

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

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 and Elizabeth Ward. Details on noticeboard in porch

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



31 ST AUGUST – 22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		7 TH SEPTEMBER – 23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Roseanne Sinnott, Month's Mind; Joe Joe Lynch, 1 st Anniversary Johnny & Kathleen Staunton; Johnny Tyrrell, 2 nd Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	John Maher – Month's Mind; Ronan Cahill 6 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Sean & Brigid Slattery Kathleen Gunn
11.00am	Margaret (Gretta) Dolan, Month's Mind; Angelo & David Mulvaney; Eileen Shevlin; 3 rd Anniversary; Paddy & Linda O'Connor and Maria O'Connor-Howard; Harry, Gladys, George & John Campbell; Ciaran Briody; 2 nd Anniversary Colette Gillespie	11.00am	Patrick Hogan, 1 st Anniversary; Carmel Gray, 1 st Anniversary; John Colreavy, 4 th Anniversary; Pauline, Peg, Nan & Harry Everard

Weekday Mass Intentions

Wednesday - Special Intention in Thanksgiving

Friday - First Friday and Special Intention in Thanksgiving & Remembrance

First Friday - Mass for those on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls to the sick and housebound.

First Holy Communion: Ratoath JNS 9th May; Rathbeggan 16th May; St. Paul's 23rd May.

First Confession dates and times will be arranged with each school in September.

Confirmation on Friday 6th February.

After much discussion, the Pastoral Council has prioritised working with the parents and families of the children preparing for sacraments in our parish Primary Schools based on the material in the *Grow in Love* religious education syllabus. The parents/guardians will be invited to an introductory registration meeting in the church on 29th September, addressed by members of the PC, and then each school will form a parents group to prepare the children for the **Family Masses** they will attend in preparation for First Confession and First Communion. Those **Family Masses** will be the Vigil and 11am on 18/19 October; 6/7 December; 7/8 February; 21/22 March.

Vocation story – we are delighted to announce that **Ruairi Gannon**, a young man born and raised in Ratoath, having considered his calling in life, has been accepted by the Irish Dominicans. He leaves this week for the Novitiate in Cork where he will begin to live the Dominican life and further discern and test his vocation. Ruairi has been an active and effective member of the parish Legion of Mary Praesidium for some years now. We wish him every blessing and happiness as he takes this important and joyful step in his Christian life.

The **Folk Group** begin their 21st year of prayer and praise as they resume singing on 6th September at the Vigil Mass. As ever, new members always welcome.

***12.15pm Sunday Mass** was introduced in the late 1990s to meet a need as the parish increased in population. The situation has changed and every parish is now asked to review and revise its mass schedule to meet current needs and to coordinate a new mass schedule with the other parishes of each **Pastoral Area** so that masses are at a variety of times to enable priests to cover mass in neighboring parishes in the absence of a priest due to illness, holidays, bereavement etc. Taking this into account, **12.15pm mass will not resume in September**. Those who have booked an anniversary mass are asked to contact the office to reschedule. There will be an adjustment in regard to Readers, Cantors, Organists, Collectors, Ministers of Holy Communion and the respective organisers will be contacted to redeploy those involved in these valued roles.

Livestream update – Fr Michael and our parish IT personnel are looking into ways to improve our broadband access and livestream service.

Next meeting of the Pastoral Council is Wednesday 10th September.

Clonard Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage Sunday 21st September

Registration 11am-2pm at Clonard Parish Centre. Pilgrim Mass 12noon. Guided prayer at Ballyboggan Abbey every hour from 1pm – 4pm. St Finian's Pathway pilgrim route is a 12km round trip on existing roads. Bus departs Ballyboggan to Clonard church 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. Details at info@kinnegadparish.ie

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, programme 2025/26: Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? **RCIA** is a faith-formation process which prepares adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. This year's programme commences in the autumn. For further details, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer & Reflection - places available: **Sept 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st**. Contact info@loughderg.org / tel. 0(0353) 719861518 www.loughderg.org

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes “*With Mary Pilgrims of Hope*”, with Bishop Deenihan, from 9th September. Pilgrims have the option of 4 or 5-night stay. All will be accommodated in hotels. Fares start at €829 for full board. Booking through JWT at 01-2410800 or www.joewalshstours.ie.

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day – Annual National Mass on Saturday 6th September in the church of St James, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. 11am Children's Adoration and Rosary, confession available. Mass celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 12pm, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family! Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information and booking.

Meath Alzheimer Café - Wed, 3rd Sept, 7-9pm, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin for anyone affected by dementia. Guest speaker, Danielle Timmons, Meath Dementia Advisor, will speak about dementia and answer questions. Light refreshments. Info or RSVP - Marie Brennan 087 346 5198 marie.brennan@alzheimer.ie

Act Out Youth Theatre now accepting New Registrations for Weekly Workshops for 2025/26: Dunshaughlin - Monday evenings from 6pm-7.30pm – starting 15th September @ St Seachnall's NS Previous performance experience useful but not essential. Places limited. Registration open to new members in the Meath area of secondary school age. Email actoutmeath@gmail.com to express interest.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 24th August - € 1,550.00

Bulletin for August is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner