Turley	Saturday 7.00pm	
Sunday 9.00am	Brian Johnson, 4 th Anniversary	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Tommy Donohoe, Month's Mind; James Rooney	11.00am	Bernie Garina Montgomery, 1 st Anniversary; Melissa Hogan, 2 nd Anniversary; Dick & Christina Donnelly; Paddy Moore, 14 th Anniversary; Michael Gilchrist, 9 th Anniversary; Gerard McCann, 3 rd Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Martin Bruen**, Glebe Park, laid to rest on Monday; **Florence Martin**, Well Rd, whose Funeral was on Saturday; **Reinhard Schoeller**, Austria & Jamestown, whose Funeral was on Friday; and **Margaret Smyth** niece of Pat Donnelly, Lagore Cross & Peter Donnelly, Big Lagore who died in Leeds on Tuesday.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tue - Joe Moran, 13th Anniversary

Lenten Trocaire Campaign 2026 - it's not just a box, it's a lifeline!

Trocaire's Lenten Campaign resources are on the diocesan website at: <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026> and are designed to guide parishes, families and schools through a prayerful and meaningful Lenten journey. The resources place the Gospel at the centre of parish life while inviting reflection on the realities faced by people living in poverty and injustice.

Make it personal this Lent: put a name and face on those who will benefit from our Lenten almsgiving.

YOU can help Uwamahoro and other vulnerable families rebuild their futures in Rwanda and other countries.

Trocaire boxes available at the back of the church for every home in the parish

NEXT WEEKEND at all Masses Deirdre Davis from Trocaire will speak about this year's Trocaire Campaign and the people and issues involved.

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Monday at 7pm led by Frances Slattery from the Pastoral Council.

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING – GOOD WORKS

Suggestions and ideas for Lenten prayer, penance and acts of self-denial and service of others will be in the bulletin each week to help us live the Lenten spirit in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today!

Prayer – read a verse of Scripture every day. These can be found in the bulletin or in the Bible itself.

Fasting – use whatever food is at hand this week in the fridge or freezer and avoid unnecessary food shopping.

Good Works – become familiar with this year's Trocaire campaign and discuss with other family members.

First Confession for Ratoath Junior School on Tuesday morning after Mass.

First Friday Mass will be offered for those on the **Altar List of the Dead**. Communion calls as usual.

Pioneer Abstinence Association – take the Short-Term Pioneer Pledge for Lent. Tel May Tuite 0871334872

A **Pastoral Area Meeting** of all members, clergy and laity, of the Pastoral Councils of our **Pastoral Area** took place in Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre on Wednesday. Discussion was had on what each parish is already doing and what ideas and resources parishes can share in the area of faith development in parish life. Ratoath will host the next joint meeting on 20th May on the theme of sacramental preparation in our parishes.

Meath Alzheimer Café on Wednesday 4th March 7–9pm, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. Guest speaker from Citizens Information will talk about the services that they offer. New attendees always welcome.

Choral Workshop hosted by Kingscourt Parish Pastoral Council for all choir members, musicians, singers and anyone interested in church music on Thurs 12th March at 7pm in Kingscourt Parish Centre, conducted by Ciaran Coll of *The Irish Church Music Association*. All are welcome and there is no cost for participants.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat (18-40 yrs) 20-22 March (Fri eve – Sun) Dalgan Park, Navan. Prayer, talks, friendship in faith, Mass, opportunity for guidance, confession. A great opportunity to discern a path in life! Cost: donation. Full board, own room. Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Light the Fire – the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite us to Slane on St. Patrick's Day. Vespers at 5:15pm on the Hill of Slane, Mass 6:30pm in St. Patrick's church with Bishop Paul Connell of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Event details: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony or 041 983 0441.

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, Drogheda, A92 KR84, from 20th – 22nd of March and 17th – 19th April. For single women aged 18- 35 years. Contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at: sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524

Nine-day pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria, 27th July 27 - 7th Aug 7 led by Fr Declan Kelly. Cost €1,395. Including Assisi, Orvieto, Spoleto. Mass at tomb of St Carlo Acutis. Email info@myriam.ie or call 057 9355050

Ratoath College incoming students for August 2026

Blondelles fittings: Girls 2nd – 7th March incl; Boys 9th – 14th March incl.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 22nd February - €1,537.00

Totals for Period Ending 22 Feb: White Envelopes €1,286.05, Standing Orders €4,027, Dues Envelopes €2,255.15.

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.

Bulletin for March is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner

Suitable sponsorship of the weekly bulletin from local businesses or individuals is welcomed at a rate of €100 per month. Sponsors can be acknowledged in the bulletin for that month or remain anonymous if they so wish.

Trocaire Lenten Talks Series from St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Tues 3rd March 7pm, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Annual Trócaire Lent Lecture in person/online. Speaker is Dr. Hugo Slim, University of Oxford on "Caring for Creation Amidst the Cries of War ~ Working for Peace in the Earth Community".

Wed 11th March 1pm lunchtime webinar: "Strength and Honour are her Clothing" (Prov 31:25). Trócaire staff from Rwanda will share on their work, this year's campaign, poverty & climate justice.

Wed 18th March, 1pm: "Walking Gently on the Earth - Living Faith in the footsteps of St. Francis".

Br Richard Hendrick joins Róisín Alexander-Pye to share an experience of living faith and how we might tread lightly on this earth while listening to God in prayer, scripture and the book of nature.

For more information and to register for any of the above, email jane.mellett@trocaire.org