

# PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH – <i>LAETARE</i> OR REJOICE SUNDAY (4 <sup>TH</sup> SUN OF LENT)	
Saturday 7.00pm	Melissa Hogan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary; Mary Eiffe; Annie & James O'Brien; John Mulhern	Saturday 7.00pm	Dickie Sweeney; Bobby Bradley, Anniversary; Paul & Margareth Sherwin, Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Bernie Garina Montgomery, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Dick & Christina Donnelly; Paddy Moore, 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Michael Gilchrist, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Gerard McCann, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary	11.00am	Seamus Ennis, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Irene Dunne, Kit, Brigid & Noel Ennis; Kay & Brendan Menton; Vincent McAuly, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Weekday Mass Intentions:** Wednesday - Dee Cusack Fairbrother, Birthday Remembrance.

**Bulletin** – apologies that the wrong version of the bulletin was uploaded to the website last week...by the PP!

**Lenten Trocaire Campaign 2026** - it's not just a box, it's a lifeline!

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign is on the diocesan website at: <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026>

Make it personal this Lent: put a name and face on those who will benefit from our Lenten almsgiving.

YOU can help Uwamahoro and other vulnerable families rebuild their futures in Rwanda and other countries.

**Trocaire boxes** available at the back of the church for every home in the parish

**This weekend Deirdre Davis from Trocaire will speak at all Masses about this year's Trocaire Campaign and the people and issues involved.**

**Lenten Stations of the Cross** on Monday at 7pm led by our parish Legion of Mary Praesidium.

## LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING – GOOD WORKS

Suggestions and ideas for Lenten prayer, penance and acts of self-denial and service of others will be in the bulletin each week to help us live the Lenten spirit in tune with modern needs and the pace of life today!

**Prayer** – take a copy of the **Lent Positive** leaflet or the **bulletin** or any of the Lenten literature available at the back of the church this weekend and use it in prayer this week

**Fasting** – remembering the woman at the well in this Sunday's Gospel, don't waste the precious gift of water.

**Good Works** – take the Trocaire box and put it next to the fridge, TV or computer as a reminder!

**Pioneer Abstinence Association** – take the Short-Term Pioneer Pledge for Lent. Tel May Tuite 0871334872

**First Confession** for Rathbeggan and St Paul's NS on Tuesday morning after Mass.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meeting on Wednesday to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

**St Patrick's Day** Masses at 9am & 11am (No Vigil). Parking issues may arise at the 11am Mass due to the parade! RTÉ Mass live, at 11am, from Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, with Archbishop Martin.

**Ministers of Holy Communion** – three new ministers have been trained and will be commissioned this month to serve at the 9am and 11am Mass.

**Grow in Love Mass on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March** - the last of 4 Masses of preparation for First Holy Communion.

**Young Adult Lenten Retreat** (18-40 yrs) 20-22 March (Fri eve – Sun afternoon) Dalgan Park, Navan. Prayer, talks, friendship in faith, Mass, opportunity for guidance, confession. A great opportunity to discern a path in life! Cost: donation. Full board, own room. Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

**Light the Fire** – the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite us to Slane on St. Patrick's Day. Vespers at 5:15pm on the Hill of Slane, Mass 6:30pm in St. Patrick's church with Bishop Paul Connell of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Event details: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony) or 041 983 0441.

**Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends**, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, Drogheda, A92 KR84, from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April. For single women aged 18- 35 years. Contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at: [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) Tel: 041 9838524

**Ratoath College** *Legally Blonde -The Musical* this Wed, Thurs & Fri. Adult tickets €15, children/students €10. Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm. Tickets available in Antonia Gavin Hair Studio, Community Centre, Blondelle's, Lilly's Pharmacy and through Way2Pay on the school website.

**Ratoath Irish Country Women's Association** seeks energetic new members! ICA is a national organisation supporting women in urban and rural areas. Ladies over 18 are eligible to join. Activities include outings home/abroad, exercise classes, crafts, quizzes, fashion shows, demonstrations etc. Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the month in the Venue 7.30pm. First two meeting are free. Contact Ann 0879673311 if interested or have any questions.

**6-week Basic Computer Skills** starts Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April 7-9pm, Claremont Stadium, Navan. Limited number of laptops available to learners or bring your own. Registration fee €15. Register at 046 902 969.

**Offertory Collection** for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - €1,475.00

### **Our Parish Mission Statement**

*The mission of Holy Trinity parish is to bring the joy of Christ to where we live,  
building a community who journey together in faith, hope and love.*

### **Bulletin for March is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner**

Suitable sponsorship of the weekly bulletin from local businesses or individuals is welcomed at a rate of €100 per month. Sponsors can be acknowledged in the bulletin for that month or remain anonymous if they so wish.

### **Trocaire Lenten Talks Series from St Patrick's College, Maynooth**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March** 1pm lunchtime webinar: "Strength and Honour are her Clothing" (Prov 31:25).

Trócaire staff from Rwanda will share on their work, this year's campaign, poverty & climate justice.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March**, 1pm: "Walking Gently on the Earth - Living Faith in the footsteps of St. Francis".

Br Richard Hendrick joins Róisín Alexander-Pye to share an experience of living faith and how we might tread lightly on this earth while listening to God in prayer, scripture and the book of nature.

For more information and to register for any of the above, email [jane.mellett@trocaire.org](mailto:jane.mellett@trocaire.org)