

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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Vigil – 7.00pm

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am

Holy Days – 11.00am and as indicated in bulletin of the previous week

Weekdays – 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 on noticeboard in porch

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



15 TH MARCH – LAETARE OR ‘REJOICE’ SUNDAY (4 TH OF LENT)		22 ND MARCH – 5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	Dickie Sweeney; Bobby Bradley; Paul & Margareth Sherwin	Saturday 7.00pm	Eileen, James, Margaret & Patrick Woods; Tommy & Mary Wall
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Seamus Ennis, 20 th Anniversary and Irene Dunne, Kit, Brigid & Noel Ennis; Kay & Brendan Menton; Vincent McAuley, 7 th Anniversary	11.00am	Reinhard Schoeller, Month’s Mind; Charlie & Beenie Reilly; Brendan Coughlan, 8 th Anniversary; Noel Duggan, 10 th Anniversary; Lorraine Keller, 2 nd Anniversary Oliver Nolan

RIP: We commend to God **Pat McGonigle**, Swords, father of Eamon, Meadowbank Hill;

Rose Ellen (Nellie) Simpson, Elgarstown; **Paddy Fitzpatrick**, father of Denise, Adrienne, Sharon & Carol.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tuesday - (St Patrick’s Day): Caoimhe Hughes, Patricia McAuley

The 4th **Sunday of Lent** is known as **Laetare or Rejoice Sunday**. As we experience the fruits of our Lenten penance and efforts and anticipate the joy of Easter, the mood lightens and the colour of the vestments softens to a distinctive Rose, worn only twice a year. The entrance verse reflects the joyful tone ‘Rejoice, Jerusalem....’

Mother’s Day – a celebration of mothers and motherhood in general but also about cherishing our own unique, wonderful, one-of-a kind MOTHER.

St Patrick’s Day Masses at 9am & 11am (No Vigil).

Parking issues may arise at the 11am Mass due to the parade!

RTÉ Mass live, at 11am, from Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh, with Archbishop Eamon Martin.

St Patrick: *Firmly I believe and truly God is three and God is one.* We are close to the beginnings of St Patrick’s mission in Ireland as he certainly visited St Sechnaill at Dunshaughlin and of course the Hill of Slane.

Light the Fire – the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite us to Slane on St Patrick’s Day. Vespers 5:15pm on the Hill of Slane, Mass 6:30pm in St. Patrick’s church with Bishop Paul Connell of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Event details: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony or 041 983 0441.

Lenten Trocaire Campaign 2026 - it’s not just a box, it’s a lifeline!

Trócaire’s Lenten Campaign is on the diocesan website at: <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026>
YOU can help Uwamahoro and other vulnerable families rebuild their futures in Rwanda and other countries.

Trocaire boxes still available at the back of the church for every home in the parish.

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Monday at 7pm

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS

Suggestions and ideas for Lenten prayer, penance and acts of self-denial and service of others will be in the bulletin each week to help us live the Lenten spirit in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today!

Prayer – visit a church whenever possible every day this week...

Fasting – go without a different snack, sweet, treat, coffee, wine, beer each day this week.....

Good Works – give away some good item of clothing to someone in need....

Pioneer Abstinence Association – take the Short-Term Pioneer Pledge for Lent. Tel May Tuite 0871334872

Ministers of Holy Communion - a coordinator is needed for the I lam Mass Rota. If one of the I lam Mass ministers could volunteer to undertake this role it would be much appreciated.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting - matters discussed include: a review of the *Grow in Love* programme and how to deepen and expand it next year; the need for a bereavement/Funeral team; the revised Cemetery Policy still in the making; Holy Week/Easter in our parish, and how to increase participation in the liturgy.

Legion of Mary Acies - annual consecration to Our Lady - Dunshaughlin church, Sat, 21st March 3pm and St. Mary's, Navan, Sun, 22nd March 3pm. All Active and Auxiliary members are invited. May Tuite 087 133 4872

Grow in Love Mass on 21st/22nd March - the last of 4 Masses of preparation for First Holy Communion.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat (18-40 yrs) 20-22 March (Fri eve – Sun afternoon) Dalgan Park, Navan. Prayer, talks, friendship in faith, Mass, opportunity for guidance, confession. A great opportunity to discern a path in life! Cost: donation. Full board, own room. Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Contemplative Dominican Vocation Discernment, St. Catherine of Siena Monastery, Drogheda, 20th- 22nd March & 17th-19th April. Single women 18- 35 yrs. Contact: Sr. Mairead at: sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524

Ratoath ICA seeks energetic new members! Ladies over 18 are eligible to join. ICA supports women in urban and rural areas. Activities include outings, exercise classes, crafts, quizzes, fashion shows, etc. Meetings 1st Tues of the month in the Venue, 7.30pm. First two meeting free. Contact Ann 0879673311 if interested any questions.

Claremont Stadium Easter midterm activities 30th March – 9th April. Sports Camp (30th March -2nd April), Early Years Music (31st March), Anyone4 Science Workshop (7th April), Drumming Workshop (9th April) and Family Pickelball (8th & 10th April). Further information at www.claremontstadium.ie or call 046 902 9693.

Family of four looking for house to rent locally ASAP, with 3 bedrooms if possible.

If able to help, please contact c/o Parish office and we will forward the message.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 8th March - €1,500.00

Totals for period ending 8th March: **White envelopes** €1,0867.35; **Blue envelopes** €757.00.

Standing Orders €3,257.15

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.*

Bulletin for March is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner

Suitable sponsorship of the weekly bulletin from local businesses or individuals is welcomed at a rate of €100 per month. Sponsors can be acknowledged in the bulletin for that month or remain anonymous if they so wish.