

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. **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 on noticeboard in porch

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16 TH NOVEMBER – 33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		23 RD NOVEMBER – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	
Saturday 7.00pm	Rita Graham, 1 st Anniversary, her son Damian and husband Ray; Lorraine Herlihy, 1 st Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Attracta & Colm Donnelly; John Mulvany; Stephen Daly; Joe and Tessie Gorman
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Paddy Regan; Philip Byrne
11.00am	Damian Murray, Month's Mind; Stuart Ellis, Month's Mind; Gerry Keogh; Kathleen & Hugh Nally and dec'd family mbrs; Kevin, Peg & Mary White	11.00am	Kathleen Humphreys, 1 st Anniversary; Seamus Rooney; Tom Reeves, 2 nd Anniversary; Nancy Ralph, 3 rd Anniversary; Olive McCann, 10 th Anniversary; Richard King and Brigid Wall

RIP: we commend to God the soul of **Theresa Gorman**, Tankardstown, whose funeral was on Thursday;

Maura Walshe, late of Mooretown & Steeplechase, who was laid to rest on Friday;

and **Carlos Dehaene**, late of Glascarn and Ashbourne, whose funeral Mass will be on Saturday at 11am.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims this Sunday. We remember them at Masses this weekend and 147 people who died on Irish roads so far this year – three more than at this time last year.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Wednesday - Ray Hannigan

List of the Dead Envelopes available at the back of the church to be taken home and returned to the church or parish office during the month of November as we continue to pray for and remember our faithful departed.

****Candlelit Choral Service for the Dead and Bereaved this Friday, 21st November, at 8pm****

The **Annual Diocesan Conference** to implement the Pastoral Area structures and new Deaneries took place last week over two days with the clergy of the 69 parishes of the diocese in attendance with the bishop and invited speakers. **Our Pastoral Area is Ratoath, Dunshaughlin, Ashbourne, Ardath/Clonalvy, Curragha & Skryne) comprised of - 6 parishes, 10 churches, 18 Vigil/Sunday Masses and 8 priests.** In response to changed demographics and fewer clergy and mass-goers a new strategy is needed to make the most of our priests and other resources. The 8 Deaneries now become 6, ours now being all the parishes of the pastoral areas of *Trim, Ratoath & Dunboyne*. There will be 14 Pastoral Areas across the diocese in which clergy, parish councils, lay faithful and volunteers will collaborate on all areas of faith formation, liturgy and the mission of the Church. The Assembly discussed the rescheduling of masses in all parishes, both a reduction of Sunday masses and alternative times to enable clergy cover for one another when needed, but no decisions will be reached or implemented until Pastoral Councils and parishioners have been informed and consulted.

Pastoral Council – all are invited to a cup of tea and a chat in the Pastoral Centre after 11am Mass on the First Sunday of Advent. Our Pastoral Council has also organized a meeting this Tuesday with Reps from the other Councils of our Pastoral Area to brief them on the discussions and decisions at the Diocesan Assembly.

Pastoral Letter - *The Future of our Parishes*: Bishop Dennyhan's Pastoral Letter is addressed to all the clergy and faithful of the diocese. It emphasizes the importance of the parish structure, the implementation of the new Pastoral Areas, the provision of Sunday Mass, and plans for a future with a very different profile of clergy and changed demographics. Copies of the Pastoral are available at the back of the church.

40 Hours Adoration at the Cathedral in Mullingar: to celebrate the *Solemnity of Christ the King* at the Cathedral, with Mass at 7:30 pm on Friday 21st Nov and concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm on Sunday 23rd. Our parish has been allocated 3pm or 4pm on Saturday 22nd. Confessions heard from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Saturday. While each parish is assigned a particular hour, people are not restricted to their parish's hour. It is hoped that many will come to pray for the Church, the diocese and our parish needs.

Cemetery Wall has been very skillfully rebuilt using only salvaged and repaired material from the original wall.

Ratoath Junior NS Information Evening for Prospective Parents on Tues 2nd Dec, 7pm with a presentation on and a tour of the school and an opportunity for questions. For info contact office@ratoathjuniors.ie

St. Paul's NS Open Evening for Enrolment on Tuesday 25th November, 7pm - 8.30am.
An opportunity to view the school and meet staff & students. Register your interest at 01-8257246.

Meath Diocesan Youth Day: 23rd Nov 11.15am - 5pm Mullingar Community Centre (meathteens@gmail.com)

Retreat for Young Adults (18-40yrs), Dalgan Park, Navan, 12th - 14th Dec (Fri evening – Sunday after lunch). Prepare for Christmas with a prayerful retreat. Join other young people in prayer, friendship in faith, talks, Masses, peaceful walks, confession/or personal chat with one of the team. Cost: Donation (full board, own room). Contact: Sr Úna : 090 6481666 or Michael: 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

The **Children's Choir** has started Christmas rehearsals every Monday at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Ratoath Church Choir under the direction of **Miriam Mulrooney** now practising for Christmas every Tuesday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome. For info contact the parish office.

Parish Folk Group Christmas Concert on Wednesday 17th December, 8pm in the church.
Proceeds to Ratoath Alzheimer's Club. Tickets from Folk Group members or at the door.

Christmas Charity Concert Thurs 11th Dec at 7.30pm in the church in aid of **Irish Kidney Association**.

Meath Archaeological and Historical Society lecture Sunday 30th Nov, Dalgan Park, 3pm. "*Monasticism in Early Medieval Ireland: New Perspectives*" by Dr Edel Bhreathnach. The paper will consider the early monastic tradition and medieval monasticism with particular reference to Arbraccan, Clonard, Duleek & Kells.

Offertory Collection for 9th November - €1,601.00

Totals for period ending 16th November: **White Envelopes** - €1,643.20; **Blue Envelopes** €2,575.37



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