

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

Sunday Mass – 9.00am and 11.00am

Holy Days – 11.00am and as indicated in bulletin of the previous week

Daily Mass – 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 at Parish Office

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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13 TH SEPTEMBER - TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		20 TH SEPTEMBER - TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Lizzie Madden, 20 th Anniversary & husband John	Saturday 7.00pm	Mary Bradshaw, 7 th Anniversary; Grace Jordan, 16 th Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 9.00am	Kathleen Gunn	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Jimmy Maughan, 6 th Anniversary; Patricia McAuley, 11 th Anniversary	11.00am	Dermot Carolan, 1 st Anniversary; Ann McCauley, 1 st Anniversary; Cathal Daly, 5 th Anniversary; Joseph Rooney; Joseph & Mary White; James Lynam, 53 rd Anniversary; PJ Moran

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Ivy Ryder**, Fairyhouse Rd. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 11am.

Mass intentions: **Mon** – Special Intention; **Tues** - Jill Morris; **Thur** - Kathleen & Jimmie Cusack, Paddy Hynes.

Monday is the **feast** of the *Exaltation or Triumph of the Holy Cross*; Tuesdy is *Our Lady of Sorrows*.

Silver Jubilee – many thanks to all who contributed to the planning and celebration of Fr Derek's 25th Jubilee Mass and party: the Pastoral Council, Servers, Readers, Sacristan, Altar Society Eamonn for the video, and those who helped with the decoration of the church grounds and the Pastoral Centre. Everyone had a great time!

Sunday hospitality after 11am Mass will resume on the last Sunday of September

Congratulations to Br Philip Neri OP, (formerly Ivan Mather!), from Fairyhouse Lodge, who took his Solemn Vows as a Dominican in Knock Basilica on 11th October 2025 and now, on Saturday 19th September, to the joy of his family, will be ordained a **deacon** at St Saviour's Dominican Priory in Dublin.

Sacramental dates and details for the school year 2026/27

First Holy Communion: St. Paul's 22nd May; Ratoath JNS 22nd May; Rathbeggan NS 29th May.

First Confession - dates and times will be arranged with each school in September.

Confirmation on Friday 12th March.

The Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm. On the agenda will be the process for the formation of the new Pastoral Council to be in place in December; the bishop has issued a letter to Pastoral Councils asking that they be attentive to the presence and needs of young people who have returned to church and faith life and that we include them in our plans for the future of our parishes.

Ministers of Holy Communion who cover the I lam Mass are asked to **contact the parish office** to confirm their availability for a new rota to be compiled in the coming weeks, and new ministers are sought.

Retired priests are supported by the diocese by means of the **Fleming Fund**. On retirement, usually over the age of 75, a priest receives the state contributory pension instead of his salary and, unless he has independent means, he relies on the diocese for accommodation or nursing home care in old age. The Fleming Fund has sought no donations from parishes since 2020 and so the bishop has issued the following appeal to all parishes *'on the advice of the Diocesan Finance Committee, I am directing that a second collection for the 'Care of Sick and Retired Priests' be taken up in each parish on a Sunday in September or early October. The proceeds...will be used exclusively to support priests who have given many years of faithful service to the diocese and who, in retirement or due to illness, now rely on the support of the diocese. This is a specific second collection'*. In this parish we will take up this collection on the weekend of 26th/27th September.

Relic of St Bernadette: an offer has been made to the parish that we receive a precious relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes on 18th October and all who wish will be blessed with the relic after Mass.

Sycamore Programme - Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, Monday 28th Sept 7.15 - 9pm.
Each Monday night for 9 weeks. To Register email sycamoredunshaughlin@gmail.com

Congratulations to **Ratoath Community Centre** on their 20th anniversary celebrated in style this weekend.

Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 27th Sept - Bus leaves Navan Fairgreen at 8am and Trim church at 8.30am.
To book a seat on the bus please contact Noreen Evans 087 929 9544 (Legion of Mary)

Samuel Group: Attention young adults (ages 18-40) – Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Meath Samuel Group begins in Navan, October '26 to April '27. The programme entails being present at a monthly formation day, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and a commitment to daily prayer. Register by 1st Oct. For more info and registration go to: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

St Finnian's Community Pathway Project: Lecture by Dr Hannah MacAuliffe – “Clonard in the lives of the Irish Saints: the good, the bad and the saintly” in St Finnian's Centre, Clonard, Thurs 17th Sept at 7.30 pm.

Candlelight Concert in St Finnian's Church at 7.30 pm. Pilgrimage Walk - Sunday 20th Sept from Clonard to Ballyboggan Abbey (approx. 6 km). Registration on day at Parish Centre, Clonard 10.30 am – 2.30 pm.
Pilgrim Mass: 12 noon in St Finnian's Church, Clonard.

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential *Marriage Enrichment Weekend*, Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Oct at “Focolare Centre”, Curryhills, Prosperous, Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. • www.marriageencounter.ie

FREE Community Event – **Meath Dementia Café** on Sunday 20th September at 2pm in Dunshaughlin GAA Clubhouse to relive the unforgettable **Meath v Dublin Four-Game Saga of 1991**, including a screening of the final match with some of the players from that memorable era joining us on the day. All Welcome.

Junior & Leaving Cert Maths Tuition weekly in Ratoath Community Centre. Ph Joe on (086) 4076495.

Meath A&H Society lecture ‘*Tuning the Radio – A Century of Connection between Irish Broadcasting and Traditional Music*’ - by Peter Browne; Comharchumann Rath Chairn (C15 E8FT). Wed 16th September, 7.30 pm.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 6th September: €2,275.00

Totals for period ending 6th September: White Envelopes €1,181.75; Blue Envelopes €2,201.15

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.*

Thanks to the generous donor who has sponsored the Bulletin for September