

# PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 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. **Church Eircode** A85 VX46

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

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

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** – Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. Details on noticeboard in porch

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11 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		18 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Joe Sherwin, Mary McCafferty & Marian, Mary and dec'd family members; Martin & Deirdre Cusack and Souls in Purgatory; Noel, Therese & Baby Noel Scally; Packie, Catherine & Francis O'Brien and Mary Higgins; Nina Madden	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Willie & Peg Carey and Evelyn Cullen
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Patrick, Catherine & Amy White & Annie Clarke; Bob & Joan Slattery & grandson Thady Murray	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Teresa Feehan
<b>11.00am</b>	Eileen Flinter; Heather Dosunma; Winnie & Pud Mahon; Babs Brennan; Christopher & Kathleen Hartford; Alan Geary, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<b>11.00am</b>	Mick Kelly, Month's Mind; Angela McMahon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; John Moore, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Rosella Kavanagh, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary; Dermot Gallagher; Tommy & Bridie Dolan; Noel Walshe, 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Declan Hoare; Pat & Mary Reilly

**Rest in Peace:** We commend to God the souls of **Francis Mc Gee**, Foxbrook, funeral arrangements later; **James (Jim) Dunne**, Growtown, laid to rest on Saturday in Batterstown; and **Teresa Gorman**, Hartstown, mother of Niamh Fischer, Fairyhouse Road.

## Mass intentions this week

**Monday** - Alan Geary; **Wednesday** - Jack, Lucy, Miriam and Dermot Browne

**Polish Mass** – we welcome Fr Martin, the diocesan Polish chaplain, and the Polish community from the area who will celebrate a Mass in Polish in Holy Trinity this Sunday afternoon.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February with Bishop Deenihan as follows:

10am - St Paul's NS; 12pm - Ratoath SNS (4 classes); 2pm - Rathbeggan NS and Ratoath SNS (2 classes).

The final Mass of preparation with the candidates from our schools takes place this weekend at the Vigil and 11am Masses at which they will be given a bottle of Holy Water to take home and use in their family prayer life.

The various classes will also join us for daily mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from now until confirmation.

Has anyone noticed the **AUMBRY** in our church and wondered what it is! It is a small cupboard set into the wall near the baptismal font. It houses the vessels containing the Holy Oils used in the sacraments in the course of the year and over the course of every Christian life.

The original purpose of reserving the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle was not for private prayer but so that Communion could be brought to the sick and dying at any time. Interestingly, the reservation of the Holy Oils in the aumbry is actually an older practise than the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar.

The Holy Oils were discussed in class this week with the Confirmation candidates.

All three are made from olive oil and newly consecrated or blessed by the bishop every year in Holy Week and brought back to each parish. We could describe them as: **Oil of new life** in birth and baptism, **Oil of maturity and growth** in Confirmation, and **Oil of strength and courage** in sickness and at life's end.

**First Communion** preparation continues with our third *Grow in Love* programme at the Vigil and I Am Mass next weekend for all those in second class preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion this year.

**Ratoath Praesidium** of the Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

New members are always needed and very welcome. For more information call Joan Ashbrook at 087 7987682. The object of the **Legion of Mary** is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary's and the Church's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

**Young Adult Retreat** (18-40 yrs) at La Verna, Franciscan Sisters, Ballinderry, Mullingar,

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.45 am – 5 pm. Testimonies from people in various Christian callings, Holy Mass, Talk on discernment, Adoration, Confession, Personal discernment if desired, walk and chat.

Cost: Donation (lunch & tea breaks included). Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or youthretreats@gmail.com

'God has given me a work to do in this life that he has not given to another'. St. John Henry Newman

**Medjugorje 2026** – May 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> & Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. €875 per person sharing, €50 discount for deposits of €200 paid before 30<sup>th</sup> January travelling with Marian Pilgrimages.

Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage **in the footsteps of St. Blaise and to Medjugorje**, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September staying in the coastal town of Mlini. Cost is €1,350 inclusive of Aer Lingus return flights, checked in luggage, 7 nights half board, transfers, trips and full religious programme.

Bookings with Navan Travel on 046 9068600 and enquiries to Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314.

**St Paul Sunday Missal 2026** – a few complimentary copies STILL available to all our Readers at the sacristy.

**Living with a long-term health condition?** Living Well is a FREE, 6-week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others. Places on the programme at Kells Family Resource Centre starting Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1:30pm – 4pm.

To book call: Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 / Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

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