

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

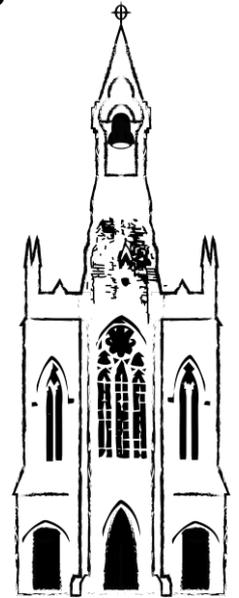
Parish Office: Monday and Friday 10am -1pm; Wednesday 2pm-5pm.

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:

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22 ND FEBRUARY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		1 ST MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	Pauline Byrne 1 st Anniversary; David Lynch 18 th Anniversary; Terry Clarke 2 nd Anniversary;	Saturday 7.00pm	John & Geraldine Turley
Sunday 9.00am	Tom, Catherine & Tommy McLoughlin	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Jimmy & Peter Brady; Eddie McKeon & g'dau Leigha, 21 st Anniversary Gary Carolan, 2 nd Anniversary	11.00am	Tommy Donohoe, Month's Mind; James Rooney

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Martin Bruen**, Glebe Park and **Christina McMillan**, buried yesterday in Ballivor, daughter of Rose Simpson, Elgarstown.

Weekday Mass Intentions: **Thurs** - Elizabeth & John Ryan; **Friday** - Michael & Brigid Carey & John Carey

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

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign resources and ideas are available on the diocesan website at the following link: <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenen-resources-2026> and are designed to support 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

Lenten signs and symbols – the colour purple features in the vestments and elsewhere as a sign of repentance and the church and altar are sober and bare with no flowers until Easter.

Stations of the Cross every Monday of Lent at 7pm led by a different person/group each night.

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING – GOOD WORKS

Suggestions and ideas for Lenten prayer, penance and acts of self-denial and service of others will be posted in the bulletin each week as to how we can live the Lenten spirit in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today! Suggestions and ideas are welcome and can be sent to the parish email.

To start us off, the diocesan website mentioned above offers a **Lenten Challenge to Primary and Secondary School pupils**, which can be used by all ages! **Coloured copies are available at the back of the church.**

Welcome - on this last Sunday of February our Pastoral Council offers hospitality with tea/coffee and biscuits at the Pastoral Centre after 11am Mass with thanks to Derek Gillen of *Horizon Graphics* for the beautiful welcoming signboard.

First Confession is being planned and prepared in our parish schools to take place during Lent.

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 six Pastoral Councils of our **Pastoral Area** (PA) will take place in Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre on Wednesday at 7.30pm to discuss areas of pastoral life in which we can collaborate across our parishes.

Our **PA** is Dunshaughlin, Ashbourne, Curragha, Ardcath/Clonalvy, Skryne and Ratoath.

Ratoath will host the next joint meeting on 20th May on the theme of a shared approach to sacramental preparation in our parishes.

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.

Ratoath Alzheimer Social Club, at the Community Centre. Friday 27th February, 11am to 1pm. Join us!

Irish Cancer Society seeks volunteers with strong organisational skills for Daffodil Day fundraising events. If available on Friday 20th March to become a community organiser, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend with Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20th-22nd March. A weekend like no other! Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

Medjugorje - May 13th-20th & Oct 7th-14th. €875 PPS. Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages. Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

Holy Week Camino. Experience the Camino in the Spirit of St. James. Sarria to Santiago - the last 100km! Dep Dublin 27th March – 3rd April. Return flights, coach transfers, hotel accommodation, Marian Pilgrimages rep throughout, 5 Walk days with spiritual programme. For details, contact 01 8788159 or www.marian.ie

Ratoath College incoming students for August 2026

Blondelles will do fittings on the following dates: Girls 2nd – 7th March incl; Boys 9th – 14th March incl.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 15th February - €1,615.00

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.

Bulletin for February 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 at St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Tuesday 24th Feb at 1pm, Trócaire's CEO, Seán Farrell, will speak on "Rising to the Challenge: Confronting Poverty & Injustice in Our Time" and reflect on the Lenten Campaign focus on Rwanda.

Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Annual Trócaire Lent Lecture takes place in person or 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".

Wednesday 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.

Wednesday 18th March at 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