

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2024 AD

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Vigil – 7.00pm;

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm (*July & August – no 12.15pm Mass*)

Holy Days – 11.00am

Weekdays – Monday to Friday at 9.45am

Confessions: Before Vigil Mass

Baptisms: on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4.30pm

Parish Priest: Rev Michael Cahill ~ **Assistant Priest:** Rev Gerry Stuart

Parochial House Eircode: A85 CK73

Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

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29 th DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY		5 th JANUARY - SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	
Saturday 7.00pm	Tom, Mary & Edward Gannon and deceased family members	Saturday 7.00pm	Christine and Christy Rooney; Stella Mc Loughlin (nee Johnson), 2 nd Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Mary Corcoran and Rita Cusack	Sunday 9.00am	Joan & Bob Slattery & grandson Thady Murray; Ciaran Kilcline, Birthday Remembrance
11.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	11.00am	John, Brain, Michael, & Marie Claire Brazil; Eileen Flinter; Leo Mc Girl, 2 nd Anniversary, and his wife Rose; Patrick, Catherine & Amy White & Annie Clarke
12.15pm	Anne Malone, 13 th Anniversary	12.15pm	Ben Glynn and his mother Maureen Glynn; Michael Scannell

Mass times for Christmas Week and New Year's Day

Monday and Tuesday - 9.45am

Wednesday New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 11am

Thursday and Friday - 9.45am

Wednesday 1st January: no Exposition and Adoration due to New Years Day

Weekday Mass intentions: First Friday- List of the Dead, with remembrance of **Ellen Lynam**

We commend to God the soul of **Patrick Walls**, Warrenstown, laid to rest in Ratoath on Tuesday

The Announcement of the Date of Easter at Epiphany

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.

The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the 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 Solemnity of the Epiphany, the proclamation takes place at mass 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 2025

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 fifth day of March will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the holy season of Lent. On the twentieth day of April we will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the first day of June will be the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day of June, the feast of **Pentecost**.

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

On the thirtieth 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.

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

Christmas thanks: in addition to those mentioned in last week's bulletin, particular thanks to our very effective and courteous **ushers** at the busy masses on Christmas Eve who ensured a smooth and orderly movement of people for Communion.

Also, to our **collectors** who had to negotiate huge crowds and full pews at the Offertory collection to make sure no one was left out!

Renewed thanks to the Children's Choir, Folk Group, Parish Choir, Cantors, Soloists and Organists.

Webcam: apologies to those disappointed at the 11am & 12.15pm Christmas Day masses which did not broadcast as the wifi link between the church and Parochial House was interrupted just before the 11am Mass and not noticed and fixed until after the 12.15pm Mass.

We will try to get a more reliable system and service in future.

First Friday of the New Year: Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. No scheduled Communion calls as the housebound were visited the week before Christmas.

Parish Pastoral Assembly: a summary of the recent parish '**listening event**' and the feedback received will be given in the bulletin as soon as space permits.

Publication of weekly collection: to keep parishioners informed, as of New Year the amount contributed to the weekly Offertory /basket collection will be given in the bulletin, as is already done for the Envelope collection and Standing Orders twice a month.

Monthly sponsorship of the bulletin is available to suitable local businesses and other interested parties. The cost is €100 per month which will cover the annual cost of the new A3 format pre-printed colour bulletin. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in agreed, appropriate wording each week for the month sponsored.

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd – 27th September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Are you, or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? You may be interested in the '**Living Well Programme**' a **FREE**, 6 week self-management programme for adults with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke etc. Spaces available on Dunboyne, Navan & Online Programmes for Jan '25 Contact **Aine** 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 **Elaine** 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

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!

**WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES
EVERY BLESSING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLY NEW YEAR 2025**