

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

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



28 TH DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY		4 TH JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	
Saturday 7.00pm	Mary Keogh, Month's Mind; Anne Malone, 13 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Damian Murray, Month's Mind; Christina & Christy Rooney; Ellen Lynam
Sunday 9.00am	Mary & Liam Corcoran and Rita Cusack	Sunday 9.00am	Bob & Joan Slattery & Thady Murray
11.00am	Tom Murphy, his parents & brother Michael	11.00am	Leo & Rose McGirl; John, Brian, Michael & Mary Clair Brazil; Ciaran Kilcline, Birthday Remembrance

Mass intentions: Friday- Margaret and Jack Mc Donnell

New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Mass at 11am

Epiphany Announcement of the Date of Easter and the Major Feasts of the Year

This is a custom that dates from a time when calendars were not readily available and it was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and other feasts of the liturgical year, the Epiphany proclamation still has value as a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which we celebrate each year. On the Feast of the Epiphany, the proclamation takes place after the Gospel, or after Communion (or in the bulletin!) according to this ancient formula:

The Proclamation of Easter and Moveable Feasts for the Year of Our Lord 2026

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the *eighteenth day of February* will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the start of the fast of the holy season of Lent.

On the *fifth day of April* we will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the *seventeenth day of May* will be the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the *twenty fourth day of May*, the feast of **Pentecost**.

On the *seventh day of June*, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, **Corpus Christi**.

On the *twenty ninth day of November* the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Christmas is not just a day it is an **Octave of eight days** and a season in which we celebrate day after day at altar and table, in company, in worship, prayer and praise while attentive to the lonely and those in need. Keep the season going! Say '**Happy Christmas**' for the 12 days of Christmas until Epiphany, on 6th January.

Parish Office closed until Friday 2nd January 2026.

A seasonal word of appreciation and thanks from the parish priest

Many thanks to all who contributed once again this year to the preparation and joyful celebration of Christmas: our sacristan Deirdre Mills; Rosemary Mc Conway and the members of the Altar Society for the floral decorations throughout the liturgical seasons; Frances Mulvany for the festive flowers; John & Bernie Lord at Ratoath Garden Centre for the Christmas trees; Sean Tubridy our groundsman; our collectors and stewards at the Christmas Masses
our Director of Music Mary Hetherington with Miriam Mulrooney and the Parish Choir, Ciara Vaughan, and all our dedicated Cantors and Soloists; Deirdre, Eamon & Larry for preparing the Children's Choir for the 5pm Christmas Family Mass, Caroline and each and every member of our Folk Group;
our church cleaning teams the 'Glantori' for maintaining the church all year as a beautiful place for worship;
our Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion and those who organise their rotas;
those who organise and support the Wednesday apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration;
our altar servers Christopher, Daniel, Andrew and Timothy;
the team who count the weekly collections; those who distributed the Dues Envelopes these past weeks;
the members of our parish Conference of the Society St Vincent de Paul for their outreach to those in need over Christmas and all year; our Legion of Mary Praesidium who represent the parish on the doorstep of many homes; Willy Donoghue and Paul Costelloe for taking such great care of the cemetery; the Finance Committee who ensure the stability of our resources for the mission and needs of the parish and our Pastoral Assembly for their collaboration, ideas, initiatives and plans for the year to come.
Finally, a personal and sincere word of thanks to everyone for their kindness, patience, encouragement and cooperation in many ways during the past year, to Fr Gerry for his collaboration and fellowship, and, from both of us, many thanks for the goodwill, generosity, greetings and gifts this Christmas.
Happy Christmas to one and all as we continue to celebrate the octave of this holy season.
Fr Michael Cahill

The **SVP Ratoath** would like to thank all those who contributed to the recent annual collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and all donations will go directly to families in need in the Ratoath area.

First Friday of January. Mass at 9.45am will be offered for those on the Altar List of the Dead

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Family Room is suspended on **New Year's Eve**

Dues Envelopes – A HUGE thank you to the faithful volunteers who yet again this year are distributing the envelopes in their areas. **Some boxes still to be collected at the Pastoral Centre!**

St Paul Sunday Missal 2026, Year A - complimentary copy is available to all our Readers at the sacristy.

Living with a long-term health condition? Living Well is a FREE, 6-week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others. Places on the programme at Kells Family Resource Centre starting Thurs 22nd January 1:30pm – 4pm.
To book call: Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 / Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

Offertory Collection for 21st December - € 1,585.00

Totals for period ending 21st December: **White Envelopes** - €2,641.65; **Blue Envelopes** - € 1,583.25

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES
A VERY HAPPY 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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