

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

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 and Elizabeth Ward. Details on noticeboard in porch

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24 TH AUGUST – 21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		31 ST AUGUST - 22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Mary Martin, Month's Mind; Niamh Rooney-Clince, 1 st Anniversary; Johnny & Patricia Finnegan; Fergal Ronan, 14 th Anniversary	Saturday 7.00pm	Roseanne Sinnott, Month's Mind; Jo Jo Lynch, 1 st Anniversary Johnny & Kathleen Staunton; Johnny Tyrrell, 2 nd 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	Peggy & Michael Flood & Pauline Flood; Fergus & Claire Finnegan; Mary Carey, 19 th Anniversary	11.00am	Angelo & David Mulvaney; Eileen Shevlin; 3 rd Anniversary; Paddy & Linda O'Connor and Maria O'Connor-Howard; Harry, Gladys, George & John Campbell; Ciaran Briody; 2 nd Anniversary Colette Gillespie

Baptisms: we welcome to the life of faith those baptized last Saturday: Lacie Christina Fitzsimons Smith, Johan Cruz, Finn James McLoughlin, Frankie Connole O'Regan, Eabha Patricia Mulvany, Romi Wynter Farrell Doherty.

Leaving Cert Results: we wish a bright future to those who got their results on Friday and wish them well as they continue in third level education or in the career opportunities and choices that lie ahead of them.

Back to school – as a new school year begins, we extend best wishes to our Principals, Teachers, SNAs, Ancillary Staff, Boards of Management and to the pupils starting or returning to school. We welcome and congratulate our two new Principals **Maggie Mc Givern** in Ratoath Senior NS and **Meabh Madden** whom we warmly welcome to Ratoath Junior NS, and also any new teachers recruited during the summer. We think too of our former, much respected Principals **Lorraine Butler** and **Miriam Fox** and assure them of our good wishes on their retirement as, for the first time, they don't go *back to school*!

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

First Confession dates and times will be arranged with each school in September.

Confirmation on Friday 6th February.

After much discussion, the Pastoral Council has prioritised working with the parents and families of the children preparing for sacraments in our parish Primary Schools based on the material in the *Grow in Love* religious education syllabus. The parents/guardians will be invited to an introductory registration meeting in the church in September, addressed by a member of the PC, and then each school will form a parents group to prepare the children for the **Family Masses** they will attend in preparation for First Confession and First Communion.

***12.15pm Sunday Mass** was introduced in the late 1990s to meet a need as the parish increased in population. The situation has changed and every parish is now asked to review and revise its mass schedule to meet current needs and to coordinate a new mass schedule with the other parishes of each **Pastoral Area** so that masses are at a variety of times to enable priests to cover mass in neighboring parishes in the absence of a priest due to illness, holidays, bereavement etc. Taking this into account, **12.15pm mass will not resume in September**. Those who have booked an anniversary mass are asked to contact the office to reschedule. There will be an adjustment in regard to Readers, Cantors, Organists, Collectors, Ministers of Holy Communion and the respective organisers will be contacted to redeploy those involved in these valued roles.

Livestream update – many helpful suggestions were received after mass last weekend and Fr Michael has met with our parish IT personnel to see how we can improve our broadband access and livestream service.

Our Parish Grounds - the meeting organized by the Parish Pastoral Council last Wednesday in the church grounds drew about 10 participants including Tidy Towns reps. Robust views were exchanged as to whether we just maintain the grounds as they are or create wildflower spaces, introduce seating, plant more trees, create beds where the children can plant and nurture seeds etc. If anything is to be done, we need to proceed from an idea to an actual plan and so the issue will be further explored by the PC at their next meeting in September.

Next meeting of the Pastoral Council is Wednesday 10th September.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, programme 2025/26: Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? **RCIA** is a faith-formation process which prepares adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. This year's programme commences in the autumn. For further details, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia.

Young Adult (18-40 yrs) Retreat: 29th - 31st Aug at *Our Lady of Silence Abbey*, Roscrea, to help discern a path in life. Prayer with the monks, talks, Mass, opportunity for personal guidance, confession. Cost: donation only. (Full board/own room) Contact: Sr Úna 090 648166 or Michael 086 2453123 or: youthretreats@gmail.com

Tara to Slane pilgrim walk, Sat 30th August. 25th anniversary of the first pilgrimage for the Jubilee 2000. Walk towards Christ the light on our pilgrim journey. 15 miles/ 24k on country roads via Skryne, Walterstown & Beauparc crossing the Boyne at Slane. Register at Navan Parish Office 046-9027518 or office@navanparish.ie

Trip to Medjugorje this October: Flying out on 2nd Oct for 7 nights, flying Aer Lingus to Dubrovnik, staying in the P.I.M.K House. Places available. Cost €855. Contact; Joan Ashbrook; 0877987682

Lough Derg One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer & Reflection - places available: **Sept** 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st. Contact info@loughderg.org / tel. 0(0353) 719861518 www.loughderg.org

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes “*With Mary Pilgrims of Hope*”, with Bishop Deenihan, from 9th September. Pilgrims have the option of 4 or 5-night stay. All will be accommodated in hotels. Fares start at €829 for full board. Booking through JWT at 01-2410800 or www.joewalshstours.ie.

Meath Alzheimer Café - Wed, 3rd Sept, 7-9pm, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin for anyone affected by dementia. Guest speaker, Danielle Timmons, Meath Dementia Advisor, will speak about dementia and answer questions. Light refreshments. Info or RSVP - Marie Brennan 087 346 5198 marie.brennan@alzheimer.ie

***Alzheimer Social Club**, Friday 29th August in Ratoath Community Centre. All welcome. 11am to 1pm.

Act Out Youth Theatre now accepting New Registrations for Weekly Workshops for 2025/26: Dunshaughlin - Monday evenings from 6pm-7.30pm – starting 15th September @ St Seachnall's NS Previous performance experience useful but not essential. Places limited. Registration open to new members in the Meath area of secondary school age. Email actoutmeath@gmail.com to express interest.

Weekly collection: Offertory for 17th August - € 1,820.00

Bulletin for August is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner