

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: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday and Friday

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27 TH APRIL – LOW SUNDAY/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY		4 TH MAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Saturday 7.00pm	Ann, Tom, John and Bridge Reilly and Ellen & Angelo Whyte	Saturday 7.00pm	Patrick (Paddy) Dolan and family
Sunday 9.00am	Maura Kelly; Brigid Boshell	Sunday 9.00am	
11.00am	Nora & Michael Gilligan; Daniel & Sarah Eiffe	11.00am	Michael, Brigid, Seamus & Breege McIntyre; Gerard Ralph
12.15pm	Emma Cahill, Month's Mind; Anthony King, 21 st Anniversary; Bernard McMahon, 3 rd Anniversary; Michael Rooney; Tony Donnelly; Molly & Ernest Devine	12.15pm	Ita Kennedy, 5 th Anniversary, and Patrick & Maura Kennedy

Rest in Peace – we commend to God **Dave Ward**, Foxlodge Manor, whose funeral took place on Friday;
Sean Doran Peel, Fairyhouse Lodge, laid to rest on Saturday;
and **Sean Mahon**, uncle of Linda Birt, Fairyhouse Road.

Bishop Deenihan has issued a letter to the diocese reflecting on the reign of Pope Francis. The letter can be read on the Diocesan website. It concludes with the words *'I commend the soul of Pope Francis to the Priests and People of the Diocese of Meath and ask that prayers be included in all Masses in the Diocese during the Novendiales, the nine-day period of mourning a Pope.'*

Requiem Mass for Pope Francis will be offered at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, this Tuesday at 7.30pm

Our parish Requiem Mass for Pope Francis will be offered at the regular 9.45am Mass on Monday

Let us entrust Pope Francis to God's mercy and continue to pray for the Church as she prepares to elect a new Successor of St. Peter: *Heavenly Father, we commend to Your mercy our late Holy Father, Pope Francis. May he enter the eternal joy prepared for those who love You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Until the election of the new Pope, mention of the Pope by name is omitted from the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass.

Weekday Mass Intentions: **Mon-** Pope Francis; **Wed** - Birthday intention

First Friday: Mass will be offered for all whose names are on the parish Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls to the sick and housebound as usual, after Mass.

‘Low Sunday’ is the name given to the Sunday after Easter. ‘Low’ after the ‘high’ of the Easter celebrations! Also observed as Divine Mercy Sunday, a Divine Mercy image, newly arrived from Poland, will be placed in the church for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Sts Patrick & Seachnall’s church, Dunshaughlin.

Commencing at 3.30pm with Reading from the Diary of St Faustina, Blessing of the Divine Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4 pm.

Mass will follow the Stations of the Cross. Confession will not be available on the day.

Easter Water, newly blessed at the Easter Vigil, is still available at the baptismal font. It is a small but significant sign of faith that of the 700 bottles left out on Holy Saturday night, only about 50 remain!

So Easter Water has been taken to many homes in the parish.

The **Trocaire box** can be returned from now on.

A large Trocaire box is provided near the altar in which to place them.

Blessing of Graves /Cemetery Sunday will be on 25th May at 3pm

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish as follows:

10th May Ratoath NS, 17th May St Paul’s NS, 24th May Rathbeggan NS.

The parish **Folk Group** will celebrate their 20th anniversary on Saturday 10th May at the Vigil Mass.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome – Last remaining places, 22nd – 27th Sept 2025. Consider joining Bishop Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making a Pilgrimage to Rome during this Jubilee of Hope. Pilgrims accommodated at the Pontifical Irish College. Cost €1,399.

Bookings and enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

See www.iubilaeum2025.va or www.dioceseofmeath.ie for links to information about the Jubilee Year.

Meath Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes “With Mary Pilgrims of Hope”

with Bishop Deenihan, 9th Sept. 4 or 5-night stay. Fares from €829 full board. Contact JWT 01-2410800

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to **Saint Patrick’s Purgatory**, Lough Derg Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June.

Cost: €80 + €50 coach travel. Contact (044) 966 1191 or cooleparish@gmail.com.

Knock, Croagh Patrick & Lough Derg Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Passport. See <https://www.pilgrimpassport.ie/>

Weekly collection: Offertory for 20th April - €1,745.00

Envelopes for period ending 20th April: White Envelopes - €1,241.22; Blue Envelopes - €3,389.20

Easter is a Feast of fifty days of continuous celebration until Pentecost on Sunday 8th June

During Eastertide the **Angelus**, recited at 12noon and 6pm, is replaced by the **Regina Coeli** – *Queen of Heaven* which reflects Mary’s joy at the resurrection of her divine Son.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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