

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

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12 TH APRIL- LOW SUNDAY OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY		19 TH APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Saturday 7.00pm	Susan Brady, 1 st Anniversary; Paul Doran, 3 rd Anniversary;	Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am	Joe Clarke, 2 nd Anniversary; Katie and Kevin Darby	Sunday 9.00am	Clare Casey, 2 nd Anniversary
11.00am	Rose Ellen (Nellie) Simpson, Month's Mind; Angela Keogh, 1 st Anniversary; Noel Eiffe; Anniversary Julia Cassidy, 3 rd Anniversary; Donald Conran (2 nd Anniv) & Gretta, Edward & John Conran; Edward Gannon; Ned and Ray McAndrew; Gerry Monahan, 4 th Anniversary	11.00am	Bill Herlihy, Month's Mind; Tony Donnelly; Pierce Glynn

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Ellen Mc Cabe**, Woodlands Hall, laid to rest on Friday.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tuesday - Mattie McCabe (10th Anniversary)

'Low Sunday' is the name given to the Sunday after Easter. 'Low' after the 'high' of the Easter celebrations! Also observed as *Divine Mercy Sunday*, a Divine Mercy image from Poland is to be found in the Family Room.

Easter Holy Water – plenty of bottles are freely available at the baptismal font to be filled with Easter Water, newly blessed on Holy Saturday, to be taken home for family prayer life and given to others.

Easter thanks are once again warmly extended to all who contributed in any way to the Parish Lenten Programme and to the planning, preparation and celebration of the Ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter; the Pastoral Council who organized the Way of the Cross each Monday and those who led the Stations during Lent; the diligent Glantoiri teams who cleaned and prepared the church before and after ceremonies and do so all year long; the dedicated members of the Altar Society who care for the sanctuary and floral decoration, and Frances Mulvaney for the Easter flowers; our director of Sacred Music Mary Hetherington, our talented Choir, Cantors, Soloists & Musicians; Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion; Deirdre in the sacristy; Stephen for the Easter Fire; our committed Altar Servers; Collectors & Counters, and all who helped in any way.

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday: there was a very generous response to this appeal amounting to €1,305.00 which will support the few remaining Christians in Jerusalem and elsewhere as they struggle to maintain the holy places, sites and shrines associated with the life of Christ until the day pilgrims can safely return to the Holy Land.

Polish Mass this Sunday at 2pm with our diocesan Polish Chaplain Fr Martin. Confessions from 1.30pm.

The **Trocaire campaign** this year followed the lives of Rwandan families struggling with changes affecting their lives and livelihoods. Trocaire boxes can be returned to the basket in the church or the sacristy or parish office.

Blessing of Graves on Sunday 24th May at 3pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - ever thought of volunteering as a Helper to support doctors, nurses, and carers in looking after assisted pilgrims on the pilgrimage: accompany pilgrims to the Grotto, Mass, the Baths, support pilgrims in hotels and the airport, offer companionship, reassurance, and practical help.

Volunteers receive prior training and are Garda vetted. In Lourdes helpers work as a team under a team leader. If ready to offer your services from 8th-12th /13thSept, contact Mark Whearty, Regional Secretary, 086 8761849

St. Loman's Hospital Mullingar: Annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday 22nd April at 2pm in St. Paul's Church, Mullingar, in memory of people buried in St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970 and to remember deceased patients and staff. Mass will also be livestreamed on www.mullingarparish.ie.

Laudato Si' Animators Programme is a flagship formation initiative of the Laudato Si' Movement to equip people of faith and goodwill to respond to today's ecological crisis through personal ecological conversion, action and advocacy, rooted in the encyclical Laudato Si'. This free online program deepens participants' understanding of ecological and social realities through the lens of faith, spirituality and integral ecology, while offering practical tools to lead concrete creation care efforts in their communities. It is a deeply nourishing course and participants will be part of a national Laudato Si' Network, supported by Trócaire.

Begins: April 15th. "Soil, water, mountains, everything is as it were, a caress of God!" (Laudato Si', 84).

To register: <https://laudatosianimators.org> For enquiries email: roisin.pye@trocaire.org

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service needs volunteers to train as facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Working as part of a team, facilitators provide four pre marriage programmes annually at Accord Centres. Successful applicants receive free professional training in 7 workshops at venues around the country. Applications by Fri 29th May. Contact Aisling 015053112 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Considering a **Postgraduate Programme** in 2026? For those interested in Parish and Community work, St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth offers Diploma, Higher Diploma and Master's programmes specialising in education and formation in the fields of Theological Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, and Liturgical Music. For more visit www.sppu.ie

Offertory Collection for Easter Sunday 5th April: €2,470.00

Totals for period ending 5th April: **White Envelopes** €1,229.95; **Blue Envelopes** €4,745.20

Easter is a Feast of fifty days of continuous celebration until Pentecost on Sunday 24th May
During Eastertide the Angelus, at 12noon & 6pm, is replaced by the **Regina Coeli – Queen of Heaven**
which reflects Mary's joy at the resurrection of her divine Son.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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