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, Ardcath/Clonalvy & Skryne.
Parish Safeguarding Reps – Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. www.safeguardingmeath.ie
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8TH NOVEMBER – THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		15TH NOVEMBER – THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Maura Walshe, 1st Anniversary; John O'Neill, 25th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Kitty Tyrrell, Month's Mind; Rita Graham, 2nd Anniversary, & her husband Ray and son Damian; Lorraine Herlihy, 2nd Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Mary and Gerry Keogh; Anthony and Mary O'Boyle; Theresa Gorman and John & Teasie Gorman; Peggy Farrell	Sunday 9.00am	Kathleen & Hugh Nally and deceased family members
11.00am	Michael Kane, Month's Mind; Jack and Maggie Donnelly; Aggie and Anthony Donohoe; Maureen Breslin, 2nd Anniversary; Julie Crowe, 7th Anniversary; Geraldine O'Reilly; 10th Anniversary Nora Wilson, 4th Anniversary; John Mc Carthy; Jim Simpson, 16th Anniversary	11.00am	Mary White

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Margaret Wall,** Ballyhack, laid to rest on Thursday;
Catherine Drake, Rackenstown, whose Requiem Mass was on Friday;
Pauline Mc Enroe, Powderlough, whose funeral was in Achill this Saturday;
Bernie Kelly, Cabra, mother of Deirdre Kinsella in RSNS and the parish children's choir;
Peggy O'Brien, Ardcath, sister of Attracta Donnelly, Glascarn.

Daily Mass Intentions: **Mon** - Molly Devine. **Tues** - Matilda & Tim Burns; Special Intention

Confirmation Enrolment this weekend at 7pm Vigil and 11am Sunday Mass. We will join the young people in the Creed by a question-and-answer ***Profession of Faith*** and ***Renewal of Baptismal Promises.***

Celebration for Deirdre Mills: many thanks to all who participated in and contributed in any way to our *Benemerenti* celebration last Sunday both in the church and afterwards at the Pastoral Centre. Pictures of the event are on the parish Facebook page, and elsewhere, and will be in the *Irish Catholic* next week.

Annual Mass for deceased members of **Ratoath Men's Shed** Tuesday 17th November at 9.45 am. Family and friends of deceased members are welcome and are invited to the Shed afterwards for refreshments and a chat.

The **Children's Choir** has started rehearsals for Christmas every Monday in the church at 7.30pm.

Annual Diocesan Clergy Assembly Report - the bishop and priests of the diocese met over two days to address issues relevant to parish life today: Funeral rites and associated pastoral care was discussed; all Pastoral Areas reported on progress in collaboration between parishes, problems, and frequency of meetings etc; in the context of the recent *Fleming Fund* collection the issue of the care of retired priests and the availability of the *Fair Deal* scheme for nursing home care was explained and discussed; *Gen Z* - a UCD chaplain spoke about the practice of faith on campus today and what it tells us about 18-30yr olds in our parishes; a Safeguarding update highlighted changes in practice and provided a template to help parishes complete the annual audit.

November *Altar List of the Dead* envelopes are available at the back of the church to be taken home and returned to the church during the month of November. Those already returned have been placed in the basket which will remain in front of the altar for the month of November and Mass will be offered every First Friday throughout the year for those whose names are on the *Altar List of the Dead.*
Many thanks to the Pastoral Council and to Mary Hetherington, Miriam Mulrooney and the parish Senior Choir for their collaboration in the ***November Service of Remembrance and Prayer*** on Friday evening.

The **Glantoiri** Church cleaning teams are reviewing their schedule for this year and will reconfigure the teams next year and revise the cleaning programme from monthly to a more suitable arrangement.

The **Annual Parish Safeguarding Audit** is taking place in every parish in the diocese, to be returned to the Diocesan Office by 27th November. Fr Michael will meet the parish Safeguarding Reps to complete our audit.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians: One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need is organising a Week of Witness from November 15th-22nd to highlight their plight with an appeal to parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' 18th November. Info at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pastoral-resources-1 or www.acnireland.org

As we approach the Solemnity of Christ the King, titular feast of our Cathedral in Mullingar, the bishop invites us all to participate in **40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration** in the Cathedral with Mass on Friday, 20th November at 7:30pm concluding with Sung Vespers and Benediction at 4pm on Sunday, 22nd November, Solemnity of Christ the King. The 69 parishes of our 14 Pastoral Areas have been allocated a specific hour of Adoration as an opportunity for collaboration within Pastoral Areas and for parish Pastoral Councils to work together in arranging transport and encouraging parishioners to participate. Confessions available on Saturday 21st from noon until midnight. *__Ratoath__ with Curragha, and Ardcath & Clonalvy has been assigned 3pm – 4pm on **Saturday 21st November.**

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Rd, D03 FP52) - Advent 2026 Retreats
Advent Triduum Retreat. Mon-Fri, 30th Nov-4th Dec/Mon-Fri 14th-18th 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, 4th-6th 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.

3rd National *First Saturdays* Conference in Knock on Saturday 28th November 10am - 5pm. Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. Info and list of buses on www.firstsaturdays.ie.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 1st November: €1,415.00
Totals for period ending 1st November: White envelopes - € 1,296.92; Dues envelopes - € 2,484.90

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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