

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



18 TH OCTOBER – MISSION SUNDAY		25 TH OCTOBER – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Paddy Dalton, Birthday Remembrance	Saturday 7.00pm	Rita Mc Gowan, 1st Anniversary; Kitty, Joe, Paul & Margaret Sherwin and Alexander & Mary McCafferty and dec fam members
Sunday 9.00am	Mary & Patrick Cassidy	Sunday 9.00am	Brendan Blake, 1 st Anniversary
11.00am	Ann Conmey, Month's Mind; Mattie Ryan, 1 st Anniversary; Chris McCann & John & Teresa McCann; Declan Sweeney, 30 th Anniversary; Maisie & Joe McCormack; Dick Donnelly, 6 th Anniversary	11.00am	Miriam Browne, 15 th Anniversary Tom Murphy, 5 th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God **John Murphy**, Fairyhouse Lodge, whose funeral was on Thursday and **Catherine (Kitty) Tyrrell**, Church View, laid to rest on Saturday in Balgriffin.

Daily Mass intentions: Mon - John, Ellen & Nancy McCarthy; Matthew & Mollie Duffy.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a time for the faithful of the world to take an interest in and support the work of overseas missionaries. **Missio** envelopes also available at the back of the church.

****The greater part of our Offertory Collection this Sunday will be sent as our Mission Sunday contribution****

Call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information on Mission.

Enrolment for First Confession & First Holy Communion at the Vigil and I Iam Mass this weekend

Grow in Love Family Masses on 17th/18th October; 5th/6th December; 6th/7th Feb, 10th/11th April.

Confirmation Enrollment on 7th/8th November at 7pm Vigil and I Iam Sunday Mass.

Faith on Fire – well done to the parents on a huge attendance on Tuesday at the first of these four evenings exploring faith and helping parents explain and celebrate their own Catholic Faith with their children.

Relic of St Bernadette: this Sunday **after I Iam Mass** the parish welcomes a precious relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes and all who wish will be blessed with the relic after Mass.

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday 25th Oct at I Iam to acknowledge the farming heritage of the parish and the work and skill involved in farming. The farming families of the parish are invited to bring some produce to the church on Friday evening or Saturday morning to be displayed and blessed at Mass next weekend. We appeal to farming families of the parish to bring local produce to be blessed.

Sunday hospitality – volunteers needed to help with the monthly gatherings after 11am Mass at the Parish Centre. Please contact the office or a member of the Pastoral Council if you can help. The hospitality on the last Sunday of October is deferred to Sunday 1st November when we will celebrate Deirdre's years as sacristan.

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?

Pastoral Council Report – the four-year term of all Councils across the diocese ends in December. The process of forming the new PC in January with current and new members will get underway in Advent; there will also be a series of Advent Scripture Evenings in the Pastoral Centre.

November Altar List of the Dead: as we observe the popular custom of remembering all our departed loved ones 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 now available at the back of the church to be taken home and returned to the church by Sunday 1st November, All Saints 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.

Parish Offerings/Dues Envelopes are now being prepared and labeled for distribution in early December. Continuing our insight into parish finances, the parish operates three main accounts; the **Development Fund** for major capital expenses and projects; the **Number 1 Account** for day-to-day running costs and maintenance; the **Number 2 Account** for the priests' salary and running the Parochial House. Our 2025 records are currently being audited with the parish accountant. Additionally, an external audit of all parishes is underway in the diocese under the **Charities Regulator** and all our parish statements, invoices, cash handling records etc for 2025 have been submitted to demonstrate our compliance with civil and legal standards.

Fr Willie Doyle was an Irish Jesuit who served as a British Army Chaplain in WWI and gave his life ministering to soldiers at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. Bishop Deenihan opened the *Diocesan Tribunal for the Cause of his Canonisation* in 2022. Fr Michael is a member of that Tribunal since 2023.

****The Concluding Session** of the Tribunal takes place after Evening Prayer at the Cathedral in Mullingar this Sunday, 18th October at 4pm. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

Vocations Holy Hour in Duleek church on Friday 23rd Oct 7pm-8pm. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923 Website: www.meathvocations.com Facebook Page: Diocese Of Meath Vocations Instagram Account: dioceseofmeathvocations Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie

Sycamore Programme - Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, started Monday 28th September 7.15pm - 9pm. Continues 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.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 11th October: €1,390.00

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.*