

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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18 TH JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		25 TH JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Willie & Peg Carey and Evelyn Cullen; Carmel O'Connell	Saturday 7.00pm	Peg & Ignatius O'Kane; Michael 'Skipper' Lynch & dec'd mbrs of Lynch and Cundall Families; Anthony Lawlor and dec'd family mbrs; Esme & Barney Browne; Olive Manning
Sunday 9.00am	Teresa Feehan	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Mick Kelly, Month's Mind; Angela McMahon, 1 st Anniversary; John Moore, 1 st Anniversary; Rosella Kavanagh, 2 nd Anniversary; Dermot Gallagher; Tommy & Bridie Dolan; Noel Walshe, 25 th Anniversary; Declan Hoare; Pat & Mary Reilly	11.00am	Carlo Dehaene, Month's Mind and Luc & Juliet Dehaene; Marie Quirke-Fairbairn, 1 st Anniversary; Lil, Emma & Ultan Nulty & Christina and Christopher Nulty & Lily Cullen; Stephan Moran; Michael & Mary Flinter, son John, and son in law Joe Merriman; Tom, Mary, Edward and Mary Gannon & dec'd members of Gannon Family, Christy Crowley, 8 th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Francis Mc Gee**, Foxbrook, laid to rest on Saturday;
and **Philomena Taylor**, mother of Jane Gillen, Pulwee Street.

Mass intentions this week: Monday; Sean Fitzpatrick and sister Fran;

Tuesday; Dymphna & William Mills, Agnes Donohoe, 35th Anniv; **Thursday;** Dorothea Mates, birthday remembrance.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in our parish schools this week with various activities. The theme is *Normal Lives, Called to Holiness*. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling and that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but also to holiness. Bishop Deenihan said in a recent interview that 'Catholic schools serve society and the common good'. He will celebrate a Mass broadcast live from Mullingar Cathedral next Sunday at 11am.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is observed from 18th - 25th January. An annual occasion for prayer, reflection and dialogue on the journey towards that unity for which Christ Himself prayed (John 17:21-23), with the theme: 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope' (Ephesians 4:4). Despite historical divisions and many setbacks all Christians are called to seek opportunities to give more credible and effective witness to their belief that Jesus is the Saviour of the whole human race.

Cemetery Sunday – the Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 24th May

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 6th February with Bishop Deenihan as follows:
10am - St Paul's NS; 12pm - Ratoath SNS (4 classes); 2pm - Rathbeggan NS and Ratoath SNS (2 classes).

First Communion preparation continues with our *Grow in Love* programme at the Vigil & I am Mass on 7th/8th February for all those in second class preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion this year.

Gluten free consecrated hosts are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion. If visiting the parish, they could come to the sacristy before mass to see the priest or, if regular parishioners, an arrangement can be made to leave the hosts on the altar, set apart from the regular consecrated altar breads.

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.

Young Adult Retreat (18-40 yrs) at La Verna, Franciscan Sisters, Ballinderry, Mullingar,
Saturday 24th January 9.45 am – 5 pm. Testimonies from people in various Christian callings, Mass, Talk on discernment, Adoration, Confession, Personal discernment if desired, walk and chat.
Cost: Donation (lunch & tea breaks included). Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or youthretreats@gmail.com
'God has given me a work to do in this life that he has not given to another'. St. John Henry Newman

Medjugorje – May 13th-20th & Oct 7th-14th. €875 PPS, €50 discount for deposits of €200 paid before 30th January.
travelling with Marian Pilgrimages. Group leaders Joan Ashbrook 087 7987682 and Tony Kelly 085 7535421.

Marriage Preparation Programme 2026 in Accord Centre, Navan.

Places available on Friday 15th - Saturday 16th May and Friday 5th - Saturday 6th June.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend with Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20th-22nd March.
A weekend like no other! Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Blaise and to Medjugorje, 22nd - 29th Sept staying in the coastal town of Mlini. Cost €1,350 incl of return flights, 7 nights half board, transfers, trips and full religious programme. Book with Navan Travel on 046 9068600 and enquiries to Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314.

Holy Week Camino. Experience the Camino de Santiago in the Spirit of St. James.

Sarria to Santiago - the last 100km! Dep Dublin 27th March – 3rd April. Return flights, coach transfers, hotel accommodation, Marian Pilgrimages rep throughout, 5 Walk days with daily Mass and spiritual programme.
Further details, contact Marian Pilgrimages 01 8788159 or www.marian.ie

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 15th April for 7 nights Bed Breakfast and Evening Meal €745. Dublin to Mostar flying back from Split Airport. Spiritual Director, Fr Oliver Devine. Phone Amy on 0876552453 for details.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 11th January €2,080.00

Totals for period ending 11th January: **White Envelopes** €1,649.69; **Blue Envelopes** €615.00

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!

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