

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:

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



11 TH OCTOBER – TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		18 TH OCTOBER - MISSION SUNDAY	
Saturday 7.00pm	John Ellis, 1 st Anniversary; Michael, Elizabeth & John Mulvaney; Sean & Maureen Mullen; Dermot Brennan and his parents Cyril & Una	Saturday 7.00pm	
Sunday 9.00am	Anthony, Mary Kate & Michael Gaughan	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Ivy Ryder, Month's Mind; Youlanda Kelly, 13 th Anniversary; Ursula Cleary, 6 th Anniversary	11.00am	Ann Conmey, Month's Mind; Mattie Ryan, 1 st Anniversary; Chris McCann & John & Teresa McCann; Declan Sweeney, 30 th Anniversary; Maisie & Joe McCormack; Dick Donnelly, 6 th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Ita O'Sullivan**, Lagore Little, whose funeral was on Friday.

Daily Mass intentions: Tuesday - Anne Kenny, 3rd Anniversary and Special Intention

Thursday - Joe & Mary Geraghty & dcsc mbs of family; Michael Garrett; **Friday** - Maureen Regan

World Mission Sunday on 18th October is a time for the faithful of the world to take an interest in and support the work of overseas missionaries. Further information is available at www.missio.ie

Relic of St Bernadette: next Sunday after 11am Mass the parish welcomes a precious relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes and all who wish will be blessed with the relic after Mass.

Miscellaneous parish housekeeping matters

- There was a problem with the **bell** which was not ringing at the proper times and so **Belltron** have serviced the system. In fact, the sound is a recording of a bell that is transmitted electronically. However, we do have an impressive bronze bell and as a parish project at some time there is the possibility of restoring the bell itself so that it rings once more to call us to prayer.
- It is planned to put a new **noticeboard** in the porch for posters, parish notices etc
- **IT** – the system that supports the livestream broadcast has been undated and so hopefully there will be no further interruptions to the service!

Sunday hospitality – volunteers needed to help with the monthly gatherings after 11am Mass at the Parish Centre. Please contact the office or a member of the Pastoral Council if you can help. The hospitality on the last Sunday of October is deferred to Sunday 1st November when we will celebrate Deirdre's years as sacristan.

Grow in Love Family Masses on 17th/18th October; 5th/6th December; 6th/7th Feb 10th/11th April.
Confirmation Enrollment on 7th/8th November at 7pm Vigil and 11am Sunday Mass.

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 25th Oct at 11am to acknowledge the farming heritage of the parish and the work and skill involved in farming. The farming families of the parish are invited to bring some produce to the church on the preceding Friday evening or Saturday morning to be displayed and blessed at Mass that weekend. We appeal to farming families of the parish to bring local produce to be blessed.

November Altar List of the Dead: as we observe the popular custom of remembering all our departed loved ones we might all meet as families, households and friends to recall our loved ones and put their names on our *Altar List of the Dead* to be remembered in the parish in various ways during the month of November.

Altar List of the Dead envelopes will be available **next weekend** at the back of the church to be taken home and, if possible, returned to the church by Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day or before the end of November.

A Candlelit Choral Service of Prayer will take place on Friday 6th November at 8pm for those who died since last November. Invitations will be sent to those who had a family funeral in the parish since November 2025.

Parish Offerings and Dues Envelopes are now being prepared and labeled. A big task to distribute them lies ahead! The different ways in which you can support your parish are by voluntary weekly donations through the Offertory collection, the weekly Envelope & Dues system or Standing Orders/Direct Debits.

As the parish is a **registered charity** under law, on all *recordable* donations above €250 per year the parish can, with the donors' permission, reclaim tax already paid on that amount at no extra cost to the donor.

This does not apply to the Offertory collection as these donations are not *recordable*.

Our 2025 records are currently with the parish accountant to be audited.

Additionally, an extensive external audit of all parishes is currently being carried out in the diocese under the **Charities Regulator** and all our parish statements, invoices, cash handling records etc for 2025 have been submitted to demonstrate our compliance with civil and legal standards.

Fr Willie Doyle was an Irish Jesuit who served as a British Army Chaplain in WWI and gave his life ministering to soldiers at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. Bishop Deenihan opened the *Diocesan Tribunal for the Cause of his Canonisation* in 2022. The **Concluding Session** of the Tribunal takes place after Evening Prayer at the Cathedral in Mullingar on Sunday, 18th October at 4pm. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

World Youth Day Seoul, Korea (27th July – 10th Aug) The diocese invites young people (aged 19-35) to this gathering of young Catholics with Pope Leo! Limited seats available; anyone/parish interested in joining this world event should book now! Cost €2,750 approx. (any reduction depending on flight availability yet to be confirmed) All expenses included. Check out the QR code, or email: meathyouth@gmail.com.

Vocations Holy Hour in Duleek church on Friday 23rd Oct 7pm-8pm. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923 Website: www.meathvocations.com Facebook Page: Diocese Of Meath Vocations Instagram Account: dioceseofmeathvocations Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie

Sycamore Programme - Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, started Monday 28th September 7.15pm - 9pm. Continues every Monday night for 9 weeks. To register email sycamoredunshaughlin@gmail.com

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Rd, D03 FP52) - **Advent 2026 Retreats**
Advent Triduum Retreat. Mon-Fri, 30 Nov-4 Dec / Mon-Fri 14-18 Dec. Step away from the busy-ness of the season and ponder the themes of Advent - waiting, watching and preparing for the mystery of Christ's coming.
Advent Weekend Retreat. Fri-Sun, 4-6 Dec. Time for personal prayer and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. For information, check the website: manresa.ie or contact @manresa.ie / 01 5529 448.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 4th October: €1,212.00
Totals for the period ending 4th October: White Envelopes €1,875.05

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.*