

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

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Vigil – 7.00pm;

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm (*July & August – no 12.15pm Mass*)

Holy Days – 11.00am

Weekdays – Monday to Friday at 9.45am

Confessions: Before Vigil Mass

Baptisms: on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4.30pm

Parish Priest: Rev Michael Cahill ~ **Assistant Priest:** Rev Gerry Stuart

Parochial House Eircode: A85 CK73

Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

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19 TH JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		26 TH JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Rosella Mc Dermot, 1 st Anniversary Tommy and Bridie Dolan; Teresa Feehan; Willie & Peg Carey & daughter Evelyn Cullen; Carmel O’Connell	Saturday 7.00pm	Maurice Keogh, 19 th Anniversary; Barney and Esme Browne
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	11.00am	Michael and Mary Flinter and their son John
12.15pm	Angela Murphy, Months Mind; Winnie and Pud Mahon and Eileen and Michael Mahon; Pat and Mary Reilly	12.15pm	Stephanie Moran; Luc and Juliette Dehaene; Christy Crowley; Edward Mc Keon; Peter Spratt, 1 st Anniversary, & Rita 28 th Anniv

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of Michael ‘Skipper’ Lynch, Dunshaughlin Rd, buried on Saturday.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon: Dympna Mills, 17th Anniversary, and her husband Bill

Wed: Dorothea Mates, Birthday Remembrance

Fri: Anthony Lawlor, 19th Anniversary

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7th February at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. Two 6th classes from Ratoath Senior School will come to morning Mass each Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday until Confirmation. Recently, the candidates were asked to say which **gift of the Holy Spirit** they think they need most at the moment. Here are some of their amazing and mature responses, which give us an insight into their thinking and concerns at this important time in their lives as young members of our Christian community and parish.

Piety, because it’s nearly my Confirmation and I need to pray more; **wisdom**, because I have tough choices and decisions to make; **knowledge**, so I can understand God’s world and His plan; **courage**, so I can stand up for myself; **courage**, so I can believe in myself; **fortitude**, because I’m struggling to be brave; **wisdom**, so I can choose the right friends; **courage**, so I can be brave and independent when I go to secondary school; **wisdom**, so I can have a good and successful career; **fortitude**, to face my fears when times are bad; **courage**, because I have lost confidence; **fortitude**, so I don’t just follow other peoples choices; **courage** not to do what everyone else is doing and to stand out from the crowd; **fortitude**, so I will be less anxious; **wonder and awe**, because sometimes I don’t feel close to God; **courage** to help me speak; **understanding**, so I can know the Gospel and the faith I have chosen; **fortitude**, so I know what’s right and wrong; **knowledge**, because there is still so much to learn; **understanding**, to understand people and their feelings.

Catholic Schools Week, an initiative of the CPSMA, (Catholic Primary Schools Management Association), takes place this week on the theme of *Alive in Christ*. Parents/Guardians who wish to inform themselves or follow the week’s events can follow the link at <https://catholiceducation.ie/catholic-schools-week-2025-alive-in-christ/>

Parish Pastoral Assembly: last week's bulletin contained the report from the 'listening event' in December. This weekend we want to give you an update on our recent discussions and how the feedback was considered in the planning phase which has now started. Actions proposed in the PPA plan for 2025 include:

- A review of week day mass times during Lent, to include evening masses to facilitate those who would like to attend weekday mass during Lent but are unable to attend a morning mass
- Praying the Way of the Cross in the church on one evening per week during Lent
- Participate in a more active way in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day festivities in Ratoath
- Develop a broader engagement for the families and children in the preparation for First Communion for the 2025-2026 school year
- Prepare to roll out the Faith Friends Programme for the young people who will be confirmed in the 2025-2026 school year
- Discuss further ideas and options for the second half of the year, and include those in the plan

A **draft plan** will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting in February. We will keep you updated as the details of events and actions are decided.

Gluten free hosts are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion. If visiting the parish, they could come to the sacristy before mass to see the priest, or if regular parishioners, an arrangement can be made to leave the hosts on the altar, apart from the regular consecrated altar breads.

The new **speakers for the PA system**, ordered a few months ago, have not yet been installed. We are in contact with the engineer who will install them as soon as they arrive.

Heat- with renewed apologies for the lack of heat last Sunday, the engineer has been working on the boiler this week to replace or repair the pump to ensure the smooth running of the system.

Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 25th May

Alzheimers Social Club, in Ratoath Community Centre, Friday 31st January from 11.00am to 1.00pm

The Venue - Bingo every Sunday night at 8pm. Doors open 7pm. Free Admission

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd– 27th September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Samaritans, supporting those in emotional distress 24/7. Freephone number **116 123**.

Are you, or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? You may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme' a **FREE**, 6 week self-management programme for adults with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke etc. Spaces available on Dunboyne, Navan & Online Programmes for Jan '25. Contact **Aine** 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 **Elaine** 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

Weekly collection: Offertory, 12th January €2,475.00

Envelope collection for period ending 12th January 2025:

White Envelopes -€1,813.25; **Blue Envelopes** - €815.00; **Standing Orders** - €3,246.61

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!

Monthly sponsorship of the bulletin is available to suitable local businesses and other interested parties. The cost is €100 per month which will cover the annual cost of the new A3 format pre-printed colour bulletin. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in agreed, appropriate wording each week for the month sponsored. Sponsorship has now been booked for February.