

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: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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16 TH FEBRUARY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		23 RD FEBRUARY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Saturday 7.00pm	Michael (Skipper) Lynch, Month's Mind and Pauline & Lynch Family; Terry Clarke, 1 st Anniversary; David Lynch; Jim and Betty Kelly
Sunday 9.00am		Sunday 9.00am	Elizabeth & John Ryan
11.00am	David Donoghue 2 nd Anniversary; Eamon Winston, 34 th Anniversary; Colm and Attracta Donnelly; David Nelson, 6 th Anniversary	11.00am	Angela McMahon, Month's Mind
12.15pm	Leo Digan Marie Dempsey, 10 th Anniversary	12.15pm	John Moore, Month's Mind; James and Peter Brady; Gary Carolan, 1 st Anniversary; Oliver Judge, 1 st Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Mary O'Reilly**, sister of Sean Cantwell, Porterstown Lane;

Noel Williams, Cairn Court, whose funeral mass took place on Monday;

Jo Jordan, Cairn Manor, whose funeral service took place on Friday;

Bernard Mailey Letterkenny, father of Maire O,Conor, Foxlodge Woods;

And **Liam Conden**, Clonmel, father of Lena O'Shea, teacher in Ratoath Junior School.

Weekday Mass Intentions – Thursday, Martin Cusack (birthday remembrance)

Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday to review and finalise the pastoral plan for the year including the parish programme and schedule for Lent.

1. The parish will take part in the St Patrick's Day festival in the village by blessing shamrock at the 11am mass to be distributed to those passing the church with a prayer card and parish details, and decorating the church grounds. The confirmation class will be invited to participate in various ways.
2. During Lent there will be an additional weekday Mass on Wednesdays at 7pm and Stations of the Cross each Monday reflecting on some aspect of the passion of Christ, led by a different person each night.
3. The Faith Development Officer of the Diocese, Elaine Campbell has been visiting parishes and it has emerged across the diocese that Adult Faith Formation is a priority. Initially, the following two initiatives will be explored and our PPA will engage in both:

Sycamore Adult Faith Formation Course: an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. The Sycamore programme, gives people the space to meet others, think about the questions that matter, and explore their faith! Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, and the content is linked very closely with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Know, Love, and Live Your Faith, YouCat 20-week Catechism Study Programme is a 20-session group study of the Catholic Faith guided by YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church). It takes people on a journey through the Catholic Faith, in a way that is energising and challenging. The study programme is suitable as an introduction for anyone who would like to know their faith better on a personal basis so they can share it more confidently with family, friends and parish community.

Parish secretary: the role has now been filled provisionally by a well qualified professional applicant. She will work with the PP in the coming weeks to get a feel for the job and to work out the days on which the office will be open. For the time being it will open Monday from 10am – 1pm, one other morning per week and one afternoon. These times will be confirmed as soon as possible. While keeping the personal touch and availability, some parish business can move online in terms of submitting forms etc. One good result of the long period of recruitment has been to better define the role which has evolved over the years from a receptionist to that of an office administrator requiring skills in IT, databases, online banking and some accounting tasks.



JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28TH JULY – 3RD AUGUST 2025. Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese of Meath to join with young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis. As Pilgrims of Hope we will share in the week of events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! Cost €750 approx. including flights and accommodation. For more info see www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. “With Mary Pilgrims of Hope” 2025 Jubilee Year, under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan, starts 9th Sept. Pilgrims may choose a 4 or 5-night stay. All pilgrims will be in Hotels. Fares begin at €829 full board. Contact Joe Walsh Tours, tel: 01-2410800

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd - 27th September 2025.
Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima & St Anthony, 3rd - 10th Sept. Pilgrims accommodated at four star Villa Gale Hotel in Estoril. Early booking offer of €1555 pps with Navan Travel at 046 9068600 until 28th Feb.

Gluten free hosts are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion.

Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 25th May

Weekly collection: Offertory for 9th February €1,333.00
Envelope Collection for period ending 9th February: **White Envelopes €1,435.70.**

Tea Dance, 16th February 3pm to 5pm. Free admission - Ratoath Community Centre.

Bulletin: – relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!

Monthly sponsorship of the bulletin is available to suitable local businesses and other interested parties. The cost is €100 per month which covers the annual cost of the A3 format pre-printed colour bulletin. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in agreed, appropriate wording for the month sponsored.



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