

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. **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 on noticeboard in porch

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7 TH DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		14 TH DECEMBER – GAUDETE OR ‘REJOICE’ SUNDAY	
Saturday 7.00pm	Brendan Blake, Month’s Mind; Denise Kelly, Month’s Mind; Steve Lynch, 5 th Anniversary; Alan Rafferty; Sergei Buga; Shevlin & Joyce Family	Saturday 7.00pm	Maura Mc Loughlin; John and Margaret Donnelly & Ella Smith; Brian White
Sunday 9.00am	John Higgins, 15 th Anniversary	Sunday 9.00am	Maura Kelly, 1 st Anniversary
11.00am	Maura Walshe, Month’s Mind; Theresa Gorman, Month’s Mind; Fr Frank McNamara, 1 st Anniversary; John O’Leary, 1 st Anniversary; & in thanks to those who expressed sympathy to the family. Myles O’Dwyer, 3 rd Anniversary; Angela Walsh; Sean Eiffe, 24 th Anniversary; Eamon Coyne	11.00am	Angela Murphy, 1 st Anniversary, Ben & Vonie Cullen; Tom McGoldrick; Brigid & Joseph Gallagher; Frank Goodman

RIP: We commend to God the soul of **Tom Carroll**, Roscommon, uncle of Pat Donnelly, St Oliver’s;
Michael Mc Kinney, Leigh Valley, Funeral Tuesday 11am;
and **Michael Kelly**, Meadowbank Hill, Funeral arrangements later.

Mass Intentions: **Mon** - Christopher & Kathleen Martin & Moira Edwards (nee Martin); **Wed** - Margaret Ward

Monday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holyday of obligation. Mass at 9.45am & 7pm.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards, signed by the priests of the parish, available at the parish office and sacristy.

*****Christmas Mass times*****

Christmas Eve: 5pm - Children’s Choir; 7pm - Folk Group; 9pm - Parish Choir

Christmas Day: 9am, 11am. Organist and Cantors at all Masses

Please share these Christmas Mass times with others and invite them to join us as we celebrate our parish at its festive best! If needed, can you offer a lift to Mass to a friend or neighbour.

All Christmas Masses will be livestreamed on parish webcam.

Confession for Christmas on Saturday 20th December from 6pm before the Vigil Mass.

No 9.45am Mass on Christmas Eve

Society of St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas church collection at all Masses nationwide next weekend. Your continued support is greatly appreciated at this time of year.

SOS - Christmas 'helpers' needed! Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion needed for all Masses and stewards for car parking and seating in church.

If you are available, please contact the parish office and a schedule can be drawn up so all know in advance what Mass they are assisting at.

Parish Finance Committee meeting was deferred from 2nd December to 15th December.

St. Paul's NS Annual Christmas Fair this Sunday, 10.30am to 2.30pm. Lots of stalls, cake sale & book stall. Santa will be in his grotto! A great family fun-day with a raffle and other seasonal treats. Don't miss it!

Dues Envelopes are ready for distribution. In line with other parishes a new system has been introduced. Until now all homes in the parish received envelopes. As not all choose to support the parish in this way, only those who have returned their envelope in the past five years will continue to receive them.

Many thanks to the **area distributors** who will find that there will be fewer envelopes to deliver in each area due to this revised system!

White Envelope goes towards the upkeep of the church, parochial house, grounds, cemetery, salaries, insurance, light, heat etc; the **Blue Envelopes** pay the monthly salary of the priests. Other methods and means of supporting the parish are **Standing Orders** and one-off contributions all of which go towards general parish upkeep or the stated wishes of the donor.

****Area Distributors** are kindly asked to collect their envelopes at the Pastoral Centre after Masses this weekend or during the week. All boxes are marked with the area and name of distributor. Many thanks.

First Communion *Grow in Love* Mass this weekend at Vigil and 11am Sunday Mass
Confirmation Preparation stage 2 next Sunday at Vigil and 11am Mass.

Christmas Invitation from Fr Steve Ciubottaru to the Romanian Catholic community: Invitație de Crăciun – Trăiește Magia Nașterii Domnului: Vă așteptăm cu drag la Liturgia solemnă de Crăciun în limba română, pe 25 decembrie, ora 13:00, la Biserica din Curragha (A84C803). Este mai mult decât o tradiție: este o reîntoarcere ACASĂ, în inima comunității, sub lumina sfântă a Nașterii lui Christos. Să ne rugăm, să cântăm și să celebrăm împreună adevăratul spirit al Crăciunului. Crăciunul începe cu o inimă deschisă. Contact: Pr. Ștefan C. (0873379031)"

Carol Service and Concert in Dunshaughlin Church of Ireland on Sunday 14th December at 7pm.

Ratoath Church Choir with Mary Hetherington and Miriam Mulrooney practise for Christmas on Tuesdays at 6pm in the Parish Centre. **New members welcome for Christmas.** For info contact the parish office.

Parish Folk Group Christmas Concert on Wednesday 17th December, 8pm in the church. Proceeds to Ratoath Alzheimer's Club. Tickets for sale from Folk Group members at the door on the night.

Christmas Charity Concert Thurs 11th Dec at 7.30pm in the church in aid of **Irish Kidney Association.**

St Paul Sunday Missal 2026, Year A - complimentary copy now available to all our Readers at the sacristy

Offertory Collection for 30th November - €1,347.00

Standing Orders for October - €3,836.00



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