

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 and Friday

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

IBAN: IE33BOFI90318910247285 / BIC: BOFIII2D



6 TH APRIL – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		13 TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
Saturday 7.00pm	Joe & Peggy Lynch & Son Joe Joe; James & Maggie Nolan; Mick Lagan, 2 nd Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am	Joe Clarke, 1 st Anniversary; Bill Igoe, Month's Mind, & wife Patsy, 1 st Anniv	Sunday 9.00am	
11.00am	Bill Eiffe; Raymond Murphy	11.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
12.15pm	Donald Conran, 1st Anniversary; Julia Cassidy, 2nd Anniversary; Brian Whelan, 4th Anniversary; Edward Gannon; Con, Ellen, Mary and baby Laoise Buckley; Edward & Ray McAndrew;	12.15pm	Eilish Sullivan, 2 nd anniversary

Rest in Peace – we commend to God **Emma Cahill**, Broadmeadow Vale, whose funeral was on Friday;

Bernadette Mc Grath, Porterstown Lane, laid to rest on Saturday;

Susan Brady, Elgarstown, whose funeral takes place on Monday;

Mattie Finnegan, Dunboyne, brother in law of **Rosaleen Cantwell**, Porterstown Lane;

and **Br Michael White**, Dublin, Ex Shannon & India, uncle to Gerry Murphy, Wilkinstown, Ratoath.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Wednesday - Jimmy and Kathleen Cusack

'Lent Extra' - Mass at 7pm on the Wednesdays of Lent. This Wednesday is the last of our Lenten evening masses as Wednesday 16th April is the celebration of the **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** of our diocese in Mullingar. At this mass the priests of the diocese renew their promises to serve God's people, and the three holy oils are blessed and a supply taken to each parish to be used in the course of the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. When this sacrament is received just before death it is called 'Extreme Unction', meaning the last anointing the first having been at baptism.

The three **Holy Oils** are kept in our church in a cupboard called an **ambry**, which is to be seen near the baptismal font. This manner of reserving the Holy Oils is even older than the custom of reserving the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle! Many ancient ambries can still be seen in some of the oldest churches in Rome.

Stations of the Cross on the Mondays of Lent at 7pm, led by a different member of the PPA each night.

*****Family Way of the Cross led by parents and children this Monday at 7pm*****

Musicians and Choirs and Cantors are invited to the 7pm Mass this Wednesday, and to remain on for a short meeting thereafter, to plan the Holy Week schedule etc.

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS

Weekly Suggestions for Lenten penance – each week we offer practical suggestions and ideas as to how to live the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting & good works in tune with modern needs and the pace of life!

Prayer – plan your Lenten confession and prepare by a good examination of conscience

Fasting – don't waste food, water or energy any day this week

Almsgiving - study the 2025 Trocaire campaign, or some other charity, and make a donation

Palm Sunday is next Sunday with **Blessing of Palm** for use in the home and the reading of the Passion Gospel in three voices. Texts will be provided.

Holy Week – now is the time to plan your Holy Week schedule!

Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm; Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday-Way of the Cross at 3pm, Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Communion at 8pm;

Easter Vigil with new Fire, Candle, Readings, Blessing of Easter Water, Renewing Baptismal Promises at **9pm!**

Confession will be available before or after the above ceremonies, except the Easter Vigil.

The **Trocaire** campaign this year follows the lives of Ilma, Julio and their four children in Guatemala as they struggle to deal with changes in climate, weather related emergencies and crop failures affecting their future. With our support they can build more secure housing, safer communities and a better future for the children. Put the **Trocaire box** on the kitchen table or near the TV or PC as an encouragement to discuss the issues of this year's campaign with family members and friends and so personalize our Lenten giving.

Trocaire - It's not just a box – it's a lifeline!

Date of Easter – at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD the date of Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Hence a movable feast and people speaking of Easter being 'early' or 'late'!

Young Adults! (18-40yrs) Prepare for **Holy Week with a Retreat** at Our Lady of Silence Abbey, Roscrea. Fri 11th - Palm Sunday 13th April. 'Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free'.

Cost: Donation only (all meals, own room) Contact: Sr Una: 090 6481666 email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Kingscourt Pastoral Assembly is hosting a **Choral Workshop** for choir members, soloists, musicians or anyone interested in church music on Sat 5th April, 2pm, Parish Centre, St Mary's Rd, Kingscourt. Sung Mass at 6pm, led by Ciaran Coll of Irish Church Music Association & Derek Eakins, Director of Music. All are welcome.

Meath Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes “With Mary Pilgrims of Hope”

with Bishop Deenihan, 9th Sept. 4 or 5-night stay. Fares from €829 full board. Contact JWT 01-2410800

Evangelium Ireland invites young Catholics to its annual **Apologetics Conference** at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Sat, 26th April for talks and workshops on topics such as discipleship in the Gospel of St. John, doctrinal development, and the making of modern culture. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, incl lunch, refreshments, and a social. Programme & registration: www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' .

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Saint Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June.

Cost: €80.00 + €50.00 coach travel. Contact (044) 966 1191 or cooleparish@gmail.com.

Knock, Croagh Patrick & Lough Derg **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Passport**. See <https://www.pilgrimpassport.ie/>

If you are caring for a loved one at home with additional needs - become a member of **Family Carers Ireland**, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 30th March - €1,415.00

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