

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. **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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14 TH DECEMBER – GAUDETE OR ‘REJOICING’ SUNDAY		21 ST DECEMBER – 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	Maura Mc Loughlin; John and Margaret Donnelly & Ella Smith; Brian White	Saturday 7.00pm	Paddy, Teeney, Raymond, Declan & extended Brennan Family; Pat & Sheila Naughton; James Brennan, 2 nd Anniversary;
Sunday 9.00am	Maura Kelly	Sunday 9.00am	Mary Smith
11.00am	Angela Murphy, 1 st Anniversary; Ben & Vonie Cullen; Tom McGoldrick; Brigid & Joseph Gallagher; Frank Goodman	11.00am	William Bourke, 2 nd Anniversary; Daniel Nulty, 3 rd Anniversary; Aubrey McAuley & Baby Patrick and dec’d mbrs of McAuley & Carty Families; Peter and Mary Moore; Marty Kerrigan, 54 th Anniversary; Pat, Eddie & Ian Smith; George McAuley

RIP: Michael Mc Kinney, Leigh Valley, laid to rest on Tuesday; **Michael Kelly**, Meadowbank Hill, laid to rest on Wednesday; **Joseph Reilly**, Fairhouse Road, whose funeral was on Wednesday;

Ronan Gormley, husband to Caroline, teacher in RJNS, cousin to the Nally & Donnelly Families; and **Liam Collins**, Tullamore, brother of Margaret Kelly, Fairhouse Lodge.

Mass Intentions: Mon; Tess, Jim, John & Jimmy Landy, & Caolan Smyth; **Tue;** Bob Getty & Caolan Smyth;

Wed - Maureen & Patsy McCormack, 3rd Anniv; special intention & Caolan Smyth; **Fri** - Peter Malone, Birthday.

Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete or ‘Rejoicing’ Sunday. The colour is **ROSE** the word is **JOY**.

The purple of Advent penance in the vestments and the candles on the Advent wreath is replaced by the lighter rose colour (not pink!) to signify the approach of Christmas and the joy it will bring.

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve: 5pm - Children’s Choir; 7pm - Folk Group; 9pm - Parish Choir

Christmas Day: 9am, 11am. Organist and Cantors at all Masses

No 9.45am Mass on Christmas Eve

Please share these Mass times with others and invite them to join us to experience our parish at its festive best! If needed, can you offer a lift to Mass to a friend or neighbour? Thanks to all who are preparing our Christmas liturgies: Organists, Cantors, Folk Group, Children’s Choir, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Collectors, Altar Society, ‘Glantoiri’ and Tidy Towns for the wreaths on the railings and the festive display in the village.

All Christmas Masses will be livestreamed on parish webcam.

Confession for Christmas on Saturday 20th December from 6pm before the Vigil Mass.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses nationwide this weekend. Your continued support is greatly appreciated at this time of year.

Christmas ‘helpers!’ Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion needed for all Masses and stewards for car parking and seating in church. Thanks to all who have volunteered. Please contact the parish office if available as a schedule is being drawn up so all know in advance what Mass they are assisting at.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards, signed by the priests of the parish, available at the parish office and sacristy.

Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Family Room is suspended on Christmas Eve.

Parish Finance Committee meeting on Monday, previously deferred from 2nd December. Report to follow.

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

Confirmation Preparation stage 2 this Sunday at Vigil and I I am Mass.

Christmas Invitation from Fr Steve Ciubottaru to the Romanian Catholic community: Invitație de Crăciun – Trăiește Magia Nașterii Domnului: Vă așteptăm cu drag la Liturgia solemnă de Crăciun în limba română, pe 25 decembrie, ora 13:00, la Biserica din Curragha (A84C803). Este mai mult decât o tradiție: este o reîntoarcere ACASĂ, în inima comunității, sub lumina sfântă a Nașterii lui Christos. Să ne rugăm, să cântăm și să celebrăm împreună adevăratul spirit al Crăciunului. Crăciunul începe cu o inimă deschisă. Contact: Pr. Ștefan C. (0873379031)”

Carol Service & Concert in Dunshaughlin Parish Church this Sunday at 7pm. With the Parish Choir, Meath Diocesan Choir and ‘Shooting Stars’. It was noted as C of I church in last week’s bulletin, but this is incorrect!

Parish Folk Group Christmas Concert this Wednesday 17th December, 8pm in the church. Proceeds to Ratoath Alzheimer’s Club. Tickets on sale at the door on the night.

St Paul Sunday Missal 2026, Year A - complimentary copy now available to all our Readers at the sacristy.

For the Attention of Parents of Children in or starting in our Primary Schools: The Dept of Education is conducting a survey that will determine future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple terms you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Have your say before 16th Dec. See - gov.ie/primaryschools survey

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 22nd January 1:30pm – 4pm. To book call: Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 / Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

Offertory Collection for 7th December - €1,870.00

Totals for period ending 7th December: **White envelopes** - €1,533.45; **Blue Envelopes** - €483.00

Standing Orders - €3,183.06



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