

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

**Account Name:** Ratoath Church Account No. 1 **IBAN:** IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT		28 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Paddy, Teeney, Raymond, Declan & extended Brennan Family; Pat & Sheila Naughton; James Brennan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary;	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Mary Keogh, Month's Mind; Anne Malone, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Mary Smith	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
<b>11.00am</b>	William Bourke, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary; Daniel Nulty, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary; Aubrey McAuley & Baby Patrick and dec'd mbrs of McAuley & Carty Families; Peter and Mary Moore; Dec'd mbrs of Brennan Family, Cabinhill Marty Kerrigan, 54 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Pat, Eddie & Ian Smith; George McAuley	<b>11.00am</b>	Tom Murphy, parents & brother Michael

## Mass Intentions

**Mon** - Patrick & Joe Everard, Bradystown; **Tues** - Frank Quigley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary; and John & Elizabeth Ryan

## \*\*\*Christmas Mass times\*\*\*

**Christmas Eve: 5pm – Family Mass with Children's Choir; 7pm - Folk Group; 9pm - Parish Choir**  
**Christmas Day: 9am, 11am. Organist and Cantors at all Masses**

No 9.45am Mass on Christmas Eve. Mass on **St Stephen's Day** at 11am

Please share these Mass times with others and invite them to join us to experience our parish at its festive best!

All Christmas Masses livestreamed on parish webcam

Confession for Christmas after 9.45am mass on Monday and Tuesday

**New Years Day** Mass at 11am

We are delighted to welcome Ratoath native **Fr Pat Browne**, a Canon of Westminster Cathedral, who will celebrate some of our Christmas Season Masses.

**Parish outreach.** Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time for some. We open our hearts and doors to others. Please let us know of anyone who may need a visit or phone call.

**Parish Office** open Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10am - 1pm, then **closed** until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.

**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards**, signed by the priests of the parish, available at the parish office and sacristy.

Christmas Eve	Readers	Ministers of Holy Communion	Collectors	Stewards
5pm	Maria Dalton Sandra Mc Gonigle	??	Pat Woods David Creed	David Creed Packy Reilly
7pm	Mary Gleeson	Ann Woods Jackie Brien Una Smith	Pat Woods Packy Reilly Joe Sheeran	Joe Sheeran Eileen Doherty Packy Reilly
9pm	Mary Clarke Donal Fadden	Joan Ashbrook Ann Bradley Kate Fadden	??	
Christmas Day	Readers	Ministers of Holy Communion	Collectors	Stewards
9am	Orla Rodgers	Noreen Brown Clare O Sullivan, Louise Kiernan Martina Casey	Regular Collectors?	Brian Kiernan Stephen Kiernan
11am	Marie Hackett Brian Healy	David Creed	Regular Collectors?	

**\*\*Christmas 'helpers'!** - with thanks to those on the above list, we still need 3 Ministers of Holy Communion for 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve and 2 for 11am on Christmas day.

Many thanks to John & Bernie Lord and all at **Ratoath Garden Centre** for the two beautiful Christmas trees!

**Ratoath SVP** sincerely thank parishioners for their generosity in the recent annual collection.

All donations go directly to support local families in need at Christmas and throughout the year.

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament in the Family Room is suspended on **Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve**.

**Parish Finance Committee Report** – two new members were welcomed. Parish accounts were examined. Matters discussed included financial good practise & procedures; church maintenance; repair of the cemetery wall; work required on the sacristy ceiling; ongoing maintenance and minor works at the Parochial House; gates and other security measures. Next meeting in March after which an Annual Finance Statement will be issued.

**Dues Envelopes** – A HUGE thank you to the faithful volunteers who yet again this year are distributing the envelopes in their areas. **Some boxes still to be collected at the Pastoral Centre!**

**St Paul Sunday Missal 2026, Year A** - complimentary copy is available to all our Readers at the sacristy.

**Living with a long-term health condition?** Living Well is a FREE, 6-week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others. Places on the programme at Kells Family Resource Centre starting Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1:30pm – 4pm. To book call: Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371/ Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

**Offertory Collection** for 14<sup>th</sup> December - €2,036.00  
**Standing Orders** for Period ending 14<sup>th</sup> December - €3,887.35

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES  
AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE  
A TRULY JOYFUL, HAPPY, HOLY, BLESSED AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS**



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