

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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24 TH MAY – FEAST OF PENTECOST		31 ST MAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
Saturday 7.00pm	Padraic O'Malley; Anniversary; Jimmy White; Chernoble 40 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Maureen Mourne
Sunday 9.00am	Desmond, Julia & James Toole; Ita & Oliver Doran	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Veronica & Ben Cullen; James, Agnes & Kate Rooney; Rose Hickey & decd mbrs of Hickey Family; John Long, 5 th Anniversary	11.00am	Margaret Holmes, Month's Mind; Hugh Mullin, 1 st Anniversary; Peter and Jimmy Brady

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Ann Devine**, Lagore, whose funeral was on Thursday in Dunshaughlin; **Noel McManus**, Tankardstown, laid to rest on Friday, and **Mary Hillary**, sister of Maud Nally.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Monday – Margaret & Frank Vaughan; Wednesday – Joe & Mary Geraghty

Parish Hospitality next Sunday at the Pastoral Centre after I am Mass, bring a friend.

Trinity Sunday, next Sunday, is the Patronal Feast of our parish and church as the church is dedicated under the *title* of the Most Holy Trinity.

Blessing of Graves this Sunday beginning in the cemetery at 3pm

Please remember it is not Mass but a Prayer Service and Blessing so those attending should have already attended Mass earlier in the day!

A warm welcome to all who are coming home or visiting the parish this weekend for the beautiful custom of the annual Blessing of Graves. An opportunity for a family gathering, meeting friends and neighbours and to stand together by the graves of those who have gone before us whose memory we honour and whose graves we tend.

'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them'

We extend the thanks of the parish to all involved in the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery:

to **Paul Costelloe**, and to **Darragh O'Neill** and **Wilie Donoghue** for their generous commitment of time, effort and energy to the care of the cemetery throughout the year.

Thanks to the **Tidy Towns Team** who were seen sprucing up and tending the Marian Shrine during the week!

A meeting of the parishes of our **Pastoral Area** took place in Ratoath on Wednesday on the topic of *A coordinated approach to Sacramental Preparation in our Parishes* ie Baptism, First Confession & Communion and Confirmation in the parishes of our Pastoral Area. Information was shared as to what each parish does to prepare for these sacraments and each parish learned from the experience of other parishes.

Congratulations to the boys and girls from **St Paul's NS** who celebrated their **First Holy Communion** with great joy on Saturday. Many thanks to the members of the Pastoral Council and the parent groups from each school who ran and organized this year's very successful *Grow in Love* programme.

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.

Multicultural Sunday: free community event next 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. Full set of art materials, including canvas, brushes & paints provided. A local artist will engage with participants throughout the afternoon. Free refreshments; 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.

Alzheimer Society Ratoath Monthly Social Club – 29th May, 11am to 1pm in Ratoath Community Centre. A warm welcome is extended to all in the community.

Ratoath Pitch & Putt Club (on Skryne Rd) **Open Day** for Juveniles (aged 10-16) on Sat 30th May from 4pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome to come along and see how you do.

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 tel:01 2410800 Email:info@joewalshstours.ie Detailed itinerary on www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, departs 8th September. Pilgrims have the option of 4 or 5-night stay. All participants accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 full board. Booking and enquiries with Joe Walsh Tours at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstour

Finding God in Nature and Culture – Sat 27th June, Kildare. A day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring the relationship between Christian faith, Irish culture, imagination, and the natural world. Featuring Paul Vander Klay, Fr. Conor McDonough OP, and Heather Pollington. Hosted at Solas Bhríde Centre with pilgrimage visits to St Brigid's Well and Kildare Cathedral. Tickets and information on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-god-in-nature-and-culture-tickets-1988447493982?aff=oddtcreator>

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.

Meath Archaeological & Historical Society lecture, Thursday 28th May in Navan Library at 7.15pm. Genealogist Aileen Wynne will explore the **1926 Census**, and what it can tell us about local and family histories.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 17th May: €1,275.00,

Totals for period ending 3rd May: **White Envelopes** €1,711.25, **Standing Orders** €5,014.14

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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