

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2024 AD

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17 TH NOVEMBER – 33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		24 TH NOVEMBER – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	
Saturday 7.00pm	Kenneth Cullen, 4 th Anniversary; John Mulvany, 11 th Anniversary; Marie and Benny Wallace	Saturday 7.00pm	John King, Month's Mind; Joe and Teasie Gorman; Stephen Daly
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo- for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Paddy Regan, 25 th Anniversary
11.00am		11.00am	Olive Mc Cann, 9 th Anniversary
12.15pm	Derek Walker, 12 th Anniversary and dec mbrs of Walker & Kenny families; Mary White	12.15pm	Tom Reeves, 1 st Anniversary Jack & Maggie Donnelly and Seamus Rooney; Nancy Ralph

Weekday Mass Intentions – Mon: Joe Mannering; **Tues:** Ratoath Men's Shed, deceased members

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Rita Graham**, Corballis. Requiem Mass, Tuesday 11.30am

Update from Parish Pastoral Assembly: the PPA is in the process of drafting an *action plan* for the coming year and welcomes input from parishioners. We plan a 'listening event on' Wednesday 4th December in the church at 7:30pm. All are welcome to the 'listening event' and we would like your thoughts on these questions: Is it important for you to be active in the parish? If yes why?

What value do you get from being involved in the parish?

What services offered by the parish are you involved in or attend?

What further opportunities would you like to help deepen your own faith and spiritual life?

What actions / services / programmes do you think would help to deepen the faith of the parish and encourage others to start or re-start their faith journey?

PA system: as reported in last week's bulletin, the advice of a sound engineer being that the speakers need to be replaced as the sound quality is poor due to the age of the speakers, an order has been placed and it is hoped to have the upgrade to the PA system before Christmas.

Stage 2 of preparation for First Confession/Communion at 7pm, 11am & 12.15pm Masses next weekend.

Candlelit Choral Service for all the dead and bereaved of the parish on Friday 29th November at 8pm.

A particular invitation is extended to those bereaved since last November. A designated family member or friend will present a candle to the priest to be placed on the altar as the name of their loved one is called and then all present will be invited to do the same. Candles will be provided on the night.

A missionary group from Bethlehem , the Holy Land, will visit our parish on the 23rd & 24th November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes , Rosary Beads , Plaques and Nativity Cribs) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support poor Christians families.

A great opportunity to buy a Christmas gift! Any help you could give them will be highly appreciated .

40 Hours Adoration: To celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, there will be 40 Hours Adoration in the Cathedral, with Mass at 7:30 pm on Friday, 22nd November and concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm on Sunday 24th November to which all are welcome. **Our Parish has been allocated the time of Sunday 1pm-2pm.** Confessions will be heard continually from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Saturday. While each parish will be assigned to a particular hour of adoration, people are not restricted to their parish's hour. It is hoped that people from across the Diocese will come to the Cathedral during this time to pray.

Offerings for the period ending 30th November: White envelopes €824.17; Blue Envelopes €2,645.21 and Standing orders €3,199.71. Many thanks to all who support their parish so generously.

The **parish offerings Envelopes** are being prepared and labelled at the moment and we will need and appreciate the help of the usual local volunteers to deliver the boxes in their areas.

Irish Road Victims Association - annual prayer service in Bloomfield Hotel, Mullingar, Sun 17th November at 1pm, **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.** We are asked to remember in prayer all who have lost their lives or been injured on our roads and also the devastation that impacts on those left behind.

The **Children's Choir** rehearses for Christmas every Monday at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Week of Witness/Red Wednesday. Some 360 million Christians live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith Each year the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Ireland – which supports some 6,000 communities in 140 countries – highlights their plight during the 'Week of Witness' (Nov. 17-24). Red Wednesday (Nov. 20) is the highlight of the week, and Catholics are urged to keep the suffering Church in their prayers in a special way. Find out more on www.acnireland.org

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025, fully approved by the Vatican. 14th May, 7 days. Cost €845. €50 discount for booking & deposit before 1st February! Also, 2nd October. Cost €855, early booking €50 discount before 1st Feb. Contact Joan Ashbrook on 087 7987682

Alzheimer's Social Club monthly gathering Friday 29th Nov at Ratoath Community Centre. All welcome!

A **Combined Residents Association** was set up and a meeting took place this week with 9 estates represented. There are another 23 estates and rural townlands in Ratoath, one representative is invited from each to a meeting on 3rd Dec in the Community Centre. The purpose of setting up the organization is (i) to get consensus in our community and harness a collective voice in regard to planning applications and other issues affecting Ratoath; (ii) share information in relation to grants that each townland/estate can avail of for improving their area; (iii) updates as to road works, upgrades etc to our village; (iv) be a sounding-board for advice in dealing with issues impacting individual estates/townlands; (v) be a lobby group to drive change in our community. Numbers restricted to 3 per estate/townland. All volunteers welcome. Call Fergus 0876472747

Ratoath Christmas Art & Craft Fayre Sat 23rd Nov in Ratoath Scouts Den, The Avenue, Milltree, Jamestown 10am - 6pm. Proceeds to Ratoath Vincent de Paul, Gary Kelly Centre & Unicef. Something for everyone.

Basic Computer Skills at Claremont Stadium, a 5-week course for beginners starts 7th Nov, 7-9pm. Registration fee €15, limited number of laptops available for use, participants welcome to bring their own. To book, call 046 902 9693. Course is funded by The REACH Fund 2024

George Eogan Memorial Lecture: "Brú na Bóinne Connections at Knockroe Passage Tomb, Co Kilkenny" by Dr Muiris O'Sullivan, Emeritus Professor of Archaeology, UCD. Sun, 24th Nov at 3pm. Nobber Heritage Centre.

Bulletin: – relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!

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