

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 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

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10 TH MAY – 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		17 TH MAY – ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
Saturday 7.00pm	Florence Martin, Month's Mind; Paul Lewins, UK, Month's Mind	Saturday 7.00pm	Joe McGrath, 5 th Anniversary; Mary and Patrick Wall; Yvonne Saul Fagan, 17 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo- for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo- for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Mark Lawlor, 1 st Anniversary; Jim McMahon, 22 nd Anniversary; Lorraine Eiffe, 5 th Anniversary; Paddy Dolan	11.00am	Vincent Mulrooney, 3 rd Anniversary; Michael McMahon; Nicky & Betty Sherry; Nancy Ryan

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tuesday - Catherine McAuley, 2nd Anniversary

May is the Month of Mary – many will remember the beautiful and popular *May Devotions* that used to take place with processions and the crowning of a statue of Mary. We have a statue of our Blessed Lady at the altar for the month of May at which the children will present candles to Mary at the First Communion Masses and of course there is ongoing devotion to Our Lady at the shrine of the Madonna and Child at the back of the church.

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 24th May at 3pm

A good time to attend to your family plot, or a grave with no one to look after it; to kindly clean up the surrounding area, if needed, and to place all soil, rubbish, plastic, glass, waste etc in the skips provided.

A **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting was held on Wednesday to prepare for a meeting of the six parishes of our **Pastoral Area** in Ratoath on 20th May the topic of which is *A coordinated approach to Sacramental Preparation in our Parishes* ie Baptism, First Confession & Communion and Confirmation in the parishes of our Pastoral Area.

First Holy Communion - Congratulations to the 48 boys and girls from Ratoath Junior School who celebrated and received their First Holy Communion with great joy on Saturday morning.

Saturday 16th May is the turn of Rathbeggan school and Saturday 23rd May for St Paul's.

Ratoath College Graduation this Tuesday at 2pm in the church as staff and students celebrate the efforts and achievements of the senior students in their years in the college. We wish them well and every blessing in their future life choices as valued young members of our parish and community.

St Elizabeth Covent in Minsk, Belarus, is a thriving Orthodox Christian monastery with a huge apostolate to orphans, the homeless, addicts and the whole community. We welcome them back to the parish after an absence of a few years as they offer for sale some of the beautiful items handmade in their workshops. The

sisters will be at the church for 9.45am Mass this Friday. A great opportunity to buy a Baptism or First Communion gift for a child or a devotional image for the home or just a little gift for family or friends!

Spring Safeguarding Newsletter from our Safeguarding Office now available on the diocesan website.

CHY4 Forms – many thanks to those who are so kindly returning their forms to be processed by the parish office in order to benefit from the tax rebate for which we are eligible under the Charities Act.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Sunday 9th August.

Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land on Saturday 16th May. The pilgrimage is organised by the papal charity *Aid to the Church in Need* and led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem who will offer a message of hope at 11am and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

Ratoath Community Centre Multicultural Sunday – is a free community event on Sunday, 31st May, 12pm-2pm, at St. Oliver's Community Centre to bring together residents from diverse cultural backgrounds through a relaxed, creative painting session for all ages and skill levels. Participants receive a full set of art materials, including canvas, brushes & paints. A local artist will engage with participants throughout the afternoon. Free refreshments to create a warm, family atmosphere. *Multicultural Sunday* is about connection, creativity, and celebrating the richness of our community. Free Admission. All welcome and no artistic experience is needed.

Meath Diocesan pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi with Bishop Deenihan to celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year. 26th Sept- 5 nights. Padua, Venice, the Holy House in Loreto, the resting place of St. Carlo Acutis, and the San Damiano Cross and Basilica of St Francis. Cost €1,335.00 includes half-board accommodation. JWT Travel tel:01 2410800 Email:info@joewalshtours.ie Detailed itinerary on www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - volunteer as a Helper to support those looking after assisted pilgrims: accompany pilgrims to the Grotto, Mass, the Baths, support them in hotels and the airport, offer companionship and practical help? Volunteers receive training, are Garda vetted and in Lourdes work under a team leader. If ready to offer your services from 9th - 12th/13th Sept, contact Mark Whearty, Regional Secretary, 086 8761849

A Discovering Christ Course began on Tuesday 5th May at Ceili Community Centre, Kilbeggan, N91 NY28. Seven Tuesdays starting at 7.30pm. Teaching, small group sharing and community spirit. The course is about the meaning of life and how to deepen faith in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. All welcome. Text or phone 087 9789150

Young Adults Retreat (18-40 yrs). 8th-10th May (Fri evening – Sun afternoon) Dalgan Park, Navan. Prayer, talks, friendship in faith, Mass, opportunity for personal guidance, confession. A great opportunity to discern a path in life. Cost: Donation (Full board, own room). Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Encounter Weekend, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Fri 5th/Sat 6th June. Experience the presence of God through the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, talks, healing service and fellowship. Be empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the saints how to live the life God intended. Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Missionaries of the Precious Blood. email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Ratoath Pitch and Putt is open for new membership - juvenile and adult members welcome. Contact Veronica 087 769 3540. *Fun Night* every Wednesday at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 3rd May: €1,587.00
Totals for period ending 3rd May: **White Envelopes** - €1,711.51

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.*



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