

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, Ardath/Clonalvy & Skryne.

Parish Safeguarding Reps – Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. Details at Parish Office

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



30 TH AUGUST – TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		6 TH SEPTEMBER – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	John Moore, 5 th Anniversary; Joe Joe Lynch, 2 nd Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Patrick Hogan, 2 nd Anniversary; Ronan Cahill, 7 th Anniversary; Ignatius O’Kane, 25 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Danny McCann, Months Mind; Ciaran Briody, 3 rd Anniversary	11.00am	John Colreavy 5 th Anniversary; Pauline Everard, Peg, Nan & Harry Everard; Patrick Doody 5 th Anniversary and Mary & Owen Humphrey; Bridie Lynch, Birthday Remembrance

First Friday - Mass will be offered for those on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made as usual.

Sunday hospitality after I I am Mass will resume on the last Sunday of September

Holy Water is available in the barrel in the Family Room. The water is replenished when needed and then blessed. Small bottles are available in which to take the holy water home.

Leaving Cert: best wishes to those who got their CAO offers. We wish them well in third level education, apprenticeships and the future career opportunities that lie ahead of them.

Back to School! As a new school year begins, we extend best wishes to our Principals, Teachers, SNAs, Ancillary Staff, Boards of Management and to the pupils starting or returning to school.

Pastoral Council report: plans were finalised for the parish celebration of Fr Derek’s Silver Jubilee; dates agreed for the *Grow in Love* sacramental programme for First Confession and First Communion; plans made for an Advent *Faith on Fire* series of talks, and the process of recruiting members for the new Pastoral Council in December will get underway in the coming weeks. More info to follow.

Parish Diary Dates

- **Parish Finance Committee** will meet on **Monday 31st August** at the Parochial House
- **Silver Jubilee:** the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Derek Darby, a native of Ratoath, will be celebrated on **Sunday 6th September** at I I am Mass, with refreshments afterwards at the Pastoral Centre. All are most welcome as are parishioners from other parishes in which Fr Derek has served.

Irish Synodal Pathway: Where do we go from here? So, where is all this heading? To date there have been different layers of the synodal journey, and people frequently ask where all of these discussions, reports, and working groups are leading us. We are approaching a major milestone. The *National Synodal Assembly* takes place on 17th Oct. when delegates from every diocese across the country will gather in Co Meath to consider proposals, engage in communal discernment, and make practical recommendations for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Let's keep this in the forefront of our prayers! Read more: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential *Marriage Enrichment Weekend*, Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Oct at "Focolare Centre", Curryhills, Prosperous, Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. • www.marriageencounter.ie

Helpline for Al-Anon: 018732699 Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm. Weekly meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wed 8pm

Weekend Retreats by the Benedictine Monks of Perpetual Adoration, Stamullen, on various topics related to monastic teaching and practice. The retreats will consist of four conferences from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Retreatants may stay overnight or only during the daytime for the conferences, Mass, and the Divine Office with the monks. For dates visit <https://www.cenacleosb.org/school-of-lords-service/>

Palliative Care Week, Sunday 6th - Saturday 12th September, is a campaign to raise awareness and increase understanding of palliative care and its benefits. Its primary audience includes those who could benefit from palliative care, health and social care professionals, the wider public, and communities across Ireland. Since 2014, AIIHPC has led and coordinated the annual campaign. This year's theme, '*It's not what you think*,' challenges perceptions and looks at things differently and the many ways to raise awareness of palliative care. **9th Sept - Irish Hospice Foundation 'Think Ahead'**, webinar, providing information and supports about future care planning, palliative care and bereavement resources for people living with life limiting illnesses and those caring for them. Register at link. info@aiahpc.org.

10th Sept - LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice Webinar, 'Practical Self-Care: Looking after Yourself while Caring for your Child', a webinar exploring simple, achievable ways to support physical, emotional & mental wellbeing, helping you take small steps towards sustainable self-care. Register at info@aiahpc.org.

Act Out Youth Theatre are accepting new registrations for **Weekly Workshops** for 2026/2027 Dunshaughlin - Monday evenings from 7pm -7.30pm @ St Seachnall's NS starting from 14th September.

Lough Derg - Retreats and Pilgrimages for September

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection – September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th & 20th. Admission €50. Group discounts. Booking Essential.

Special Themed Retreats: 5th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage; 6th Sept – St Carlos Acutis; 9th & 12th Sept – Vocations Monstrance; 19th Sept – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage.

Overnight accommodation on Station Island the night before a Retreat or Pilgrimage.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year.

Bishop Deenihan will lead a pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi on 26th Sept for 5 nights. Includes flights, tours, accommodation and half board. Cost €1,335. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel

Tel: 01 2410800 info@joewalshstours.ie. Detailed itinerary at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

Alzheimer Social Club 12th Sept, 11am - Whistlemount 26 Liscarton Villa's, Kells Rd., Navan, - 1pm. Contact Liam Burke 087 9740871

Offertory Collection for Sunday 23rd August: €1,390.00

White Envelopes for three-week period ending 23rd August €2,908.25

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.*

Thanks to the anonymous donor who has sponsored the Bulletin for August