

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Wednesday, Friday

**Direct bank transfer** – Your donation can be transferred to:

**Account Name:** Ratoath Church Account No. 1

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23 <sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Michael (Skipper) Lynch, Month's Mind and Pauline & dec mem of the Lynch Family; Terry Clarke, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; David Lynch; Jim and Betty Kelly; Madge & Lily Fleming	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	John & Geraldine Turley; Marie Quirke Fairbairn, Month's Mind; Noel Williams, Month's Mind
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Elizabeth & John Ryan	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Brian Johnson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>11.00am</b>	Angela McMahon, Month's Mind	<b>11.00am</b>	Frank Deering, Month's Mind; Pauline Vidler, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>12.15pm</b>	John Moore, Month's Mind; James and Peter Brady; Gary Carolan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Oliver Judge, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	<b>12.15pm</b>	James Rooney

**Rest in Peace:** we commend to God the soul of **Des Cronnelly**, Baltrasna. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11am.

**Weekday Mass Intentions – Monday:** Joe & Mary Geraghty; **Tuesday;** Mary Eiffe;  
**Thursday:** Michael & Bridget Carey and their son John

**Prayers for the Pope** – we unite with the faithful throughout the world and with all people of goodwill in praying for Pope Francis, that God may sustain him in his current illness.

**New Speakers and PA upgrade:** the new speakers have arrived from Italy and are ready for installation. It is a two-day job and will commence either Monday or Tuesday of this week. The old speakers have served the parish well but have lost their upper range and so the sound quality is greatly diminished through years of use. The microphones will also be tested and adjusted if necessary to ensure the best sound quality is achieved.

**Thanks** to our dedicated church cleaning teams who carry out their work quietly and unseen ensuring that the church is always fit and ready for worship and prayer. Additional members, men and women, are always needed and most welcome for our 'Glantoiri' teams who work on a monthly rota.

The members of the cleaning teams are among those who keep the parish ticking over week after week by taking up the collection, counting the weekly collection and envelopes, preparing and decorating the altar and many other tasks, large and small, all contributing to the order and efficiency of parish life.

The **Folk Group** this year marks 20 years of joyful praise singing at the Vigil Mass. The occasion will be marked by a celebratory mass with members past and present on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

**Parish Pastoral Assembly** – aspects of the pastoral plan for the year and the parish programme for Lent.

1. The parish will take part in the St Patrick's Day festival in the village by blessing shamrock at the 11am mass and offering a prayer card and parish details to those passing in the parade, and decorating the church grounds. The confirmation class will be invited to participate in various ways.
2. During Lent there will be an additional Mass on Wednesdays at 7pm and Stations of the Cross each Monday reflecting on some aspect of the Passion of Christ, led by a different person each night.
3. The recently appointed Faith Development Officer of the Diocese, Elaine Campbell, has been visiting parishes and it has emerged across the diocese that Adult Faith Formation is a priority. Last Wednesday evening Fr Michael and two members of the PPA participated in a zoom meeting presenting the programme and proposing it to parishes as follows: **Know, Love, and Live Your Faith, YouCat 20-week Catechism Study Programme** is a 20-session group study of the Catholic Faith guided by YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church). It takes people on a journey through the Catholic Faith, in a way that is energising and challenging. The study programme is suitable as an introduction for anyone who would like to know their faith better on a personal basis so they can share it more confidently with family, friends and parish community.



**JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2025.** Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese of Meath to join with young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis. As Pilgrims of Hope we will share in the week of events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! Cost €750 approx. including flights and accommodation. For more info see [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth).

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** *“With Mary Pilgrims of Hope” 2025 Jubilee Year*, under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan, starts 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Pilgrims may choose a 4 or 5-night stay.

All pilgrims will be in Hotels. Fares begin at €829 full board. Contact Joe Walsh Tours, tel: 01-2410800

**Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome:** 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie)

**Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima & St Anthony**, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Pilgrims accommodated at four star Villa Gale Hotel in Estoril. Early booking offer of €1,555 pps with Navan Travel at 046 9068600 until 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Blondelles:** Ratoath College First Year Fittings for School Uniforms in Blondelles:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> inclusive (Girls) & March 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Inclusive (Boys).

Any other students who wish to order at this time can contact 01-8257711

**Gluten free hosts** are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion.

**Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Weekly collection:** Offertory for 16<sup>th</sup> February €1,797.00

**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!

**Monthly sponsorship of the bulletin** is available to suitable local businesses and other interested parties. The cost is €100 per month which covers the annual cost of the A3 format pre-printed colour bulletin. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in agreed, appropriate wording for the month sponsored.



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