

# 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

**Direct bank transfer** – Your donation can be transferred to:

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



4 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS		11 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Damian Murray; Christina & Christy Rooney; Ellen Lynam	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Joe Sherwin, Mary McCafferty and Marian, Mary and dec'd family members; Martin & Deirdre Cusack and Souls in Purgatory; Noel, Therese & Baby Noel Scally; Packie, Catherine, Francis O'Brien & Mary Higgins; Nina Madden
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Bob & Joan Slattery & Thady Murray	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Patrick, Catherine & Amy White & Annie Clarke
<b>11.00am</b>	Leo & Rose McGirl; John, Brian, Michael & Mary-Claire Brazil; Ciaran Kilcline, Birthday Remembrance; Michael Scannell; George Courteney; Marcella Johnson McLoughlin	<b>11.00am</b>	Eileen Flinter; Heather Dosunma

**Rest in Peace:** We commend to God the soul of **Sean Sweeney**, Cabin Hill, laid to rest on Wednesday;  
**Adrian Ludlow**, Bellewstown, brother of Fr Brendan, former curate in Ratoath;  
and **Owen Gunn**, father of John, resident at Ratoath Manor Nursing Home, funeral on Monday in Monaghan.

Once again, as he concludes his Christmas holiday in his home parish, we welcome **Canon Pat Browne** as celebrant of the 11am mass this Sunday and wish him well in the coming year in his ministry in Westminster.

**Mass intentions: Friday** - Margaret & Jack McDonnell

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Feast of the Epiphany.** Holyday of Obligation – Little Christmas – Nollaig na mBan  
**Mass at 11am and 7pm**

**Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February with Bishop Deenihan. The final Mass of preparation with the candidates from our schools takes place next weekend at the Vigil and 11am Masses.

The **Ratoath Praesidium** of the Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. New members are always needed and very welcome. For more information call Joan Ashbrook at 087 7987682. The object of the **Legion of Mary** is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary's and the Church's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

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 go directly to families in need in the Ratoath area.

### **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.

**Parking:** despite the size of the church grounds, we have limited parking spaces and little scope to increase it. Nonetheless, an appeal is kindly made to drivers not to park on the lawns or grass verges as damage was done over Christmas by cars parking on the grass.

**Medjugorje 2026** – May 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> & Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. €875 per person sharing, €50 discount for deposits of €200 paid before 30<sup>th</sup> January travelling with Marian Pilgrimages.

Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

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

**St Paul Sunday Missal 2026, Year A** - complimentary copies STILL 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1:30pm – 4pm.

To book call: Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 / Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

**Offertory Collection** for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December and Christmas Eve/Day - €7,660.00

**White Envelopes** €1,125.25; **Blue Envelopes** €10,050.44

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**Bulletin** – relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES  
A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND HOLY NEW YEAR 2026AD**