

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

Direct bank transfer - Your donation can be transferred to:

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



22 ND MARCH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		29 TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY	
Saturday 7.00pm	Eileen, James, Margaret & Patrick Woods; Tommy & Mary Wall; Mary Foy	Saturday 7.00pm	Martin Bruen, Month's Mind; Bernadette McGrath, 1 st Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Matthew Finnegan	Sunday 9.00am	
11.00am	Reinhard Schoeller, Month's Mind; Charlie & Beenie Reilly; Brendan Coughlan, 8 th Anniversary; Noel Duggan, 10 th Anniversary; Lorraine Keller, 2 nd Anniversary; Oliver Nolan, Birthday Remembrance	11.00am	Emma Cahill, 1 st Anniversary; Elizabeth Rooney; Peggy Murphy, 3 rd Anniversary; Patricia Hickey; Brian Whelan, 5 th Anniversary Bill Eiffe; 7 th Anniversary

RIP: We commend to God **Vera Hegarty**, Growtown, laid to rest on Saturday; and **William (Bill) Herlihy**, father of Jackie Doyle, Fairyhouse Lodge.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Monday – Noel Martin, 5th Anniversary

Grow in Love Mass this weekend - the last of 4 Masses of preparation for First Holy Communion.

****ESB** has informed the parish office that the power supply will be interrupted this Sunday from 9am - 5pm.

As a result, there will be no heat, light or PA at the 9am and 11am Masses.

The Vigil Mass will be recorded and broadcast as usual on the livestream at 11am on Sunday.

Lenten Trocaire Campaign 2026 - it's not just a box, it's a lifeline!

Trocaire's Lenten Campaign is on the diocesan website at: <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026>

YOU can help Uwamahoro and other vulnerable families rebuild their futures in Rwanda and other countries.

Trocaire boxes still available at the back of the church for every home in the parish.

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

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS

Suggestions and ideas for Lenten prayer, penance and acts of self-denial and service of others are offered here each week to help us live the Lenten spirit in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today!

Prayer – make some attempt or effort to pray **with others** this week, at home, at work or with friends

Fasting – limit or reduce your time online, on the phone or in front of the TV and **give** this time to others

Good Works – greet people as much as possible this week on the street, on public transport and elsewhere.

Refreshments and chat next Sunday in the Pastoral Centre after 11am Mass. All welcome. Bring a friend.

Palm Sunday is next Sunday with Blessing of Palm to take home and the reading of the Passion Gospel in three voices. Texts and palm crosses or branches will be provided. Images and crosses in the church are veiled in purple from next Sunday as a sign that we are focusing on the meaning of the passion and death of Christ.

Holy Week Preview - start to plan your schedule now!

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**;

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil with blessing of the new Fire, Paschal Candle, Readings, blessing of Easter Water, renewal of Baptismal Promises at **9pm**. **No Vigil Mass at 7pm!**

Holy Saturday – Polish Community Blessing of Easter Food at 9am

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

Holy Week in three minutes is a short video presentation on the diocesan website which you might view as a family to help prepare for the **Holy Week Triduum**, a word which means 'the three great days'.

**Volunteers are being sought at the moment to have their feet washed in the liturgy on Holy Thursday!

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'!

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service needs volunteers to train as facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly and experienced team, facilitators provide four marriage preparation programmes annually. Teams from Accord Centres in every diocese. Successful applicants receive free professional training in 7 in-person workshops at venues around the country. Closing date for applications Fri 29th May. Contact Aisling on 015053112 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Ministers of Holy Communion - a coordinator is needed for the 11am Mass Rota. If one of the 11am Mass ministers could volunteer to undertake this role it would be much appreciated.

Alzheimer Social at Ratoath Community Centre, Friday 27th March from 11am to 1pm, Join Us!

Meath Archaeological & Historical Society launches *Ríocht na Midhe 2026* by Dr. Geraldine Stout, Patron. Wed 25th March, 7:15 pm, followed by a lecture by Dr. Ciarán Wallace on *Meath - The Irish Revolution, 1912-23*. Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. Reception & book fair for members and guests from 6:15-7:15.

Claremont Stadium Easter midterm activities 30th March - 9th April. Sports Camp (30th March - 2nd April), Early Years Music (31st March), Anyone4 Science Workshop (7th April), Drumming Workshop (9th April) and Family Pickelball (8th & 10th April). Further information at www.claremontstadium.ie or call 046 902 9693.

Family of four looking for house to rent locally ASAP, with 3 bedrooms if possible. If able to help, please contact c/o Parish office and we will forward the message.

Considering a Postgraduate Programme in 2026? For those interested in Parish and Community work, St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth offers Diploma, Higher Diploma and Master's programmes specialising in education and formation in the fields of Theological Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, and Liturgical Music. For more visit www.sppu.ie

Offertory Collection for Sunday 15th March - €1,390.00;

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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