

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



9 TH AUGUST - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		16 TH AUGUST - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	John Maher; 1 st Anniversary Connie Burgess, 3 rd Anniversary; Liam McLoughlin; Angela Kirwan, 4 th Anniversary; Sean Woods, 4 th Anniversary; Maureen Davis	Saturday 7.00pm	Barbara Shevlin, Month's Mind; Irena Rowicka, 1 st Anniversary; Intentions of Shevlin & Joyce Families
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Jimmy & Tiny Gorman; Ann Kerrigan; Angelo & David Mulvaney & Susan Browne	11.00am	Christopher & Ann Donnelly; Roderick O'Neil, 11 th Anniversary & Florence O'Neill, 5 th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Danny McCann**, Lagore Little, laid to rest on Tuesday; and **Seamus Reddy** (father of Ann Tormey, Fairyhouse Lodge) laid to rest on Monday.

Saturday 15th August, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at 11am.

A Holy Day of Obligation when we celebrate the unique privilege granted to Mary whereby there was no separation of her body and soul at the end of her life when she was taken or 'assumed' into heaven.

Dates for the Parish Diary

- 1) 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.
- 2) To mark her forty years** as sacristan since 1986 the parish will mark the occasion with **Deirdre Mills** at 11am mass on Sunday 1st November with the bishop and Deirdre's family, friends and community.

Irish Synodal Pathway: Some Fruits in the Diocese of Meath

A major practical development in our diocese is the rollout of new "Adult Faith Formation" initiatives such as the 'Sycamore', 'YouCat', and 'Baptised and Sent' outreach programmes. In rolling out these courses lay people have been centrally involved and supported with the full backing and recognition of the Church community. Another visible change in our diocese today is the creation of "Pastoral Areas". Neighbouring local churches are teaming up to share resources, ministries, and clergy. This structural change isn't just about managing resources; it's a practical step toward synodality. By sharing the load, we ensure that vibrant faith communities, youth groups, and outreach programmes can thrive across our entire pastoral area.

Read more: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this Sunday led by Bishop Deenihan.

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

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

Helpline for Al-Anon: 01 8732699 Monday to Friday, 10am - 10pm.

Weekly meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesdays at 8pm

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.joewalstour

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@joewalstours.ie. Detailed itinerary at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

YOUCAT Companion Study Group: Would you like to know your faith better? (Learn what Catholics actually believe? Be able to answer those difficult questions about the Catholic faith that friends or colleagues put to you?) Join us on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Parish Centre beginning with an information night on 23rd September. Contact bohermeenyocat@outlook.com or 046 907 3805 for more information

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Mass live at 10am Monday to Saturday; Tuesday : 10am Aifreann Naofa; Sunday: 10am and 3pm.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 2nd August: €1,235.00

Totals for 3-week period ending Sunday 2nd August:

White Envelopes - €2,918.83

Blue Envelopes - € 225.00

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.*