

# 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 and Friday

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13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION		20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL –EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION	
Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Saturday 9.00pm	Easter Vigil at 9pm!
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	Clare Casey, 19 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
12.15pm	Eilish Sullivan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary; Noel Eiffe	12.15pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

**Rest in Peace** – we commend to God **Susan Brady**, Elgarstown, whose funeral took place on Monday.

## Weekday Mass Intentions

**Monday:** Michael Lynam (Birthday Remembrance); **Tuesday:** Owen Murray; **Wednesday:** Breda Smith

**Palm Sunday** - two forms of palm are available: the white crosses made from plaited palm leaves and the evergreen branches, usually yew or conifer. Both will be blessed at Mass and can then be put in a prominent place in the home. Do bring blessed palm to a neighbour or friend who cannot get to Mass.

## Holy Week Triduum

**Plan your week around this schedule! All liturgies can be followed on parish webcam**

**\*\*Confession on Holy Saturday 3-4pm & after the other ceremonies, except the Easter Vigil.**

**Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm, including the washing of feet and procession to the Altar of Repose for adoration, concluding at 10pm with Night Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in our diocese. '**Maundy**' comes from the Latin word *Mandatum*, ie mandate or command, because Christ gave us the new command to love and serve one another as expressed in the washing of feet.

**Good Friday**-Way of the Cross at 3pm; Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Communion at 8pm; A verified relic of the True Cross will be exposed for veneration after the 8pm Passion.

**Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence** - fasting means we significantly reduce the amount we consume. Abstinence means no meat in any form. So, we have only one main meal & two light meals, usually called a 'collation', with nothing in between! Fasting applies from the age of 18 to 60, while those aged 14 and over should abstain from meat. It is a day on which to be quiet and reflective and avoid unnecessary activities.

**Easter Vigil** at 9pm with new Fire, Candle, Readings, Blessing of Easter Water, Renewal of Baptismal Promises. **The Easter Vigil is a service of light that begins after darkness falls, with the lighting of the new Easter fire. It should not begin any earlier nor should it be at the usual time of the Vigil Mass.**

Please note - **NO 7PM VIGIL MASS NEXT SATURDAY 19th April!**

**Holy Week** is the high point of the liturgical year. On these three days (hence the word *Triduum*) the Church relives what we call the **paschal mystery**, meaning the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We begin on **Palm Sunday** with His entry into Jerusalem, city of King David where He is joyfully hailed as the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfilment of God's promise and the hope of all generations since the fall of man in the person of Adam and Eve. On **Maundy Thursday**, as the mood changes, He leaves His disciples the Eucharist as the daily food for Christians on the journey to heaven. On **Good Friday** He is unjustly condemned to a violent and shameful death and the whole world falls silent and prostrate before the spectacle and scandal of the cross. Then, as He had promised, He rises from the dead on **Easter** morning.

Every parishioner is encouraged to participate prayerfully and attentively in the drama of Holy Week in which we rediscover our baptismal identity as disciples of Christ, children of God, and heirs to the Kingdom of heaven.

The local **Polish Community** will join their chaplain Fr Wojciech in our parish church on Wednesday for Confession; the traditional blessing of Easter food on Holy Saturday at 9am, and Mass on Easter Sunday at 6pm.

**Posługa w języku polskim w parafii w Ratoath -Holy Trinity Church:**

**SPOWIEDŹ - Wielka Środa 16.04 w godz. 17.00 - 19.00**

**POŚWIĘCENIE POKARMÓW - Wielka Sobota 19.04 o godz. 9.00**

**MSZA ŚW. WIELKANOCNA - Niedziela Wielkanoc 20.04 o godz. 18.00**

**Serdecznie zapraszam, Ks. Wojciech Jasonek.**

This Wednesday sees the celebration of the **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** of our diocese in Mullingar. At this mass the clergy and faithful of all parishes across the Diocese of Meath unite with the bishop as the priests of the diocese renew their promises to serve God's people, and the three holy oils are blessed and a supply taken to each parish to be used in the course of the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. (When this sacrament is received just before death it was customarily called 'Extreme Unction', meaning the last anointing the first having been at baptism).

The three **Holy Oils** are kept in our church in a cupboard called an **ambry**, which is to be seen near the baptismal font. This manner of reserving the Holy Oils is even older than the custom of reserving the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle! Many ancient ambries can still be seen in some of the oldest churches in Rome.

**Stations of the Cross this Monday at 7pm led by a member of the Pastoral Assembly.**

**No 9.45am daily mass this Thursday or Friday because of the Holy Week Triduum, see above.**

### **LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS**

**Weekly Suggestions for Lenten penance** – we hope the suggestions offered in the bulletin each week have been a help and guide to some and borne fruit in the lives of others, especially those in need.

Plan your Lenten confession and prepare by a good examination of conscience.

The **Trocaire** campaign this year followed the lives of families and farmers in Guatemala as they struggle to deal with changes in weather with increasing extremes affecting their lives and livelihoods.

Our **Trocaire contributions** represent the *fruit of Lenten fasting and penance* and can be placed in a box which is provided in the sanctuary. **Trocaire** - It's not just a box – it's a lifeline!

**A Divine Mercy** image is being sent from Poland to be used in the church for Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Date of Easter** – at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD the date of Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Hence a movable feast and people speaking of Easter being 'early' or 'late'!

**Weekly collection:** Offertory for 6<sup>th</sup> April - €1,778.00

**White envelopes** for period ending 6<sup>th</sup> April - €1,572.00

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