

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 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:

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| 26 TH APRIL - 4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS SUNDAY | | 3 RD MAY - 5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | |
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| Saturday 7.00pm | Vera Hegarty, Month's Mind; Anthony King; Ann & Tom Reilly, John & Brigid Reilly and Angelo & Ellen Whyte | Saturday 7.00pm | Ita Kennedy, 6 th Anniversary, and Patrick and Maisie Kennedy |
| Sunday 9.00am | Bernard McMahon, 4 th Anniversary | Sunday 9.00am | Pro Populo- for the people of the Parish |
| 11.00am | Raymond Brennan, 1 st Anniversary; Sarah & Dan Eiffe, 41 st Anniversary; Michael Rooney, 5 th Anniversary; Molly & Ernie Devine and Bernie Kelly; Gerard Ralph | 11.00am | David and Eileen Conmey; Michael, Brigid, Seamus and Breege McIntyre Noel and Phil Shanley Anniversary) |

Rest in peace: We commend to God the soul of **Maura Creed**, Dungarvan, mother of David Creed.

Weekday Mass Intentions: **Tuesday** - Detta Hannigan; **Wednesday** - Brigid Boshell

First Friday: Mass will be offered for those on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual.

Parish Hospitality this Sunday with refreshments in the Pastoral Centre after 11am Mass.

Trocaire: last call for any boxes not yet returned! So far, the collection amounts to €4,201.00. Every single cent and coin is equally important as it represents the fruit of someone's Lenten penance and their desire to help those in greater need in Rwanda and elsewhere through the work of Trocaire.

Vocations Sunday: If you feel called to be a priest, contact the diocesan vocations director:
Fr Tony Gonoude tel: 044 9373923 Website: www.meathvocations.com vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie
Facebook Page: DioceseOfMeathVocations Instagram: dioceseofmeathvocations

Today is **Vocations Sunday**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. While it is a day to consider and celebrate the variety of Christian vocations each one of us is called to: Marriage, Religious Life and Priesthood, it has evolved to become the annual occasion to pray for and promote vocations to priesthood in the Church and to support those already in formation for future ministry in our parishes in what will be a very different Church. In lieu of a second collection we will give a contribution from our **Offertory collection** as our parish support for vocations in our diocese.

We are also grateful for the ministry of priests from Romania, Nigeria and elsewhere who work alongside our native clergy to support parish sacramental and pastoral life across the diocese.

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 24th May at 3pm

A good time to attend to your family plot, or a grave with no one to look after it, to kindly clean up the surrounding area if needed and to place all rubbish, plastic, glass, waste etc in the skips provided.

CHY4 Forms – many thanks to those who are so kindly returning their forms to be processed by the parish office in order to benefit from the tax rebate for which we are eligible under the Charities Act.

First Holy Communion dates: May 9th Ratoath Junior NS; May 16th Rathbeggan; May 23rd St Paul's.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Sunday 9th August.

Ratoath Community Centre is pleased to announce **Multicultural Sunday**, a free community event on Sunday, 31st May, 12pm-2pm, in the large hall at St. Oliver's Community Centre to bring together residents from diverse cultural backgrounds through a relaxed, creative painting session designed for all ages and skill levels. Participants receive a full set of art materials, including canvas, easel, brushes and paints. A local artist will attend and engage with participants throughout the afternoon. Free refreshments - coffee, tea, cakes, snacks, creating a warm, family atmosphere. *Multicultural Sunday* is about connection, creativity, and celebrating the richness of our community. Free Admission, everyone is welcome, and no artistic experience is needed.

Meath Diocesan pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi with Bishop Deenihan to celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year. 26th September- 5 nights. Visits to the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Venice, the Holy House in Loreto, the resting place of St. Carlo Acutis, and the famous San Damiano Cross and Basilica of St Francis. Cost €1,335.00 includes flights, transfers, tours, and half-board accommodation. Booking at JWT Travel Tel:01 2410800 Email:info@joewalshstours.ie Detailed itinerary available on www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - volunteer as a Helper to support those looking after assisted pilgrims: accompany pilgrims to the Grotto, Mass, the Baths, support them in hotels and the airport, offer companionship and practical help? Volunteers receive training, are Garda vetted and in Lourdes work under a team leader. If ready to offer your services from 9th - 12th/13thSept, contact Mark Whearty, Regional Secretary, 086 8761849

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service seeks volunteers to train as facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Working as part of a team, facilitators provide four pre marriage programmes annually at Accord Centres. Successful applicants receive free professional training in 7 workshops at venues around the country. Applications by Fri 29th May. Contact Aisling 015053112 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Encounter Weekend, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Fri 5th/Sat 6th June. Experience the presence of God through the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal>. For info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Human Life International Ireland will hold a Mission Event - "Be strong in the Lord". 32 County Mission Event with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face. Thurs 7th May, Newgrange Hotel, Navan, 7pm.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 19th April: €1,385.00

Totals for period ending 19th April: White Envelopes €1,956.10; Blue Envelopes €837.00

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.*



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