

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, Ardcah/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



23 RD AUGUST – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		30 TH AUGUST – TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Michael, Peggy & Pauline Flood; Niamh Rooney-Clince, 2 nd Anniversary and Johnny Tyrell, 3 rd Anniversary; John & Elizabeth Reilly; Mary & Joseph Elliott	Saturday 7.00pm	John Moore, 5 th Anniversary; Joe Joe Lynch, 2 nd Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am	Mary Carey; Timothy and Marcella Kerins; Margaret Cahill	11.00am	Danny McCann, Months Mind; Ciaran Briody, 3 rd Anniversary

Rest in peace: we commend to God **Renata Kelly**, Fairyhouse Road, laid to rest on Thursday;
and **Justin Lynch**, Lagore Road, whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday at 11am.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Monday – special intention for health; **Tuesday** - Linda Reynolds

Leaving Cert Results: we wish a bright future to those who got their results on Friday and wish them well as they move on to third level education, apprenticeships or the career opportunities that lie ahead of them.

Back to school! As a new school year begins, we extend best wishes to our Principals, Teachers, SNAs, Ancillary Staff, Boards of Management and to the pupils starting or returning to school.

Parish Diary Dates

- **Pastoral Council, Wednesday 26th August** – we will look at the sacramental preparation programme for First Confession/Communion and Confirmation for the coming school year; finalise plans for Fr Derek's Silver Jubilee celebration; prepare a report for the parish on the work of the current Pastoral Council as it completes its four-year term, and begin the process of recruiting members, new and old, for the next four years to ensure both continuity and fresh ideas!
- **Parish Finance Committee** will meet on **31st August**.
- **Silver Jubilee:** the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Derek Darby, a native of Ratoath, will be celebrated on **Sunday 6th September** at 11am Mass, with refreshments afterwards at the Pastoral Centre. All are most welcome as are parishioners from other parishes in which Fr Derek has served.

Alzheimer Social Clubs at Ratoath Community Center, 28th August, 11am to 1pm, and Whistlemount At 26 Liscarton Villa's, Kells Rd Navan, 12th September, 11am - 1pm. Contact Liam Burke 087 9740871

The Irish Synodal Pathway: What has been heard so far?

The Irish Synodal Pathway has discerned one main focal point and seven key priority areas from its extensive consultation process. The focus that emerged is the centrality of Baptism as the foundation of the Christian life and mission and the key to the vitality of communities of faith. The seven key priority areas are *Belonging, Co-responsibility & Lay Ministry, Family, Formation & Catechesis, Healing, Women, and Youth*. There is a clear call for renewal. Above all, God is asking the Church to adopt through the synodal process, a permanent culture of prayerful listening, dialogue, and walking together in faith going forward. See: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential *Marriage Enrichment Weekend*, Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Oct at "Focolare Centre", Curryhills, Prosperous, Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. • www.marriageencounter.ie

Helpline for Al-Anon: 018732699 Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm. Weekly meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wed 8pm

Weekend Retreats by the Benedictine Monks of Perpetual Adoration, Stamullen, on various topics related to monastic teaching and practice. The retreats will consist of four conferences from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Retreatants may stay overnight or only during the daytime for the conferences, Mass, and the Divine Office with the monks. For dates visit <https://www.cenacleosb.org/school-of-lords-service/>

Lough Derg - Retreats and Pilgrimages for August & September

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - August 29th & 31st; September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th & 20th. Admission €50. Group discounts. Booking Essential.

Special Themed Retreats: 23rd August - St Peregrine; 5th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage; 6th Sept – St Carlos Acutis; 9th & 12th Sept – Vocations Monstrance; 19th Sept – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage.

Heritage Day Tours to one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations

Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage – Sunday 30th August. Guided 8km & 12km routes. Outdoor Mass, weather permitting. Admission €25. Booking Essential.

New for 2026 Season – Overnight accommodation on Station Island the night before a Retreat or Pilgrimage. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year.

Bishop Deenihan will lead a pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi on 26th Sept for 5 nights. Includes flights, tours, accommodation and half board. Cost €1,335. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel

Tel: 01 2410800 info@joewalshstours.ie. Detailed itinerary at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

Season of Creation 2026. Each year, from 1st Sept to 4th Oct Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to care for our common home and to celebrate God as Creator.

This year's theme, "**Living Water**," is inspired by Ez 47:9, 12 - a biblical vision of hope and ecological renewal in which the prophet's image of living water reveals God's healing presence, bringing new life to rivers, land, biodiversity and communities, while calling us to renewed care of creation.

Sat, 29th August, Knock Shrine *Faith in Bloom* conference celebrating its inspiring *return to nature* project. Over the past year, the Shrine has worked with Mayo Co Council Biodiversity Officer to transform its grounds through pollinator-friendly habitats, native orchards, bird & bat boxes, reduced mowing, and a Biodiversity Action Plan. The conference will share practical lessons and offer inspiration for other parishes wishing to put into action. Resources available from Trócaire and the Irish Bishops' Conference Laudato Si' working group.

Further information: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/church-return-to-nature-conference-saturday-august-29th-2026/>

Offertory Collection for Sunday 16th August: €1,535.00

Standing Orders: 2,781.95

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.*

Thanks to the anonymous donor who has sponsored the Bulletin for August