

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2025 AD

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Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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5 TH JANUARY - SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS		12 TH JANUARY – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
Saturday 7.00pm	Christine and Christy Rooney; Stella Mc Loughlin (nee Johnson), 2 nd Anniv	Saturday 7.00pm	Pat Mc Hale, Month's Mind; Tom Murphy and deceased family members; Noel & Therese Scally, Baby Noel, Packy & Francis O'Brien, Jimmy & Mary Higgins, and Brian & Nina Madden
Sunday 9.00am	Joan & Bob Slattery & grandson Thady Murray; Ciaran Kilcline, Birthday Remembrance	Sunday 9.00am	Tom, Catherine and Tommy Mc Loughlin
11.00am	John, Brian, Michael, & Marie-Claire Brazil; Eileen Flinter; Leo Mc Girt, 2 nd Anniversary, and his wife Rose; Patrick, Catherine & Amy Whyte & Annie Clarke	11.00am	John O'Leary, Month's Mind Declan Hoare; Brigid Brennan; Heather Dosunmu, 3 rd Anniversary; Cyril Brennan, his wife Una, and son Dermot
12.15pm	Ben Glynn and his mother Maureen Glynn; Michael Scannell; George Courtenay, 12 th Anniversary; Joe Sherwin, Mary Mc Cafferty 1 st Anniv, Mary Reid recently deceased & Marion Lowdnes, 1 st Anniversary	12.15pm	Martin Cusack & Deirdre Cusack; Kathleen and Johnny Staunton; Lorraine Herlihy, Months Mind, also Barbara, Lesley and Malcolm Dyer; Florence O'Neill, 4 th Anniversary

***Feast of the Epiphany, Monday 6th January, a holyday of obligation
Mass at 11am and 7pm***

Weekday Mass Intentions

Tues-Ciaran Kilcline, Birthday Remembrance; **Fri-**Martin Cusack, 3rd Anniversary, and Deirdre Cusack

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7th February at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. The final Mass of preparation with the candidates from our schools takes place next weekend at the Vigil, 11am & 12.15pm Masses.

Parish Pastoral Assembly: a summary of the recent parish '**listening event**' and the feedback received will be given in the bulletin as soon as space permits.

Publication of weekly collection: to keep parishioners informed, as of January the amount contributed to the weekly Offertory /basket collection will be given in the bulletin, as is already done for the Envelope collection and Standing Orders twice a month.

Offertory: Christmas Eve/Day: €7,374.00; Sunday 29th Dec: €1,295.00.

St Patrick's Day Festival Planning Meeting this Thursday, 9th January, in the Community Centre at 8.30pm for all interested parties.

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd– 27th September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Meath Alzheimer Café, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin, Wednesday, 8th January, 7pm-9pm.

Guest speaker Dr Michelle Kelly, Associate Professor of Psychology & Chartered Psychologist on “Practical Tips for Supporting Brain Health”. All families/carers/loved ones living with Alzheimer's/Dementia are welcome. Tea, coffee served. There is no charge for this service. Contact: 087 188 8178.

Samaritans (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number **116 123**. There is an Outreach team that would be willing to meet with any community groups to talk about what we do and how we try to help people in emotional distress. Annual Collection, as per Garda permit, next weekend.

Are you, or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? You may be interested in the ‘**Living Well Programme**’ a **FREE**, 6 week self-management programme for adults with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke etc. Spaces available on Dunboyne, Navan & Online Programmes for Jan '25. Contact **Aine** 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 **Elaine** 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

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 will cover the annual cost of the new A3 format pre-printed colour bulletin. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in agreed, appropriate wording each week for the month sponsored.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

This prayer is said in many churches before or after daily mass. It was read aloud on New Year's Day in our parish and some people asked for a copy. It is a very positive, uplifting and joyful prayer in all circumstances! Substitute the word 'year' for 'day' and it gets the New Year off to a good start.

God of my life, I welcome this new day.

It is your gift to me, a new creation, a promise of resurrection.

I thank you for the grace of being alive this morning.

I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me.

I thank you for this chance to make a new beginning.

This day Lord is full of promise and opportunity; let me waste none of it.

This day is full of mystery and the unknown; help me to face it without fear or anxiety.

This day is blessed with beauty and adventure: make me fully alive to it all.

During this day keep me thoughtful, prayerful and kind.

May I be courteous and helpful to others, and not turned in on myself.

Keep me from any word that would hurt, belittle, or destroy;

and may the thoughts of my mind be pleasing in your sight.

When night comes again, may I look back on this day with no grievance or bitterness in my heart; and may nobody be unhappy because of anything I have done or anything I have failed to do.

Lord, bless this day for me and for everyone.

Make it a day in which we grow to have the mind of Christ, your Son.

Lord Jesus Christ, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

**Wishing all our parishioners and their loved ones
a Happy, Healthy Holy New Year 2025AD**

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