

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Wednesday Mass until 7pm

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

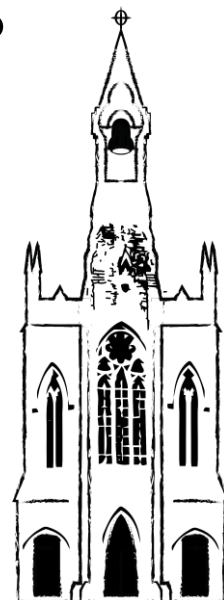
Parochial House Eircode: A85 CK73

Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday and Friday

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

IBAN: IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



18 TH MAY - 5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		25 TH MAY - 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Saturday 7.00pm	Patrick & Mary Wall; Yvonne Saul Fagan, 16 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Colum Curtis, 1st Anniversary; Jimmy White; Padraic O'Malley, 40th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Desmond, Julia & James Toole; Ita & Oliver Doran
11.00am	Sean Doran-Peel, Month's Mind; Michael McMahon; Vincent Mulrooney, 2 nd Anniversary	11.00am	Vonie & Ben Cullen, 17 th & 18 th Anniv; John Long, 4 th Anniversary
12.15pm	Angela Keogh, Month's Mind; Nancy Ryan, 40 th Anniversary; Nicky Sherry & Betty Sherry; Michael Healy & Philomena Kilgannon	12.15pm	Raymond Brennan, Month's Mind; Rose Hickey & dec'd mbrs of Hickey Family; Maureen Moran; Lorraine Eiffe; Peter & Jimmy Brady

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Mark Lawlor**, Coill Beag, whose funeral was on Friday; **John Taaffe**, late of Gorey, Ratoath and UK, whose funeral takes place on Tuesday at 11am; and **Sean Dan Beag O'Gairbhi**, Ventry, father of Mary Garvey.

Weekday Mass Intentions: **Mon** - Special Intention; **Tues** - Brogan Family; **Wed** - The Holy Souls

A large **Trocaire box** is provided near the altar in which to place the individual Trocaire boxes.

Notes counted so far amount to €2,805. Coins are not yet counted. Every last cent and coin is equally important as it represents the fruit of someone's Lenten penance and their desire to help those in greater need.

Blessing of Graves is next Sunday 25th May at 3pm in the Cemetery
(in case of wet weather prayers will begin in the church)

Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary and other prayers in the Cemetery.

First Holy Communion was celebrated this weekend with the boys and girls of 2nd class in of St Paul's. Congratulations to them, their families and teachers. Next Saturday at 11am for Rathbeggan.

Many thanks to the **Altar Society** and **Glantoiri** teams for cleaning, maintaining and decorating the church during this busy First Communion season when there is extra traffic and use of the church and more cleaning!

Vocations Sunday – the greater part of last Sunday's very generous Offertory collection will be forwarded to the diocese to support those in formation for priesthood and future service in our diocese.

Vocations Director: Phone: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923. Website: www.meathvocations.com

Facebook: DioceseOfMeathVocations; Instagram: dioceseofmeathvocations Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie

Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday. The main points from the meeting were to note the success of the Lenten Masses; how well supported the Monday night Stations of the Cross were, and overall satisfaction with the Easter Triduum. There was also discussion about ways to get the First Holy Communion children more involved during the Sacramental Preparation and a programme we hope to put in place for the next school year. As previously reported to the parish, to better serve pastoral and sacramental needs, with fewer priests available, each parish is now part of a larger group called a **Pastoral Area**. Our PA is Ratoath, Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Curragha, Ardagh/Clonalvy & Skryne. Bishop Deenihan will meet the PPA of each Pastoral Area in the coming weeks. Our meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th June in the Pastoral Center in Dunshaughlin.

Many thanks to all who are returning their **CHY4 Tax Rebate Form**. These are being processed at the moment and submitted to Revenue Online to claim the rebate in favour of the parish.

Loughcrew Sunday – 29th June. Mass at 3pm at Loughcrew House, Oldcastle (Eircode A82 X4Y1)
Come and celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett in Loughcrew

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome – Last remaining places, 22nd – 27th Sept 2025. Join Bishop Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making a Pilgrimage to Rome during this Jubilee of Hope. Cost €1,399. Bookings/enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie.

Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Fri 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily prayers and to sign up for daily reminders, also on [@PrayforLife_ie](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. An initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Meath Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes "With Mary Pilgrims of Hope" with Bishop Deenihan, 9th Sept. 4 or 5-night stay. Fares from €829 full board. Contact JWT 01-2410800

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to **Saint Patrick's Purgatory**, Lough Derg Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June. Cost: €80 + €50 coach travel. Contact (044) 966 1191 or cooleparish@gmail.com.
Knock, Croagh Patrick & Lough Derg Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Passport. See <https://www.pilgrimpassport.ie/>

Meath Befriending Service aims to reduce loneliness and isolation through a weekly visit to older people. Volunteers needed with one hour a week to spare and make a difference to somebody in your area. Contact Eva 0858622496, or email eva.ofarrell@meathpartnership.ie for further information.

Meath Archaeological and Historical Society Lecture, Wednesday, 28th May, 7.30pm, in Ashbourne Library. Dr Caren Mulcahy will trace the family history of 'the Hussey Barons of Galtrim' in late medieval Meath.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 11th May (Vocations Sunday) - € 2,295.00
Standing Orders for March: €3,357.16; April €4,598.75

Easter is a Feast of fifty days of continuous celebration until Pentecost on Sunday 8th June
During Eastertide the **Angelus**, recited at 12noon and 6pm, is replaced by the **Regina Coeli** – *Queen of Heaven* which reflects Mary's joy at the resurrection of her divine Son.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. R.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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