

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



4 TH OCTOBER - TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		11 TH OCTOBER - TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Thomas, Kathleen & Martin Madden	Saturday 7.00pm	John Ellis, 1 st Anniversary; Michael, Elizabeth & John Mulvaney; Sean & Maureen Mullen; Dermot Brennan and his parents Cyril & Una
Sunday 9.00am	Sean & Brigid Slattery	Sunday 9.00am	Anthony, Mary Kate & Michael Gaughan
11.00am	Damian Murray, 1 st Anniversary; Peter & Mary Moore; Aisha Suleiman, in Thanksgiving; Michael & May Carey and John & Lil O'Sullivan	11.00am	Ivy Ryder – Month's Mind; Youlanda Kelly, 13 th Anniversary

Daily Mass intentions: Mon - Joe & Peggy Lynch; James & Maggie Nolan

Safeguarding Sunday 2026 is marked this Sunday across the diocese. This annual event is an opportunity to highlight the role of children in parish life and the ongoing importance of child safeguarding as a constant feature of parish life, and to thank our Safeguarding reps and others involved in the wellbeing and care of children.

The **Fleming Fund** collection last weekend was generously supported by parishioners and the sum of €2,715.00 has been sent to the Diocesan Office towards this fund which subsidises retired priests in nursing home care.

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.

Sunday hospitality – volunteers needed to help with the monthly gatherings after 11am Mass at the Parish Centre. Please contact the office or a member of the Pastoral Council if you can help.

The **Glantouri** teams work tirelessly throughout the year in all seasons. The actual work of cleaning is unseen, but the results are clear for all to see! As with other areas of parish life, eager **new volunteers** are needed to join the cleaning teams to share this burden of care to ensure our church remains a beautiful place of worship.

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.

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday 25th October at 11am to acknowledge the farming heritage of the parish, to remember where our food comes from and the work and skill involved in farming. The farming families of the parish are invited to bring some of their produce to the church on the preceding Friday evening or Saturday morning to be included in a display to be blessed at masses that weekend.

November Mass of Remembrance for the deceased and bereaved of the past year on Sunday 8th November at 11am and there will be a **Candlelit Choral Service** for the bereaved on a Friday evening in November. Envelopes for the **November Altar List of the Dead** will be available from next weekend.

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 for the 11am Sunday 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.

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, started Monday 28th September 7.15pm - 9pm. Continues every Monday night for 9 weeks. To register email sycamoredunshaughlin@gmail.com

Ratoath Men's Shed Annual Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend 17th-18th October.

Meath Diocesan Choir has 87 members from 38 parishes and churches across the diocese. The Director is Jim Walsh with Jane Lynch as Accompanist. Every year, the choir participates in significant liturgical events and parish celebrations: Knock Shrine; St. Oliver Plunkett in Loughcrew; Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (in rotation with other choirs from the diocese): a Carol Service in one of the parishes etc.

Over the years, the choir has sung at St. Peter's Basilica, St. Mary Major and the Lateran Basilica in Rome, at shrines and places of pilgrimage in Italy and Poland as well as at the *World Meeting of Families 2018*

The Diocesan Choir is now recruiting new members and is hosting two information nights: Tues, 6th Oct in St. Paul's in Mullingar at 7.30 pm; Mon 12th Oct in St. Anne's chapel attached to Navan Parish church at 7.30 pm

Fr Willie 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. Time for personal prayer and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. For information, check the website: manresa.ie or contact @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.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 27th September: €1,255.00

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.*