

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

Sunday Mass – 9.00am and 11.00am

Holy Days – 11.00am and as indicated in bulletin of the previous week

Daily Mass – 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 at Parish Office

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1 **IBAN:** IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



20 TH SEPTEMBER - TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		27 TH SEPTEMBER - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	James Green, Month's Mind; Justin Lynch, Month's Mind; Mary Bradshaw, 7 th Anniversary; Grace Jordan, 16 th Birthday Remembrance	Saturday 7.00pm	John & Nora Looney; Liam Woods, 31 st Anniversary; Jim & Lydia Everard
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Dermot Carolan, 1 st Anniversary; Ann McAuley, 1 st Anniversary; Cathal Daly, 5 th Anniversary; Joseph Rooney; Joseph & Mary White; James Lynam, 53 rd Anniversary; PJ Moran	11.00am	Harry Elmes (40 th Anniv) & his wife Emily; John, Mary & PJ Roche; Michael Lynam, 2 nd Anniversary; Aoife & Aidan Conway

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Ivy Ryder**, Fairyhouse Road, laid to rest on Tuesday, **Michael Kane**, Steeplechase, whose funeral Mass is on Monday at 11am, and **Ann Conmey**, Porterstown Lane, funeral Mass on Tuesday at 11am.

Mass intentions: **Wed** - Michael Lynam; **Fri** - Owen & Biddy Maughan & their children, Eamon, Geraldine & Anne.

Sunday hospitality after 11am Mass next Sunday. Baking and cakes welcome!

Congratulations to Br Philip Neri OP, (formerly Ivan Mather!), from Fairyhouse Lodge, who took his Solemn Vows as a Dominican in Knock Basilica on 11th October 2025 and, this Saturday 19th September, to the joy of his family, was ordained a **deacon** at St Saviour's Dominican Priory in Dublin.

Registration Meeting in the church on Tuesday at 7.30pm, for the parents/guardians of the children preparing for **First Confession & First Holy Communion**. The meeting will be addressed by members of the PC, and each school will form a Parents' Group to prepare the children for the **Grow in Love Family Masses** they will attend in preparation for these wonderful sacraments in which they will grow in faith and love of God.

Confirmation Enrollment on 7th/8th November at 7pm Vigil and 11am Sunday Mass.

Opening and Blessing of School Year Mass for **St Paul's** on Tuesday 29th September at 11am.

Pastoral Council Report: the formation of the new Pastoral Council to be in place in December was discussed. The bishop has issued a letter to Pastoral Councils asking that they be attentive to the presence and needs of young people who have returned to church and faith life and that we include them in our plans for the future of our parishes. The presence of young people on our PC would be very welcome. We would also welcome volunteers to help with the monthly Sunday hospitality on a team or rota basis.

Ministers of Holy Communion who cover the I Iam Mass are asked to **contact the parish office** to confirm their availability for a new rota to be compiled in the coming weeks, and new ministers are sought.

Retired priests are supported by the diocese by means of the **Fleming Fund**. On retirement, usually over the age of 75, a priest receives the state contributory pension and, unless he has independent means, he relies on the diocese for accommodation or nursing home care in old age.

The **Fleming Fund** has sought no donations from parishes since 2020 and so the bishop has issued an appeal to all parishes saying that *'on the advice of the Diocesan Finance Committee, I am directing that a second collection for the 'Care of Sick and Retired Priests' be taken up in each parish on a Sunday in September or early October. The proceeds...will be used exclusively to support priests who have given many years of faithful service to the diocese and who, in retirement or due to illness, now rely on the support of the diocese. This is a specific second collection'*.

We will take up this collection in our parish next weekend, 26th/27th September.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 27th Sept - Bus leaves Navan Fairgreen at 8am and Trim church at 8.30am. To book a seat on the bus please contact Noreen Evans 087 929 9544 (Legion of Mary)

Relic of St Bernadette: an offer has been made to the parish that we receive a precious relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes on 18th October and all who wish will be blessed with the relic after Mass.

Sycamore Programme - Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, Monday 28th September 7.15pm - 9pm. Every Monday night for 9 weeks. To register email sycamoredunshaughlin@gmail.com

Rainbows Mullingar is taking names for groups starting in the Autumn. Rainbows provides peer group support for children/young people in bereavement or parental separation. For info, email ask@rainbowsireland.ie

Attention young adults (ages 18-40) – Do you want to grow in your prayer life? **Meath Samuel Group** is beginning in Navan, October to April. The programme entails being present once a month at a formation day in Navan, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and a commitment to daily prayer. Register by 1 Oct. Information and registration at: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Accord the national agency of the Catholic Church providing marriage preparation, relationship counselling and education services across 25 counties is currently recruiting for the position of **Executive Director**. Info & applications to Forvis Mazars execrecruit@mazars.ie, +353 (1) 4494400.

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential *Marriage Enrichment Weekend*, Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Oct at "Focolare Centre", Curryhills, Prosperous, Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. • www.marriageencounter.ie

Alzheimer Social: Friday 25th September at Ratoath Community Centre I Iam to 1pm, Come and join us!

Annual Hospice Coffee Morning in Swans Lounge Curragha, Thursday 24th September 9.30am-12.30pm. Proceeds divided between St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, & Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre Drogheda.

FREE Community Event – **Meath Dementia Café** this Sunday, 20th September, at 2pm in Dunshaughlin GAA Clubhouse to relive the unforgettable **Meath v Dublin Four-Game Saga of 1991**, including a screening of the final match with some of the players from that memorable era joining us on the day. All Welcome.

Junior & Leaving Cert Maths Tuition weekly classes in Ratoath Community Centre. Ph Joe on 086 4076495.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 13th September: €1,220.00

Our Parish Mission Statement

*The mission of Holy Trinity parish is to bring the joy of Christ to where we live,
building a community who journey together in faith, hope and love.*

Thanks to the generous donor who has sponsored the Bulletin for September