

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

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17 TH MAY – ASCENSION OF THE LORD		24 TH MAY – PENTECOST	
Saturday 7.00pm	Joe McGrath, 5 th Anniversary; Mary and Patrick Wall; Yvonne Saul Fagan, 17 th Anniversary; John & Bridget Eiffe	Saturday 7.00pm	Padraic O'Malley; Anniversary Chernoble 40 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Donal Bateson, recently deceased in Glasgow	Sunday 9.00am	Desmond, Julia & James Toole; Ita & Oliver Doran
11.00am	Vincent Mulrooney, 3 rd Anniversary; Michael McMahon; Nicky & Betty Sherry; Nancy Ryan	11.00am	Veronica & Ben Cullen; James, Agnes & Kate Rooney; Rose Hickey & decd mbrs of Hickey Family

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Ollie Callaghan**, Curragha Rd, laid to rest on Wednesday.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Friday – Ray Hannigan, 10th Anniversary

May is the Month of Mary – We have a statue of our Blessed Lady at the altar for the month of May at which the children present candles to Mary at the First Communion Masses and of course there is ongoing devotion to Our Lady at the shrine of the Madonna and Child at the back of the church.

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 24th May.

Begins in the cemetery at 3pm

In case of very wet weather prayers will begin in the church!

Please remember it is not Mass but a Prayer Service and Blessing so those attending should have already attended Mass earlier in the day.

Volunteers needed from our Readers etc to lead the prayers and rosary.

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 soil, rubbish, plastic, glass, waste etc in the skips provided.

A meeting of the six parishes of our **Pastoral Area** will take place in Ratoath on Wednesday the topic of which is *A coordinated approach to Sacramental Preparation in our Parishes* ie Baptism, First Confession & Communion and Confirmation in the parishes of our Pastoral Area.

First Holy Communion - Congratulations to the boys and girls from Rathbeggan School who celebrated and received their First Holy Communion with great joy on Saturday morning.

Saturday 23rd May is the turn of St Paul's, the third and last of our First Communions this year.

Spring Safeguarding Newsletter from our Safeguarding Office available at the back of the church and on the diocesan website.

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.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Sunday 9th August.

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

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

Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention includes a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. Prayers also posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Bishops' Conference.

Lough Derg Day of Friendship and Prayer on Wednesday 20th May, an annual event to promote Christian unity. Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop John McDowell, close friends and partners in ministry, join Fr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, for a day of spirituality, friendship and reflection. This day of friendship takes place from 10am until 3pm on Station Island, an oasis of calm & peace with over 1,500 years of history. Admission fee of €25 includes boat fare, refreshments and lunch. Advance booking is essential. www.loughderg.org info@loughderg.org tel. 353 071 9861518.

The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, led by Bishop Deenihan, departs on 8th September. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4 or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries, contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstour

Encounter Weekend, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Fri 5th/Sat 6th June. Experience the presence of God through the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, talks, healing service and fellowship. Be empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the saints how to live the life God intended. Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Missionaries of the Precious Blood. email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Ratoath Pitch and Putt is open for new membership - juvenile and adult members welcome. Contact Veronica 087 769 3540. *Fun Night* every Wednesday at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 10th May: €1,300.00

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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