

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



15 TH AUGUST - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		23 RD AUGUST – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Barbara Shevlin, Month's Mind; Irena Rowicka, 1 st Anniversary; Intentions of Shevlin & Joyce Families	Saturday 7.00pm	Michael, Peggy & Pauline Flood; Niamh Rooney- Clince, 2 nd Anniversary and Johnny Tyrell, 3 rd Anniversary; John & Elizabeth Reilly
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Christopher & Ann Donnelly; Roderick O'Neil, 11 th Anniversary & Florence O'Neill, 5 th Anniversary	11.00am	Mary Carey; Marcella Kerins

Weekday Mass Intentions: Thursday - Catherine & Patrick Cowley and cherished members of the family.

'Magnifica Humanitas' - Pope Leo has written a papal teaching document, known as an *Encyclical*, the title of which translates as *the grandeur of humanity*. Dealing with the subject of artificial intelligence, it is a clear sign of the importance of this topic for all of us and the need to safeguard human dignity and values in an age of AI. A limited number of copies are available at the back of the church for those really interested in the subject!

Silver Jubilee: the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Derek Darby, a native of Ratoath, will be celebrated on Sunday 6th September at 11am Mass, with refreshments afterwards at the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Parish maintenance – the leak in the sacristy flat roof was repaired last week with new flashing; the emergency exit signs were upgraded; new lighting installed in the sacristy and the main room in the Pastoral Centre, and all external lights around the church, house and grounds were checked in anticipation of autumn!

The Irish Synodal Pathway: The Key Question

What is God asking of the Church in Ireland at this time? This question has been the focal point from the very beginning of the Irish Synodal Pathway. No one person has the answer; the goal is to discern together what God is asking of us as a Church. How do we discern the voice of the Lord together? The Irish Synodal Pathway has endeavoured to do this on a national level by distilling and synthesizing what was heard through local consultations that took place across the country. The answers to this question will hopefully give a clear, unified direction for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Read more: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential *Marriage Enrichment Weekend*, Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Oct at "Focolare Centre", Curryhills, Prosperous, Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. • www.marriageencounter.ie

Helpline for Al-Anon: 018732699 Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm. Weekly meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wed 8pm

Young Adults Retreat: 21st - 23rd August, (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon) Dalgan Park, Navan.

A great opportunity to discern one's path in life. Cost: Donation (full board, own room)

Contact: Tel: Sr Una 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email youothretreats@gmail.com

Lough Derg - Retreats and Pilgrimages for August & September

Three-Day Pilgrimages in the tradition of prayer, fasting and keeping Vigil. Begin any day of the week until Thursday 13th August. Admission €85. Discounts for Groups, Seniors & Students.

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 31st; September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th & 20th. Admission €50. Group discounts. Booking Essential.

Special Themed Retreats: 23rd August - St Peregrine; 5th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage; 6th Sept – St Carlos Acutis; 9th & 12th Sept – Vocations Monstrance; 19th Sept – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage.

Heritage Day Tours to one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations. Thur 20th August 11am & 2:30pm. As part of National Heritage Week visitors will enjoy a guided boat trip on the lake, guided tour of Station Island and refreshments. Admission €15. Student & Child discounts. Booking Essential.

Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage – Sunday 30th August. Guided 8km & 12km routes.

Outdoor Mass, weather permitting. Admission €25. Booking Essential.

New for 2026 Season – Overnight accommodation on Station Island the night before a Retreat or Pilgrimage. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, departs 8th September.

Pilgrim option of 4 or 5-night stay. All accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 full board.

Booking and enquiries with Joe Walsh Tours at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstour

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year.

Bishop Deenihan will lead a pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi on 26th Sept for 5 nights. Includes flights, tours, accommodation and half board. Cost €1,335. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel

Tel: 01 2410800 info@joewalshstours.ie. Detailed itinerary at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

Season of Creation 2026. Each year, from 1st Sept to 4th Oct Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to care for our common home and to celebrate God as Creator.

This year's theme, "**Living Water**," is inspired by Ez 47:9, 12 - a biblical vision of hope and ecological renewal in which the prophet's image of living water reveals God's healing presence, bringing new life to rivers, land, biodiversity and communities, while calling us to renewed care of creation.

Events in August: Mon, 17 August, 7.30pm. The Heritage Council is hosting an online webinar to showcase *Havens for Nature: Supporting Biodiversity in Faith Grounds*. The webinar will bring together experts to explore why biodiversity matters, how parishes can get started, and the actions that can make a difference.

Visit: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/havens-for-nature-supporting-biodiversity-in-faith-grounds>

Sat, 29th August, Knock Shrine is hosting *Faith in Bloom*, a day conference celebrating its inspiring return to nature project. Over the past year, the Shrine has worked with Mayo County Council Biodiversity Officer to transform areas of its grounds through pollinator-friendly habitats, native orchards, bird and bat boxes, reduced mowing, and the development of a Biodiversity Action Plan. The conference will share practical lessons from Knock's experience and offer inspiration for other parishes wishing to put care for creation into action.

Resources are available from Trócaire and the Irish Bishops' Conference Laudato Si' working group.

Further information: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/church-return-to-nature-conference-saturday-august-29th-2026/>

Offertory Collection for Sunday 9th August: €1,460.00

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 sponsorship of €100 per month has, so far, covered all months up to July.