

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:** BOFIE2D



4 TH MAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		11 TH MAY – 4 TH SUN OF EASTER / VOCATIONS SUNDAY	
Saturday 7.00pm	Patrick (Paddy) Dolan and family	Saturday 7.00pm	Joe McGrath; 4 th Anniversary Bernadette McGrath; Months Mind
Sunday 9.00am	Maura Kelly; Brigid Boshell	Sunday 9.00am	
11.00am	Michael, Brigid, Seamus & Breege McIntyre; Gerard Ralph	11.00am	Susan Brady; Months Mind
12.15pm	Ita Kennedy, 5 th Anniversary, and Patrick & Maisie Kennedy; Ann Simon, 3 rd Anniversary	12.15pm	

Rest in Peace – we commend to God **Raymond Brennan**, Jamestown, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

Until the election of the new Pope, mention of the Pope by name is omitted from the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Wednesday- Anna Byrne and Cathy & Miley Byrne; and Sean Craig.

Easter Water, newly blessed at the Easter Vigil, is available in the Family Room.
Small bottles are provided to take Holy Water home and to bring it to others.

A large **Trocaire box** is provided near the altar in which to place the individual Trocaire boxes.

Blessing of Graves /Cemetery Sunday will be on 25th May at 3pm

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish as follows:
10th May Ratoath NS, 17th May St Paul's NS, 24th May Rathbeggan NS.

The parish **Folk Group** celebrate their 20th anniversary on Saturday, 10th May, at the Vigil Mass.

Many thanks to all who so promptly and kindly returned their **CHY4 Tax Rebate Form**. These are being processed at the moment and submitted to Revenue Online to claim the rebate in favour of the parish.

Vocations Sunday next Sunday, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, is the annual occasion to promote vocations to priesthood in the Church and to support those already in formation for future ministry in our parishes in what will be a very different Church. In lieu of a second collection we will give a contribution from our Offertory collection as our parish support for vocations in the Diocese of Meath.

Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after morning Mass until 7pm in the Family Room. Just drop in OR, better still, sign up to attending a scheduled hour every Wednesday, if possible.

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. Any suggestions or initiative for May Devotions would be welcomed. Contact the parish office with ideas!

One way in which Mary is honoured in the parish is by the work of the **Legion of Mary**, now in its 14th year. There are six very active members who, among other duties, carry out weekly door-to-door visitation in the parish and since 2023 all homes in Ratoath have been visited at least once. They also carry out street contact, Youth 2000 ministry, and distribution of Miraculous Medals.

New members always welcome! Meeting at the Parish Centre every Monday at 7pm. Contact 087 7987682

Ratoath College will hold their **Graduation Service** in the church on Thursday 15th May at 11am.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome – Last remaining places, 22nd – 27th Sept 2025. Join Bishop Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making a Pilgrimage to Rome during this Jubilee of Hope. Cost €1,399. Bookings/enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie .

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

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to **Saint Patrick’s Purgatory**, Lough Derg Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June. Cost: €80 + €50 coach travel. Contact (044) 966 1191 or cooleparish@gmail.com.

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

Meath Alzheimer Café in the Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin, Wednesday, 7th May, 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker Maryrose Buckley from Athboy, Social Care Worker/Sound Therapist/Mindfulness Teacher (MTAI) on “The Benefits of Music & Sound Therapy for the Mind & Body”. Families/carers/loved ones living with Alzheimer's /Dementia are welcome. Tea, coffee served. No charge for this service. Contact: 087 188 8178.

Meath Befriending Service aims to reduce loneliness and isolation through a weekly visit to older people. Volunteers needed with one hour a week to spare and make a difference to somebody in your area. Contact Eva 0858622496, or email eva.ofarrell@meathpartnership.ie for further information.

Pieta House Charity Event: *Darkness into Light* at Fairyhouse Racecourse Saturday 10th May at 4.15am

Weekly collection: Offertory for 27th April - €1,790 .00

Easter is a Feast of fifty days of continuous celebration until Pentecost on Sunday 8th June During Eastertide the **Angelus**, recited at 12noon and 6pm, is replaced by the **Regina Coeli** – *Queen of Heaven* which reflects Mary’s joy at the resurrection of her divine Son.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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