

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2025 AD

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Vigil – 7.00pm;

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm (*July & August – no 12.15pm Mass*)

Holy Days – 11.00am

Weekdays – Monday to Friday at 9.45am

Confessions: Before Vigil Mass

Baptisms: on the 1st and 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

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

Our Pastoral Area is Ratoath, Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Curragha, Ardcath/Clonalvy & Skryne.

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Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

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20 TH JULY - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		27 TH JULY - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Saturday 7.00pm	Patsy, Rita and Agnes McCabe; Patrick O’Sullivan, 13 th Anniversary; Rev John Cogan PP, 41 st Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Beenie Reilly	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Rose McCarthy, 15 th Anniversary; Desmond Kelly, 9 th Anniversary; Noeleen Crowley, 8 th Anniversary	11.00am	Sean McCabe, Month’s Mind; Angela Walsh, Month’s Mind Sarah Brown; Jackie O’Sullivan; Andy & Alice Eiffe; Anne Card (nee Kelly) & husband Kerry who died in Canada this year;

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Dermot O’Sullivan**. Requiem Mass Monday at 11am.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Wednesday - Brigid Maughan and her grandson Jimmy Maughan, 5th Anniversary; **Thursday** - Special Intention.

Summertime in the parish - many thanks to all who keep ‘normal services’ in our parish going despite holidays and other attractions: our Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Collectors, Glantoiri teams, those who count the weekly Offertory collection and Envelopes, the Altar Society, Organists, Cantors and Wednesday Adoration volunteers....and other unseen helping hands.

Family life in summertime - why not consider a family ‘pilgrimage’ or day-out to one of the many ancient and beautiful Christian sites in Ireland: Glendalough, Clonmacnoise, the Hill of Slane, or take the family to Knock Shrine, a local Holy Well or other monastic ruins to be found all over the country.

New Members for our Parish Pastoral Council – in addition to the current elected members serving a term of four years there are a number of ‘vacancies’ on the PPC. If you think that you might like to be a member of the Council and feel that you have a positive contribution to make to the pastoral care of our parish, please contact Fr Michael Cahill directly or email the Parish Office at ratoathparish@gmail.com

Our Parish Grounds - Explore their Potential

The Parish Pastoral Council recognises that our extensive church grounds in Ratoath reflect the beauty of God’s gift of the natural world. We would like to:

identify more fully the flora and fauna there at present;

consider how best to nurture it;

explore opportunities for creating a space for active involvement by all.

We invite anyone interested in finding out more to come to the church grounds on Wed 20th Aug at 7.30 pm.

12.15pm Sunday Mass suspended for July and August, when so many are on holiday. Thereafter, Mass times will be under review as each parish coordinates its Mass schedule with the other parishes of the Pastoral Area.

New bulletin – our A3 weekly bulletin will now be supplied by Logos Publications. They provide the pre-printed 'cover' in colour with the texts of the Readings, Mass Prayers and Sunday Message, and the parish office then compiles the content of the inside with Mass Intentions, notices etc. The cost is slightly less than the previous supplier at €100 per month for 300 copies per week. Sponsorship has covered the cost so far this year.

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration in our parish church every Wednesday after 9.45am Mass until 7pm in the Family Room. If you have free or spare time for the summer months, think of spending an hour with the Lord for yourself and on behalf of your loved ones? Sign up to an hour, or just turn up.

Turas Columbanus Interfaith Pilgrim Walk on the weekend of 25th /26th July. Do both days or just one day.

Day 1 - Saturday: Gather at Clonard church for prayer service led by Fr Tom Gilroy at 9.45 am. Walk from Clonard to Boardmill GAA and then by bus to Trim Castle for a final gathering. **Day 2** - Sunday: Bective Abbey to Dalgan via Hill of Tara. Prayer services along the route by different faith groups. Further info, contact Derry by mobile on 087 3481250 or email: turascolumbanus@gmail.co It was decided not to walk all the way to Trim due to safety concerns. People are encouraged to sign up on Eventbrite as it is the only way to know numbers for the bus. Bus from Dalgan Park to Clonard leaving at 9am on Saturday and returning from Trim to Dalgan Park.

Ceili Catholic Community in Kilbeggan is launching a *School of Missionary Discipleship* from September for young people aged 18-30. It's "tailor-made" for University and College Students since it only involves one weekend a month in-person with study materials given to read at home in-between each weekend. No assignments or exams. Each weekend free of charge to encourage participation. The vision is to give university students - the leaders of tomorrow - an opportunity to meet, share and grow in faith and be trained to become "missionary disciples" in their life and career. Email school@ceilicommunity.net or text mobile 087 9789150

The Community Centre has asked the parish for support in organizing a **Multicultural Evening** for our community. Still at an early stage of planning, the idea is to bring together people from different cultures and backgrounds to share their traditions, music, dance, poetry, and cuisine—a celebration of the wonderful diversity within our parish and neighbourhoods. With your support, this event can be a beautiful way to unite our community - people from different parts of the world coming together as one in Ratoath!

Thanks to the **Tidy Towns** team for cleaning up the area outside the main entrance to the church grounds. Much appreciated by the parish. God bless your work.

Trip to Medjugorje this October: Flying out on 2nd Oct for 7 nights, flying Aer Lingus to Dubrovnik, staying in the P.I.M.K House. Places available. Cost €855. Contact; Joan Ashbrook; 0877987682

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 10th August. 2pm Rosary; 2.30 pm Anointing of the Sick at the Basilica; 3pm Mass followed by Benediction and Rosary Procession.

Knock - National Grandparents Pilgrimage: Sunday 27th July.

Meath Diocesan and Fr. Willie Doyle Pilgrimages to Knock on Sunday 10th August led by Bishop Deenihan. Meath Diocesan Choir will be present led by Jim Walsh and Jane Lynch organist.

Light the Fire - Come celebrate our Catholic faith on Slane - the hill where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. A 'divine invitation' to witness the Archbishop of Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love, first kindled by our patron saint. Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, *Light the Fire*. Gathering at noon on 3rd Aug for Mass, Eucharistic healing, praise, worship & Rosary. Info at lightthefire.ie or email info@lightthefire.ie

Meath Archaeological and Historical Society lecture on Tuesday, 29th July. Details are as follows:

"The Story of Old Mosney". Speaker: Colin Byrne. Venue: Bettystown Library, 7.30pm

Weekly collection: Offertory for 13th July - €1,420.00

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