

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

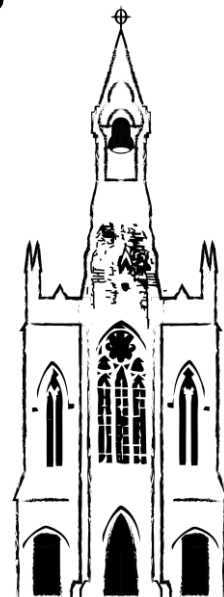
Parish Office: Monday and Friday 10am -1pm; Wednesday 2pm-5pm.

Our Pastoral Area is Ratoath, Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Curragha, Ardath/Clonalvy & Skryne.

Parish Safeguarding Reps – Donal Fadden and Elizabeth Ward. 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



5 TH OCTOBER – 27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		12 TH OCTOBER – 28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am	Anthony, Mary Kate & Michael Gaughan, 40 th Anniversary; Maurice Brennan	Sunday 9.00am	John & Alice Mannering & dec mbrs of the Mannering Family; Christy Donnelly
11.00am	Michael Murray, Month's Mind; Elizabeth Gilsehan Eng, 10 th Anniversary; Mae & Michael Carey & Family; John Carey & Lil Sullivan; Patrick O'Brien, 4 th Anniversary	11.00am	Dermot Brennan, 1 st Anniversary) & his deceased parents, Cyril & Una Brennan; Ulanda Kelly, 12 th Anniversary; Alice Burke, 15 th Anniversary; Ursula Cleary, 5 th Anniversary

Parish Diary Dates

Safeguarding Sunday 12th October - this annual event gives parishes the opportunity to highlight the role of children in parish life and the ongoing importance of child safeguarding as a constant feature of parish life.

All parishes will also carry out the *Annual Safeguarding Audit* with the Safeguarding Reps and PP, to be completed and returned to the diocesan office by 14th November.

Mission Sunday 19th October – the month of October and *World Mission Sunday* is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the ongoing work of Catholic overseas missionaries.

Call **Missio Ireland** on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information on Mission.

Annual Harvest Mass will take place in October to acknowledge the farming families of the parish and to remember where our food comes from and the work and skill involved in farming. The farming families of the parish are invited to bring a sample of their produce to the church on the preceding Friday evening or Saturday morning to be included in a display to be blessed at all masses that weekend.

November Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 2nd November at 11am for those who died since last November, and there will be a **Candlelit Choral Service** for the bereaved on a Friday evening in November.

Baptisms: we welcome to the life of faith those baptized recently: Carly O'Brien, Dara, Timothy Mullane, Rory McMurray, Croia Orlaith Roarty. May they grow in the love and knowledge of God.

Parish Finance Committee meeting took place on Monday. All accounts were reviewed, minor works discussed, additional members will be sought with appropriate skills. Next meeting 2nd December.

Sacramental Preparation Dates

A First Confession & First Holy Communion Registration Meeting took place last Tuesday for the parents of those preparing for these wonderful sacraments in which they will grow in faith and love of God. The meeting was addressed by members of the Pastoral Council who presented the **Grow in Love** programme that will be followed, and the dates were given for the **Family Masses** they will attend in the coming months.

Confirmation Enrolment and Commitment ceremony will take place at the Vigil and I Iam Mass on the weekend of 8th/9th November for those preparing for Confirmation on Friday 6th February.

Vocations update - as some will have heard in recent news items and interviews on radio and television, there is a total of 70 men currently preparing for secular/diocesan priesthood in the whole country across the seven-year period of formation, including 13 new entries this year.

In the Diocese of Meath we have a total of 6 in training, including two who have just started the *propaedeutic* year, a year in which they deeply consider, discern and reflect on their vocation and will be guided as to the course of their studies and the reality of their future ministry in a diocese with 69 parishes and 150 churches, some 400 schools and a growing population.

At present, in our diocese, we rely on the generosity of some 23 priests from Romania, Nigeria, Ghana and elsewhere who work with our native clergy and faithful to enable parish life to continue.

Diocesan Spirituality Afternoon for Pioneers: Sun 5th Oct, 2pm – 5pm, Franciscan Abbey, Multyfarnham.

“Meath Cares About Older People” an event for older people in Co Meath. Info on services available across a wide sector, including nutrition, safety in the home, physical & mental health and technology for older people. Wednesday 8th October, I Iam – 2.30pm, Athboy Convent Community Centre, Town Parks, Kildalkey Rd.

Attention young adults (18-40) Want to grow in your prayer life? **Meath Samuel Group** takes place in Navan, Oct to May. A formation day once a month, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), commitment to daily prayer. Info & registration at www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Friday 7th- Sunday 9th November in Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For information and booking www.marriageencounter.ie

Monastic Vocations weekend 24th- 27th October, in Glencairn Abbey, Co Waterford. Contact Sr Mairead, Novice Mistress. Email: vocations@glencairnabbey.org

Ratoath Men's Shed Annual Collection takes place at the Church Gates this weekend. The members are grateful for and much appreciate your ongoing support.

St Oliver's Centre Events: *Pink Coffee Morning* – Wednesday 22nd October at I Iam.

A friendly coffee morning in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Everyone welcome for a cuppa.

Job Opportunity – Cleaner/Caretaker through Community Employment Scheme. Contact the 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!

Weekly collection: Offertory for 28th September - € 1,704.00

Totals for the period ending 21st September: **White Envelopes**- €1,257.65; **Blue Envelopes** -€550.00

Bulletin for October is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner