

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 1st and 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.

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

IBAN: IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



13 TH JULY - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		20 TH JULY - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Dorothea Mates, 23 rd Anniversary; Tommy Carberry, 8 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am	Bosshell Family and deceased family members	Sunday 9.00am	Beenie Reilly
11.00am	Sally Williams, Month's Mind; Anne O'Boyle; Teresa Joyce, 6 th Anniversary	11.00am	Rose McCarthy, 15 th Anniversary Desmond Kelly, 9 th Anniversary Noleen Crowley, 8 th Anniversary

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday - Michael & Alice Hatch;

Tuesday - Mylie & Kathleen Byrne & Granddaughter Anna;

Wednesday - Sean Craig, 6th Anniversary

HOT WEATHER - don't forget to call in on an elderly or housebound neighbor who may need help in this heat and see if they need shopping done, plants watered or just some company.

WATER SUPPLY, or the lack thereof! - we must look out for fellow residents of Ratoath in the current water outage and ensure that those in greatest need are not without vital water supplies for children and the sick and elderly, as well as businesses. We are all affected, the tank emptied at the Parochial House and the one working cold-water tap reduced to a trickle since Thursday due to low pressure. Let us hope for a resolution to the current problem and a lasting solution to the ongoing issue for the sake of homes & businesses in the parish.

SUMMERTIME IN THE PARISH - many thanks to all who keep 'normal services' in the parish going despite holidays and other attractions: our Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Collectors, Glantoiri teams, those who count the weekly Offertory collection and Envelopes, the Altar Society, Organists, Cantors and Wednesday Adoration volunteers....and other unseen helping hands.

FAMILY LIFE IN SUMMERTIME - why not consider a family 'pilgrimage' or day-out to one of the many ancient and beautiful Christian sites in Ireland: Glendalough, Clonmacnoise, the Hill of Slane, or take the family to Knock Shrine, a local Holy Well or other monastic ruins to be found all over the country.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION in our parish church every Wednesday after 9.45am Mass until 7pm in the Family Room. If you have free or spare time for the summer months, think of spending an hour with the Lord for yourself and on behalf of your loved ones? Sign up to an hour or just turn up.

12.15pm Sunday Mass is suspended for the months of July and August, when so many people are on holiday. This offers a welcome respite to our musicians, cantors and clergy! Thereafter, Mass times will be under review as each parish is asked to coordinate its Mass schedule with the neighboring parishes of the Pastoral Area.

NEW BULLETIN – our A3 weekly bulletin will now be supplied by *Logos Publications*. They provide the pre-printed ‘cover’ in colour with the texts of the Readings, Mass Prayers and Sunday Message, and the parish office then compiles the content of the inside with Mass Intentions, notices etc.

The cost is slightly less than the previous supplier at €100 per month for 300 copies per week. Sponsorship has covered the cost so far this year.

PARISH DUES ENVELOPES are now being ordered for distribution in December. This would be a good time for each individual or household to consider how they choose to support their parish while taking account of their own needs at different times of the year. For some a weekly contribution of the same amount is possible, others may have to meet the needs of back-to-school and other seasonal costs and so vary their contribution. Others choose a set amount by monthly Standing Order; others again prefer an occasional one-off contribution by cheque or cash. Every contribution of whatever amount is equally valued and welcome. It is important that parishioners know that accountability and financial probity are taken very seriously. By means of a centralised *SURF* accounting system, whereby all parish weekly income and expenditure is recorded, the Diocesan Office has oversight of finances in all parishes and we are all required to be compliant with the Charities Regulator and subject to possible external audit. Donations by Envelope, Standing Order and Cheque are recorded in the parish system and can be accounted for at all times. The only parish income not recorded is the Offertory collection as, by its very nature, there is no way of knowing who is contributing!

All donations are used for the mission and maintenance of the parish for present and future generations.

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support of your parish and priests.

Sacramental dates for 2026 were circulated to our Primary Schools prior to the school holidays as follows:

First Holy Communion: Ratoath JNS Saturday 9th May; Rathbeggan Saturday 16th May; St. Paul's Sat 23rd May. Times of the respective ceremonies will be decided with the schools in September.

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

The Pastoral Council is working on a programme of **Family Masses** in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion based on the material in the Primary School **Grow in Love** religious education syllabus.

Confirmation on Friday 6th February.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 10th August. 2pm Rosary; 2.30 pm Anointing of the Sick at the Basilica; 3pm Mass followed by Benediction and Rosary Procession.

Annual Pioneer pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 20th July. Prayers will be offered for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres in Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via prayer@pioneers.ie for further details.

Trip to Medjugorje this October: Flying out on 2nd Oct for 7 nights, flying Aer Lingus to Dubrovnik, staying in the P.I.M.K House. Places available. Cost €855. Contact; Joan Ashbrook; 0877987682

Knock - National Grandparents Pilgrimage: Sunday 27th July.

Meath Diocesan and Fr. Willie Doyle Pilgrimages to Knock on Sunday 10th August led by Bishop Deenihan. Meath Diocesan Choir will be present led by Jim Walsh and Jane Lynch organist.

Bright Stars Summer Camp: a performing arts camp; singing, dancing + drama. 14th - 18th July. Ratoath Community Centre, 4-14 years. Contact Denise on 0857242481

Weekly collection: Offertory for 6th July - €1,295.00

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