

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2025 AD

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2 ND MARCH - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		9 TH MARCH - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	Marie Quirke Fairbairn , Month's Mind; Noel Williams, Month's Mind; John & Geraldine Turley;	Saturday 7.00pm	Melissa Hogan, 1 st Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Brian Johnson, 3 rd Anniversary	Sunday 9.00am	
11.00am	Frank Deering, Month's Mind; Pauline Vidler, 6 th Anniversary	11.00am	Michael Gilchrist, 8 th Anniversary; Kay & Brendan Menton
12.15pm	James Rooney; Anna Keenan	12.15pm	Dick & Chris Donnelly; Paddy Moore, 13 th Anniversary; Seamus Ennis & deceased family members and Irene Dunn

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Des Cronnelly**, Baltrasna, laid to rest on Monday and **Pauline Byrne**, Twentypark, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday: Joe Moran, 12th Anniversary; **Tuesday:** In honour of the Holy Face

Shrove Tuesday – many years ago no eggs, butter or dairy produce could be eaten in Lent and so they were used up in the making of pancakes, hence Pancake Tuesday. '**Shrove**' comes from the verb 'to shrive', meaning 'to forgive', as people started to prepare for their annual confession before Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Many people 'fast' because they have to. They are hungry, they have no choice, they have no food!

For us, **fasting** means we choose to significantly reduce the amount we consume.

Abstinence means no meat in any form. So, on Ash Wednesday we should have only one main meal & two light meals, usually called a 'collation', with nothing in between!

Fasting applies from the age of 18 until 60, those aged 14 and over should abstain from meat.

As with all penance, it is a question of foregoing something good for the sake of a higher good, which is the Kingdom of Heaven and the service of the poor.

The **Trocaire** campaign will be launched on the first Sunday of Lent and Trocaire boxes will be available at the church and schools from Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday – Mass and Imposition of Ashes at 9.45am and 7pm

There will be prayer services and distribution of ashes in the parish schools throughout the day on Wednesday.

Lent Extra- there will be an additional **Mass on Wednesdays at 7pm** and **Stations of the Cross** each Monday at 7pm reflecting on some aspect of the Passion of Christ, led by a different person each night.

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS

Weekly Suggestions for Lenten penance and self-control – from next Sunday, there will be practical suggestions and ideas in the bulletin as to how we can live the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting & good works in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today!

Would you like to take the **Pioneer pledge for Lent**? Please call 087 133 4872 or join online

Prayers for the Pope – we unite with the faithful throughout the world and with all people of goodwill in praying for Pope Francis, that God may sustain him in his current illness.

New Speakers and PA upgrade: new speakers have been installed in the church, four in the nave, six under the gallery and two on the gallery. These are state of the art, the latest and best in audio technology and should greatly enhance not just audibility but also participation in and the quality of our life of worship.

First Confession is being planned and prepared in our parish school to take place during Lent.

Light the Fire for St Patrick's Day! The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in Drogheda invite us to Evening Prayer on the Hill of Slane at 5pm on 17th March with Rosary Procession to Slane parish church for Mass at 6.15pm celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio and the Bishop of Meath.



JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28TH JULY – 3RD AUGUST 2025. Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese of Meath to join with young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis. As Pilgrims of Hope we will share in the week of events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! Cost €750 approx. including flights and accommodation. For more info see www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. “With Mary Pilgrims of Hope” 2025 Jubilee Year, under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan, starts 9th Sept. Pilgrims may choose a 4 or 5-night stay. All pilgrims will be in Hotels. Fares begin at €829 full board. Contact Joe Walsh Tours, tel: 01-2410800

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd - 27th September 2025.
Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima & St Anthony, 3rd - 10th Sept. Pilgrims accommodated at four star Villa Gale Hotel in Estoril. Navan Travel at 046 9068600

Dunshaughlin Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima, 16th-20th June. Contact Marain pilgrimages 01 8788159

Meath Alzheimer Café in the Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin on Wednesday, 5th March, 7pm - 9pm. Guest speaker is Kim Tully, CEO of Engaging Dementia on “Engaging Dementia – What We Do”. Families/carers living with Alzheimer's/Dementia are welcome. Tea/coffee served. No charge. Tel : 087 188 8178

Blondelles: Ratoath College 1st Year Fittings for School Uniforms in Blondelles:
March 3rd - 8th inclusive (Girls) & March 10th - 15th Inclusive (Boys).
Any other students who wish to order at this time can contact 01-8257711

Parish Office is now open on Mondays and Fridays from 10 am – 1pm.

Gluten free hosts are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 23rd February - €1,330.00

Envelopes for period ending 23rd February: White Envelopes - €943.30; Blue Envelopes - €2,300.75

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