

# 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 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, Ardcath/Clonalvy & Skryne.

Parish Safeguarding Reps - Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. Details on noticeboard in porch

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15 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		22 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	Marcella Johnson McLoughlin	Saturday 7.00pm	Pauline Byrne 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; David Lynch 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Terry Clarke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Colm (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) & Attracta Donnelly	Sunday 9.00am	Tom, Catherine & Tommy McLoughlin
11.00am	Francis McGee, Month's Mind; Dave Donoghue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary; Eamon Winston, 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Leo Digan; David Nelson; Marie Dempsey, 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Damian Corr, 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	11.00am	Jimmy & Peter Brady; Eddie McKeon & granddaughter Leigha, 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniv

**Rest in Peace:** we commend to God the soul of **Maureen Mc Gowan**, mother of Ann Donohue, Glebe Park, and **Joe Dowd** (England, formerly of Dunshaughlin) brother to Violet Moore, Mooretown, who died last Sunday.

## Weekday Mass Intentions

**Tuesday** - To honour the Holy Face of Jesus; **Friday** – Birthday remembrance for Martin Cusack; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb is also **Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse**. Mass in all the parishes of our Pastoral Area will be offered for victims and survivors of abuse in the Church.

**'Shrove' Tuesday** – years ago no eggs, butter or dairy produce could be eaten in Lent and so they were used up in the making of pancakes, hence *Pancake Tuesday*. 'Shrove' comes from the verb 'to shrive', meaning 'to forgive', as people started to prepare for their annual confession before Easter.

## ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

**Fasting** means we significantly reduce the amount we eat. **Abstinence** means no meat in any form. So, on Ash Wednesday we have only one main meal & two light meals, with nothing in between! Fasting applies from the age of 18 until 60, those 14 and over should abstain from meat. As with all penance, it is a question of forgoing something good for the sake of a higher good, which is the Kingdom of Heaven and the service of the poor.

The **Trocaire** campaign will be launched on the First Sunday of Lent and Trocaire boxes available at the church.

## Ash Wednesday – Mass and Imposition of Ashes at 9.45am and 7pm

There will be prayer services and distribution of ashes in the parish schools on Wednesday

**Stations of the Cross** every Monday of Lent at 7pm led by a different person/group each night.

## **LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS**

Weekly Suggestions for Lenten prayer, penance and acts of self-denial and self-control – from next Sunday, there will be practical suggestions and ideas in the bulletin as to how we can live the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting & good works in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today! Suggestions and ideas are welcome and can be sent to the parish email.

**First Confession** is being planned and prepared in our parish schools to take place during Lent.

**Pioneer Abstinence Assoc** of the Sacred Heart – take the Pioneer Pledge for Lent tel May Tuite 0871334872

**A Pastoral Area Meeting** of all members of the Pastoral Councils of our **Pastoral Area** will take place in Dunshaughlin on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm to discuss areas of pastoral life in which we can collaborate.

**Young Adults Retreat** (18-40 yrs) to prepare for Lent at the Abbey of Our Lady of Silence Roscrea, 13-15 Feb. Prayer, Mass, Adoration, friendship in faith, talks, confession/personal chat with one of the monks, lovely walks Cost: Donation. Contact: Sr Una 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**The Mother & Baby Institutions Payment Scheme** provides payments and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother & Baby and County Homes in Ireland. Eligibility criteria and applications via an online portal or by post Visit: [www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/](http://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/) Helpline: 01 522 9922. Applications handled with dignity & confidentiality.

**Irish Cancer Society** seeks volunteers with strong organisational skills for Daffodil Day fundraising events. If available on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to become a community organiser, contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** with Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March. A weekend like no other! Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Medjugorje** - May 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> & Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. €875 PPS. Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages. Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

**Holy Week Camino.** Experience the Camino in the Spirit of St. James. Sarria to Santiago - the last 100km! Dep Dublin 27<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Return flights, coach transfers, hotel accommodation, Marian Pilgrimages rep throughout, 5 Walk days with spiritual programme. For details, contact 01 8788159 or [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

### **Ratoath College incoming students for August 2026**

Blondelles will do fittings on the following dates: Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March incl; Boys 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March incl.

**Clann Mór** Residential & Respite not-for-profit Meath based Charity, supporting adults with intellectual disabilities are hosting 1) a fundraising evening of live music, DJ, raffles & plenty of fun, in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb; 2) a Walk along the iconic Camino de Santiago in Spain from the 6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Offertory Collection** for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February - €1,577.00  
Totals for Period Ending 8<sup>th</sup> February: **White Envelopes** €1,858.41

### **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.*

### **Bulletin for February is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner**

Suitable sponsorship of the weekly bulletin from local businesses or individuals is welcomed at a rate of €100 per month. Sponsors can be acknowledged in the bulletin for that month or remain anonymous if they so wish.