

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



14 TH SEPTEMBER – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		21 ST SEPTEMBER – 20 TH FORTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Irena Rowicka, Months Mind; Jimmy Maughan, 5 th Anniversary; Jim & Lydia Everard; Patrick McAuley, 10 th Anniversary; Patrick Doody, 4 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Mary Bradshaw, 6 th Anniversary; James Lynam; Liam Woods, 30 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		11.00am	Cathal Daly, 4 th Anniversary; Kathy & Jack Nulty & Thomas & Maria Nulty; James Rooney

This Sunday we observe the **Feast of the Triumph or Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, a celebration of the life-saving power of what was once an instrument of suffering, shame and death. Departing from the usual colour green the vestments of the Feast are **red** as a reminder of the blood shed for us by Christ.

Ruairí Gannon from our parish will this Sunday be clothed in the **white habit of St Dominic** as he begins his year of novitiate in the Dominican Priory in Cork. May Christ who begins this good work in him bring it to fulfilment. Ruairí will take the religious name **Br Leo**, as Pope Leo celebrates his 70th birthday this Sunday!

Baptized into the life of the Church in our parish last Saturday were: Flynn George Morgan, Fiadh Kay Browne Thorpe, Bowie Terrence Brady, Perri Rose Tenanty, Lughá Aidan Gorman and Isla Angela Murray.

Daily Mass: **Mon**-Private Intention; **Wed**-Hilary Bell, Kathleen & Jimmy Cusack, **Fri**-Mathew & Molly Duffy.

The **Altar Society Annual Collection** takes place this weekend to cover the cost of flowers, linens and other supplies needed to maintain the beauty of our liturgical celebrations. Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Altar Society and church cleaning teams. New members always needed and welcome.

Sacramental Dates - First Holy Communion

Ratoath Junior School – 9th May; Rathbeggan NS – 16th May; St Paul's NS 23rd May

First Confession will take place during Lent.

Confirmation- Friday 6th February, for the ten 6th classes of our parish Primary Schools.

Pastoral Council Meeting Report: Fact & Figures - in our Pastoral Area we have 6 parishes, 10 churches, 18 weekend Masses and 8 priests. It is planned to start a monthly **Hospitality Sunday** with tea and biscuits after the 11am Mass at the Pastoral Centre from the First Sunday of Advent.

The Pastoral Council has prioritised working with the parents and families of the children preparing for sacraments in our parish Primary Schools based on the material in the *Grow in Love* religious education syllabus. The parents/guardians have been invited to a **Registration Meeting** in the church on **30th September**, at which they will be addressed by members of the PC, and each school will form a Parents' Group to prepare the children for the **Family Masses** they will attend in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

12.15pm Sunday Mass was introduced in the late 1990s as the parish increased in population. Every parish is now asked to revise its mass schedule to meet current needs and to coordinate a new schedule with the other parishes of the **Pastoral Area** so that masses are at a variety of times to enable priests to cover mass in neighboring parishes in the absence of a priest. Taking this into account, **12.15pm mass will not resume**. Those who have booked an anniversary mass are asked to contact the office. There will be an adjustment in regard to Readers, Cantors, Organists, Collectors and Ministers of Holy Communion and the respective organisers will be contacted to redeploy those involved in these valued roles.

Parishioners who support our parish by **Standing Order** and who have not yet returned their **CHY4 Forms** are gently reminded and encouraged to kindly sign and return the form to the Parish Office so we can submit the forms to Revenue to be processed and to receive the tax rebate in favour of the parish.

***Anyone who cannot approach the priest or minister to receive **Holy Communion** on account of mobility or age and who might have been unintentionally overlooked is kindly invited to raise their hand or ask a neighbour in the pew to make it known to the priest. Apologies if anyone has been forgotten!

Clonard Jubilee Pilgrimage Sunday 21st Sept. Registration 11am-2pm at Clonard Parish Centre. Mass 12noon. Guided prayer at Ballyboggan Abbey every hour 1pm – 4pm. St Finian's Pilgrim route is a 12km round trip on existing roads. Bus departs Ballyboggan to Clonard 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. Details at info@kinnegadparish.ie

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, programme 2025/26 is a faith-formation process which prepares adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. Programme commences in the autumn. For further details, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia.

Attention young adults (ages 18-40) – Do you want to grow in your prayer life? **Meath Samuel Group** takes place in Navan, October to May. The programme entails attending a formation day once a month, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and a commitment to daily prayer. For more information and registration go to www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Young Adult Retreat (18-40yrs) Dalgan Park, Navan, Sat 4th October (10am - 5.30pm) Prayer, Mass, friendship in the faith, Adoration, inspiring talks, confession / personal chat if desired, lovely walks. Cost: €20 suggested (lunch & tea breaks provided) Contact: Sr Úna: 090 6481666 or Michael: 086 2453123

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

St. Vincent's Castleknock College invites 2025/26 Sixth Class boys and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s) to an Open Evening. 5 - 6:30pm or 7:30 – 9pm. Ticketed only event and you must reserve tickets in advance for your chosen time. More Info at www.castleknockcollege.ie

Weekly collection: Offertory for 7th September - € 1,750.00
Standing Orders for the period ending 31st August: €3,945.49

Bulletin for September is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner