

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, Ardath/Clonalvy & Skryne.

Parish Safeguarding Reps – Donal Fadden & Raewyn McKenna. Details at Parish Office

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1 **IBAN:** IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



25 TH OCTOBER – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		1 ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS	
Saturday 7.00pm	Rita Mc Gowan, 1 st Anniversary; Kitty, Joe, Paul & Margaret Sherwin and Alexander & Mary McCafferty and dec'd family members; Joe and Jackie Mannering	Saturday 7.00pm	James Corcoran, 6 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Brendan Blake, 1 st Anniversary Alice & John Mannering & dec'd family members	Sunday 9.00am	For All the Faithful Departed
11.00am	Miriam Browne, 15 th Anniversary; Tom Murphy, 5 th Anniversary	11.00am	For All the Faithful Departed

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Stephen Murray**, Bodeen, laid to rest on Friday.

Daily Mass intentions: Tuesday – Paul Dillon, 1st Anniversary

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday at 11am to acknowledge the farming heritage and activity of the parish and the work and skill involved in farming, arable and livestock. The theme of the occasion is reflected in the response to the harvest blessing prayers: *For our farms and food, we give You thanks!*

Psalm 125

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing;

They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Many thanks to Moira, Jenny, Rosemary, Bernie and the members of the Altar Society for the colourful and appetizing seasonal display and produce and those who supplied local produce to be admired and blessed.

Celebration for Deirdre Mills. Bishop Deenihan will offer 11am Mass next Sunday and make a presentation to Deirdre to mark her many years as sacristan. All are welcome to the Pastoral Centre for refreshments and a celebratory cake after Mass, organised by the Pastoral Council.

Sunday hospitality – the scheduled hospitality on this last Sunday of October is deferred to next Sunday to coincide with the celebration for Deirdre's. **Volunteers** needed to help with the monthly gatherings after 11am Mass. Two people have already volunteered. Contact the office or a member of the PC if you can help.

November Altar List of the Dead: as we observe the popular custom of remembering all our faithful departed we might all meet as families, households and friends to recall our loved ones and put their names on our *Altar List of the Dead* to be remembered in the parish in various ways during the month of November.

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available at the back of the church to be taken home and returned to the church by Monday 2nd November, **All Souls' Day**, or any time during the month of November.

A **Candlelit Choral Service of Prayer** will take place on Friday 6th November at 8pm for those who died since last November. Invitations have gone out to those who had a family funeral in the parish since November 2025.

November Indulgence - sin is a misuse of God-given human freedom and has consequences, in this world and the next. We have an instinctive sense that we need to put things right in many ways in life. If we leave this life with 'unfinished business': hurts not healed, forgiveness not extended, good left undone etc. then we need the prayers and support of those still living to make up the 'deficit' in our lives. An indulgence is the solidarity of the living, helping the departed on their onward journey of purification to the Kingdom of heaven.

Norms for gaining Indulgences for the Feast of All Souls – Monday 2nd November

From 12 noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed and received Holy Communion can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and reciting the Apostles' Creed, one Our Father and one Hail Mary, or any other prayer for the Pope's intentions. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made any time within the week preceding or following 1st November.

Holy Communion, as part of the indulgence, may be received any day from 1st to 8th November.

The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, on the usual conditions mentioned above, once per day from 1st to 8th November.

Confirmation Enrollment on 7th/8th November at 7pm Vigil and 11am Sunday Mass

Glantoiri Church cleaning teams have decreased in number and increased in age! The work involves the lifting of pews, vacuum cleaners, buckets, mops etc. As in all areas of church life there are fewer people available and so the process will have to be reviewed with longer intervals between cleaning sessions of perhaps 6 weeks. Also, new members much appreciated....could that be YOU?

The Annual Parish Safeguarding Audit is taking place in every parish in the diocese to be returned to the Diocesan Office by 13th November. Fr Michael will meet the parish Safeguarding Reps to complete our audit.

Celebrating 50 Years - Accord (formerly CMAC) has served Navan & surrounding parishes with Relationship Counselling, Marriage Preparation Courses and Schools Programmes for 50 years, testament to the many wonderful members and volunteers who continue to give so much to their community. The occasion will be marked with Mass at 6pm on Sat 7th Nov in St. Mary's, Navan, for all past and present members and volunteers.

Young Adults Retreat (18-40 yrs) 6th - 8th Nov (Fri evening – Sun afternoon) in Dalgan Park, Navan. Prayer, inspiring talks, friendship in faith, Mass, opportunity for personal guidance, confession, walks in beautiful grounds. Cost: donation (full board, own room)
Contact Sr Una at 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email youthretreats@gmail.com

Sycamore Programme - Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, started Monday 28th September 7.15pm - 9pm. Every Monday night for 9 weeks. To register email sycamoredunshaughlin@gmail.com

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Rd, D03 FP52) - **Advent 2026 Retreats**
Advent Triduum Retreat. Mon-Fri, 30 Nov-4 Dec / Mon-Fri 14-18 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, 4-6 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.

3rd National First Saturdays Conference in Knock on Saturday 28th November 10am - 5pm. Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. Info and list of buses on www.firstsaturdays.ie.

Offertory Collection for Mission Sunday 18th October: €2,445.00

Standing Orders for period ending 4th October: €2,911.60

White Envelopes for period ending 18th October: €1,413.05

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.*