

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2025 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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30 TH NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		7 TH DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	Tommy & Rosemary Wallace; Kevin Cullen, 5 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Brendan Blake, Month's Mind; Alan Rafferty; Sergei Buga; Steve Lynch, 5 th Anniversary Shevlin & Joyce Family
Sunday 9.00am	Kevin & Katie Darby	Sunday 9.00am	John Higgins, 15 th Anniversary
11.00am	Mattie Ryan, Month's Mind; Brian Kelly, 2 nd Anniversary Gleeson Family; Nicholas O'Connor, 6 th Anniversary; Ciaran Kilcline; Karen & Joan Monahan, 5 th Anniversary; Joe Keogh, 11 th Anniversary	11.00am	Maura Walshe, Month's Mind; Fr Brendan McNamara; John O'Leary, 1 st Anniversary; & in thanks to those who expressed sympathy to the family. Myles O'Dwyer, 3 rd Anniversary; Angela Walsh; Sean Eiffe, 24 th Anniversary; Theresa Gorman, Month's Mind;

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Mary Keogh** whose Funeral Mass is on Monday at 11am.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday - Rita Graham, Birthday Remembrance; **Wednesday** - Vincent O'Gorman.

First Friday - Mass for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual.

Monday 8th December - **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Holyday of obligation. Mass at 9.45am & 7pm.

Tea and chat after 11am Mass this Sunday in the Pastoral Centre, organized by the Pastoral Council.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5pm Family Mass, 7pm, 9pm. **Christmas Day:** 9am & 11am. Plan ahead!
Confession times for Christmas to be announced.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas collection after all Masses on 13th/14th December

The Ordination to the priesthood of **Deacon Anthony Kerr**, a native of Navan, is celebrated this weekend at the cathedral as he is ordained by the bishop for service in the parishes of our diocese.

Parish Finance Committee, with two new members, meets at the Parochial House at 8pm this Tuesday.

Dues Envelopes are now labelled and ready for distribution. In line with other parishes a new system has been introduced. Until now all homes in the parish received envelopes. As not all choose to support the parish in this way, only those who have returned their envelope in the past five years will continue to receive them. Many thanks to the **area distributors**, some of whom will still be asked to kindly distribute the boxes. They will find that there will be significantly fewer envelopes to deliver in each area due to this revised system! **White Envelope** goes towards the upkeep of the church, parochial house, grounds, cemetery, salaries, insurance, light, heat etc; the **Blue Envelopes** pay the monthly salary of the priests. Other methods and means of supporting the parish are **Standing Orders** and one-off contributions all of which go towards general parish upkeep or the stated wishes of the donor.

First Communion Grow in Love Mass on 6th/7th Dec & **Confirmation** Preparation stage 2 on 13th/14th Dec.

Ratoath Junior NS Information Evening for Prospective Parents on Tues 2nd Dec, 7pm with a presentation on and a tour of the school and an opportunity for questions. For info contact office@ratoathjuniors.ie

Retreat for Young Adults (18-40yrs), Dalgan Park, Navan, 12th -14th Dec (Fri evening – Sunday after lunch). Prepare for Christmas with a prayerful retreat. Join other young people in prayer, friendship in faith, talks, Masses, peaceful walks, confession/or personal chat with one of the team. Cost: Donation (full board, own room). Contact: Sr Úna: 090 6481666 or Michael: 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Ratoath Church Choir with Mary Hetherington and Miriam Mulrooney practise for Christmas on Tuesdays at 6pm in the Parish Centre. **New members welcome for Christmas.** For info contact the parish office.

Parish Folk Group Christmas Concert on Wednesday 17th December, 8pm in the church. Proceeds to Ratoath Alzheimer's Club. Tickets available for sale from Folk Group members this Saturday after Vigil Mass and at the door on the night.

Christmas Charity Concert Thurs 11th Dec at 7.30pm in the church in aid of **Irish Kidney Association.**

St. Paul's NS Annual Christmas Fair - Sunday 7th December, 10.30am to 2.30pm. Lots of stalls including a cake sale & book stall. Santa himself will take time out from his hectic schedule to meet the children in our grotto. A great family fun-day with a raffle and other exciting seasonal treats. Don't miss it!

Santa's Grotto returns to Ratoath GAA Club 1pm-6pm on Saturday, 6th December.
Sensory Santa, tailored for children with additional needs and their families - Sunday, 7th December. Each child will receive a goodie bag and a photo with Santa. Parents can enjoy mulled wine, tea/coffee, mince pies. Admission free, donations accepted for the LauraLynn Foundation. Come along and enjoy the fun! All Welcome.

Christmas Gathering of Meath Alzheimer Café on Wednesday 3rd December 7–9pm, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. Live music and Christmas refreshments served. All welcome. Contact 087 346 5198

Rosary Procession in honour of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday 7th December. Starts 2.15pm at the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Sq, concluding with Benediction at Clarendon St church. Info at 086 2654122

Offertory Collection for 23rd November - €1,460.00

Totals for period ending 23rd November: **White Envelopes** €1,301.15; **Blue Envelopes** €868.00



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