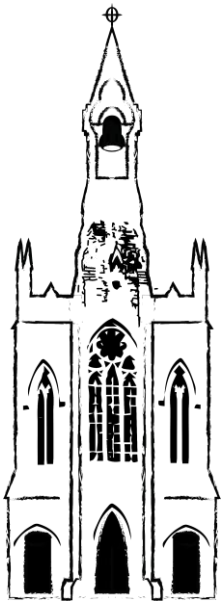
PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2026 AD

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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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22ND NOVEMBER – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING		29TH NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Saturday 7.00pm	John & Mary O'Brien; Stephen Daly	Saturday 7.00pm	Monika & Simon Szylko 20th Wedding Anniversary & blessing for Timothy, Agatha, Karolinka & family; John Mulvany, 14th Anniversary; Tommy & Rosemary Wallace Kenneth Cullen
Sunday 9.00am	Paddy Regan; Philip Byrne & Anna Keenan	Sunday 9.00am	Kevin and Katy Darby
11.00am	Attracta & Colm Donnelly; Thomas Reeves; Seamus Rooney; Kathy & Jack Nulty and Thomas & Maria Nulty; Olive McCann, 11th Anniversary; Kathleen Humphreys, 2nd Anniversary; Nancy Ralph & dec'd mbrs of Campbell family; Richard King & Brigid Wall; Dec'd mbrs of Brennan family, Cabin Hill	11.00am	Stephen Murray, Month's Mind; Mick and his mother Clare Kelly, 1st Anniversary; John Higgins, 16th Anniversary; Ciaran Kilcline & Sean Glynn; Oliver & John McEnroe & dcsd family mbrs; Nicholas O'Connor; Karen & Joan Monahan, 6th Anniversary; Brian Kelly, 3rd Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **Jan Ennis**, Tankardstown, sister to Therese Devine and Nesta Clarke; **Mona Whitehouse**, UK, sister of Ken Brennan, Cabin Hill; **Elizabeth Carter,** Halltown, whose funeral is on Monday at 11am, and **James Leigh,** Maynooth, who died in the collision on the Fairyhouse Road on Monday.

Daily Mass Intentions: Thurs - Jim, Elizabeth, Agnes, Paul & Christopher Lowther & Christine Wims; Douglas, Greta, Michael Pickett & Kathleen Donnelly. **Friday -** Billy Nolan

November *Altar List of the Dead* envelopes can be returned at any time during the month of November. Those already received are in the basket in front of the altar for the month of November and Mass is offered every First Friday of the month for all whose names are on the *Altar List of the Dead*. Thanks to Derek Gillen at ***Horizon Graphics*** for the gift of the November banners on the church railings inviting people to join us in remembering and praying for their departed loves ones in this month of the Holy Souls.

For the ***Feast of Christ the King*** this Sunday **40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** at the cathedral will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4pm and can be viewed on the cathedral livestream.

Parish Pastoral Council meets Wednesday at 7.30pm. Formation of the new PC will be on the agenda.
Parish Finance Committee meets on 14th December to review the parish financial year.

The ***Parish Child Safeguarding Audit for 2026*** has been completed and returned to the Diocesan Office.

Final ***Hospitality Sunday*** of this year next Sunday after 11am Mass. Thanks to the PC and volunteers.

Advent Prayer Evenings with the Pastoral Council - Thursdays of Advent at 7.30pm from 26th Nov in the Family Room. Explore the Gospel of the following Sunday, then time for prayer and reflection. For Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Society, Cleaning teams & all involved in parish ministry and mission.

Next ***Grow in Love*** Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion is on the weekend of 5th/6th December.
Next **Confirmation preparation** Mass is on the weekend of 13th/14th December at the 7pm and 11am Mass.

Dues Envelopes are nearly ready for distribution/collection. In line with other parishes a new system was introduced last year. Previously, all homes in the parish received envelopes but as not all choose to support the parish by means of the weekly envelope only those who returned their envelopes in the past five years will now receive them. Many thanks to the area distributors, some of whom will still be asked to kindly distribute the boxes. Parishioners are reminded that the ***White Envelope*** goes towards the upkeep of the church, parochial house, grounds, cemetery, salaries, insurance, light, heat etc; the ***Blue Envelopes*** pay the monthly salary of the priests. Other methods and means of supporting the parish are Standing Orders and one-off contributions all of which go towards general parish upkeep or the stated wishes of the donor.

World Youth Day Seoul, Korea (27th July – 10th August 2027). On 22nd Oct Pope Leo launched the registration process for *World Youth Day 2027*; encouraging young people from around the world to gather with him for this great encounter of faith and witness to Peace! Only a few places left to join the Meath group. If interested, please contact your PP. Preparation day for Seoul in Dalgan Park, Navan at 3pm on 13th Dec. Many priests from our diocese have served as missionaries in Korea and one was martyred during the Korean War. WYD gives us a chance to honour their memory and experience the parishes they established. See www.wydseoul.org

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 at 8pm. Tickets €15 from choir members and at the door. Tel 0872379483. Proceeds to ***RehabCare.*** Doors open 7.30pm.

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Rd, D03 FP52) - Advent 2026 Retreats
Advent Triduum Retreat. Mon 30th Nov -Fri 4th Dec/Mon 14th-Fri18th Dec. Step away from the busy-ness of the season and ponder the themes of Advent - waiting, watching and preparing for the mystery of Christ's coming.
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.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend in Knock, Fri 9th to Sun 11th April. Starts 7.30pm on Friday and finishes 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples. Booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

Meath Archaeological and Historical Society lecture, Sunday, 29th November 3pm in Dalgan Park, Navan, entitled '*Medieval Irish Kings and the English Invasion*' given by Dr Seán Ó Hoireabhárd, of particular interest as we approach 2027, the '*Year of the Normans*' which marks 1000 years since the birth of William the Conqueror!

Offertory Collection for Sunday 15th November: €1,445.00
Totals for period ending 15th November: White Envelopes €1,523.20; **Dues Envelopes** €1,871.02

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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