PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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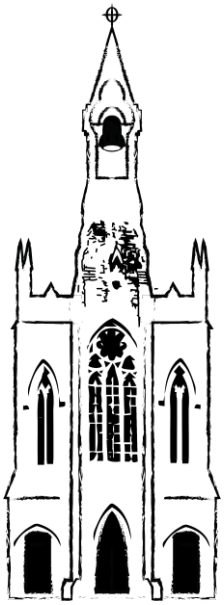

Vigil Mass– 7.00pm
Sunday Mass – 9.00am and 11.00am
Holy Days – 11.00am and as indicated in bulletin of the previous week
Daily Mass – Monday to Friday 9.45am
Confessions: Before Vigil Mass
Baptisms: on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 4.30pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Wednesday 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, Ardcath/Clonalvy & Skryne.
Parish Safeguarding Reps – Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. www.safeguardingmeath.ie
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29TH NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		6TH DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	John Mulvany, 14th Anniversary; Tommy & Rosemary Wallace; Kenneth Cullen; Monika & Simon Szylko 20th Wedding Anniversary and blessing for Timothy, Agatha, Karolinka & family	Saturday 7.00pm	Alan Rafferty; Serghei Buga; Anna & Frank O'Reilly; Patsy & Christy Smith; Frank & Irene Regan; Miechyslav Szylko
Sunday 9.00am	Kevin and Katie Darby	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Stephen Murray, Month's Mind; Mick and his mother Clare Kelly, 1st Anniversary; John Higgins, 16th Anniversary; Ciaran Kilcline & Sean Glynn; Pauline & Oliver John McEnroe & dcsd family mbrs; Nicholas O'Connor; Karen & Joan Monahan, 6th Anniversary, also Rita Monahan, Frank Monahan and Jackie O'Sullivan; Brian Kelly, 3rd Anniversary	11.00am	Cathy Drake, Month's Mind; Fr Frank McNamara, 2nd Anniversary; Eamonn Coyne; Michael & Christina Gleeson; Myles O'Dwyer, 4th Anniversary; John O'Leary, 2nd Anniversary; Steve Lynch & his aunt Cecilia Fox & dfm; Alison O'Neil; Sean Eiffe, 25th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Angela O'Connor**, Seagrave Park, whose funeral was on Thursday; and **John (Sean) Vaughan**, Dunshaughlin, father of Ciara Vaughan on our Sunday sacred music team.

Mass Intentions: Mon - Matilda Burns, Tim Burns & dec'd family; **Tues -** Rita Graham, Birthday Remembrance; **Wed-**Cusack & Hynes families & dec'd fam & Sr Norbeta Kennedy; **Thurs**-Souls in Purgatory & Special Int.
First Friday - Mass for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual.

Advent Prayer Evenings with the Pastoral Council - Thursdays of Advent at 7.30pm in the Family Room. Explore the Gospel of the following Sunday, then time for prayer and reflection. For Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Choirs, Altar Society, Cleaning teams, all parishioners and all who are interested!

Advent Pastoral Resources be found on the diocesan website

Advent Calendar https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pastoral-resources-1 is a wonderful tool for children for use in the classroom and at home. For each day of Advent, a reflection or activity is revealed to help prepare hearts for the birth of Jesus. The Calendar is designed to be printed on good quality paper or card on A4 or A3.
Prepare Our Hearts – Advent Family Weekly Guide is a daily prayer and reflection for families to gather, reflect and pray during Advent. A lovely opportunity for families prepare their hearts and homes for Christmas.

Tea and chat after 11am Mass this Sunday in the Pastoral Centre organized by the Pastoral Council.

Parish Pastoral Council Report – items discussed were: a review of *Grow in Love* and *Faith on Fire* talks; *Sunday Hospitality Group* has some new members; *Advent Scripture Evenings* to be offered to all parishioners.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting on Monday 14th December to review the year and make plans!

Dues Envelopes are nearly ready for distribution/collection. There is a delay with the printing!

Ratoath JNS ***Annual Open Night*** on Wednesday at 7pm for parents/ guardians of incoming Jnr Infants & new families. Great opportunity to see the school, meet staff, and discover the wide range of school activities.

Next ***Grow in Love*** Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion is next weekend, 5th/6th December.
Next **Confirmation preparation** Mass is on the weekend of 12th/13th December at the 7pm and 11am Mass.

Caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you're a family carer! Become a member of ***Family Carers Ireland,*** the national charity supporting Ireland's 624,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Calling young people aged 16–35! Join us for **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat**, Newbridge College, Co Kildare **11th-13th December**. Donation-only event, free buses available, all meals included. Inspiring talks, workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and time to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Thanks to ***Ratoath Tidy Towns*** for organising the Christmas lights on the holly tree in the church grounds.

St. Paul's NS Christmas Fair – THIS Sunday 29th Dec 10am to 2pm. Stalls, Raffle, Cake Sale & Book Stall. Santa will be there to meet the children in his grotto. A family fun-day with exciting seasonal treats.

Ratoath GAA Club *Sensory Friendly Santa*. Sat 5th & Sun 6th December, 1pm -6pm. All children welcome.

Ratoath College Christmas Fair on Friday 11th December. 5pm to 7pm.
Arts and Crafts, hot Chocolate, FREE Santa visit and EXPRESS Santa postal service! Free admission.

Ratoath Choir Christmas Concert in Holy Trinity Church, Thursday 10th December at 8pm.
Doors open 7.30pm - Tickets €10 (adult) €5 (child). Proceeds to ***Meath River Rescue***

Ratoath Folk Group Christmas Concert in Holy Trinity Church, Wed 16th December, 8pm. Tickets €15 from choir members and at the door. Tel 0872379483. Proceeds to ***RehabCare.*** Doors open 7.30pm.

Meath Dementia Cafe Christmas Party on Wed 2nd Dec in Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre at 7pm. For all those living with and caring for those with dementia. Please join us for music, mulled wine and mince pies.

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Rd, D03 FP52) - Advent 2026 Retreats
Advent Weekend Retreat. Fri-Sun, 4th-6th Dec. Time for personal prayer and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. For information, check the website: manresa.ie or contact @manresa.ie / 01 5529 448.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 22nd November: €1,280.00

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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