

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2025 AD

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Vigil – 7.00pm;

Sunday – 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm (*July & August – no 12.15pm Mass*)

Holy Days – 11.00am

Weekdays – Monday to Friday at 9.45am

Confessions: Before Vigil Mass

Baptisms: on the 1st and 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

Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday and Friday

Direct bank transfer – Your donation can be transferred to:

Account Name: Ratoath Church Account No. 1

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| 30 TH MARCH – “LAETARE” SUNDAY – 4 TH SUNDAY OF LENT | | 6 TH APRIL – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | |
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| Saturday 7.00pm | Thomas and Mary Wall | Saturday 7.00pm | Joe & Peggy Lynch & Son Joe Joe; James & Maggie Nolan; Mick Lagan, 2 nd Anniversary |
| Sunday 9.00am | Mary Kelly, recently deceased | Sunday 9.00am | Joe Clarke, 1 st Anniversary; Bill Igoe, Month’s mind & wife Patsy, 1 st Anniv |
| 11.00am | Pauline Vidler, 6 th Anniversary | 11.00am | Bill Eiffe; Raymond Murphy |
| 12.15pm | Peggy Murphy, 2 nd Anniversary; Leigha Mc Keon; Patricia Hickey, 8 th Anniversary; Paul Doran; David and Betty Colfer | 12.15pm | Donald Conran, 1 st Anniversary; Julia Cassidy, 2 nd Anniversary; Brian Whelan, 4 th Anniversary; Edward Gannon; Con, Ellen, Mary and baby Laoise Buckley; Edward & Ray McAndrew; |

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as **Laetare** or *Rejoice* Sunday. As we experience the fruits of our Lenten penance and efforts and begin to anticipate the joy of Easter, the mood lightens and the colour softens to a distinctive **Rose**, worn only twice a year. The entrance verse reflects the tone ‘*Rejoice, Jerusalem....be joyful..*’

Mother’s Day – note the apostrophe! It’s not a celebration of *mothers* or *motherhood* in general but about each one of us celebrating and cherishing our own unique, wonderful, one-of-a kind MOTHER.

First Friday - Mass for those on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls to the sick and housebound.

‘**Lent Extra**’- Mass 7pm on **Wednesdays of Lent** (except 16th April, Chrism Mass at the Cathedral) and **Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 7pm**, led by a different member of the PPA each night.

The Wednesday Mass is an opportunity to bring parish groups together for prayer and planning for Easter and beyond. Dates available are 2nd April, 9th April (16th April, Chrism Mass at Cathedral, no 7pm mass).

So, the **Ministers of Holy Communion** and the coordinators of each group are invited to the 7pm Mass this Wednesday and to remain on for a short meeting thereafter, to plan the Holy Week schedule etc

LENT IS: PRAYER - FASTING - GOOD WORKS

Weekly Suggestions for Lenten penance – each week we offer practical suggestions and ideas as to how to live the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting & good works in tune with modern needs and the pace of life!

Prayer – visit a church, chapel or oratory hear your home or workplace every day this week

Fasting – unplug, disconnect or log out of some device or social media for a week and talk to others instead

Almsgiving/Service of others – charity clothing collection, give away some item of clothing you like!

Would you take the Pioneer pledge for Lent? Please call 087 133 4872 or join online

Holy Week Preview- more details from next week

Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm; Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday-Way of the Cross at 3pm, Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Communion at 8pm;

Easter Vigil with new Fire, Candle, Readings, Blessing of Easter Water, Renewing Baptismal Promises at **9pm!**

The **Trocaire** campaign this year follows the lives of Ilma, Julio and their four children in Guatemala as they struggle to deal with changes in climate, weather related emergencies and crop failures affecting their future. With our support they can build more secure housing, safer communities and a better future for the children. Put the **Trocaire box** on the kitchen table or near the TV or PC as an encouragement to discuss the issues of this year's campaign and so personalize our Lenten giving. **Trocaire** - It's not just a box – it's a lifeline!

Date of Easter – at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD the date of Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Hence a movable feast and people speaking of Easter being 'early' or 'late'!

Members of Pastoral Assembly: Fr Michael Cahill (president), David Creed (chairperson), Lousie Kiernan (secretary), Ciara Donnelly, Eileen Reid, Fergus O'Riordan, Frances Slattery, Orla Roger, Sharon Gunn. The email address is ratoathpastoralassembly@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

Revenue CHY4 forms relating to envelope donations & Standing Orders enable the Parish to claim the tax rebate for the previous year at NO cost to the donor. Letters of thanks for contributions in 2024 will be issued this week for all recordable donations totaling €250 or more per annum. This does not include the Offertory collection as these amounts cannot be recorded or credited to the donor.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage to Knock – Sat 5th & Sun 6th April. Bus leaves Fairgreen, Navan on Sunday 6th at 8am. Programme includes Mini Retreat for Teens and Guided Adoration for Children. Guest Speaker: Fr Brendan Kilcoyne. Mass offered by Bishop Deenihan. Contact Carmel 087 7989890/Geraldine 087 9882706 see info@eucharisticadoration.ie

Meath Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes "With Mary Pilgrims of Hope" with Bishop Deenihan, 9th Sept. 4 or 5-night stay. Fares from €829 full board. Contact JWT 01-2410800

Evangelium Ireland invites young Catholics to its annual **Apologetics Conference** at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Sat, 26th April for talks and workshops on topics such as discipleship in the Gospel of St. John, doctrinal development, and the making of modern culture. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, incl lunch, refreshments, and a social. Programme & registration: www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland'

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to St Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg, 2nd- 4th June. €80.00 + €50 coach travel. Contact (044) 966 1191 or cooleparish@gmail.com. Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick, and Lough Derg are issuing a **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Passport** for 2025. See <https://www.pilgrimpassport.ie/>

Fairyhouse Golf Society, a local society, open to new members. All handicaps welcome, including beginners. For more information phone Barry 0879102963 or Willie 0872040470

The Meath Alzheimer Café, Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin, Wednesday 2nd April 2nd, 7pm - 9pm. All families/carers / loved ones living with Alzheimer's/Dementia are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee served.

Caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? – **JOIN Family Carers Ireland**, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers. Contact 057 93 70221 or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Parkinsons Awareness Week - 5th April; short walk in Clarendon Stadium, 11am. Register: www.parkinsons.ie

Weekly collection: Offertory for 23rd March - €1,865.00

Totals for period ending 23rd March: **White Envelopes** - €1,999.35; **Blue Envelopes** - €365.00

The Bulletin for the Month of March is kindly sponsored by a generous parishioner. Thank you!