

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

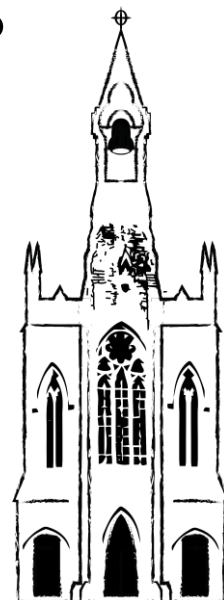
Parochial House Eircode: A85 CK73

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

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11 TH MAY – 4 TH SUN OF EASTER / VOCATIONS SUNDAY		17 TH MAY – 5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Saturday 7.00pm	Joe McGrath; 4 th Anniversary Bernadette McGrath; Month's Mind	Saturday 7.00pm	Patrick & Mary Wall; Yvonne Saul Fagan, 16 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	Susan Brady; Month's Mind	11.00am	Michael McMahon; Vincent Mulrooney, 2 nd Anniversary
12.15pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	12.15pm	Angela Keogh, Month's Mind; Nancy Ryan, 40 th Anniversary; Nicky Sherry & Betty Sherry; Michael Healy & Philomena Kilgannon

Weekday Mass Intentions: Monday-Catherine McAuley, **Friday-** Fr Jim McCormack

Habemus Papam – We have a Pope

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, by Divine Providence, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Rome, Sovereign of the Vatican City State, Servant of the Servants of God. Now gloriously reigning.

Baptisms: Congratulations to Jack Walter Kennedy, Maya Sumarath, Hailey Charlotte Malone-Garvey, Phoebe Kate Madden, Hannah Carol Kilduff, Blake Weldon and their families on their baptism on 3rd May.

Easter Water, newly blessed at the Easter Vigil, is still available in the Family Room.

Small bottles are provided to take Holy Water home and to bring it to others.

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

Notes counted so far amount to €2,600. 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 /Cemetery Sunday will be on 25th May at 3pm.

First Holy Communion was celebrated this weekend for the boys and girls of Ratoath Junior School.

Congratulations to them, their families and teachers.

First Holy Communion: 17th May at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm for St Paul's and 24th May at 11am for Rathbeggan.

The parish **Folk Group** celebrate their 20th anniversary this weekend. We bless and thank all members, past and present, for twenty years of joyful praise and faithful service to the parish. Vigil Mass on webcam this week.

Today is **Vocations Sunday**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, is the annual occasion to promote vocations to priesthood in the Church and to support those already in formation for future ministry in our

parishes in what will be a very different Church. In lieu of a second collection we will give a contribution from our Offertory collection as our parish support for vocations in our diocese.

Vocations Sunday Holy Hour in St. Mary's, Navan, this Sunday at 6pm. All those considering a call to Priesthood are invited to this time of prayer for vocations.
Vocations Director: Phone: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923. Website: www.meathvocations.com
Facebook: DioceseOfMeathVocations; Instagram: dioceseofmeathvocations Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie

Many thanks to all who so promptly and kindly returned 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.

May is the Month of Mary – many will remember the beautiful and popular May Devotions that used to take place with processions and the crowning of a statue of Mary. Any suggestions for May Devotions would be welcomed. Contact the parish office with ideas!

Ratoath College will hold their **Graduation Service** in the church on Thursday at 11am.

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 Sat 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.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 4th May - €2,200.00

Offerings for the period ending 4th May: **White Envelopes**-€2,580.00; **Blue Envelopes** €3,570.00

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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