

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

☎ 01-8256207 •✉ ratoathparish@gmail.com •🌐 www.ratoathparish.ie • Eircode A85 VX46

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Wednesday, Friday

**Direct bank transfer** – Your donation can be transferred to:

**Account Name:** Ratoath Church Account No. 1

**IBAN:** IE33BOFI90318910247285 / **BIC:** BOFIE2D



| 26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Saturday</b><br>7.00pm                                | Maurice Keogh, 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary;<br>Barney and Esme Browne;<br>John and Alice Redmond   | <b>Saturday</b><br>7.00pm                            | Bill Mills, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Dympna;<br>Lily Mulvaney, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9.00am                                  | Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish   | <b>Sunday</b><br>9.00am                              | Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish  |
| <b>11.00am</b>   | Michael and Mary Flinter and their son John;<br>Martin Kerrigan   | <b>11.00am</b>                                       | Michael Eiffe, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary;<br>Catherine Williams                                 |
| <b>12.15pm</b>   | Stephanie Moran;<br>Luc and Juliette Dehaene;<br>Christy Crowley;<br>Edward Mc Keon;<br>Peter Spratt, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, & Rita 28 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. | <b>12.15pm</b>                                       | Eugene Gleeson, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary  |

**Rest in Peace:** we commend to God the soul of **John Moore**, Mooretown, laid to rest on Thursday;  
**Marie Quirke Fairbairn**, The Old Mill, whose funeral takes place on Monday at 11am;  
and **Angela Mc Mahon**, Baltrasna, whose funeral is on Tuesday at 11am.

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Mon:** Breda Healy 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; **Tues:** Robert & Audrey Mc Kenna;

**Wed:** Anthony Lawlor, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and deceased family members

Next Sunday is celebrated as the Feast of the **Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple**, also popularly known as **Candlemas**, when it is customary to bless candles for use in the church and the home. Candles may be brought to all masses next weekend and left on a table near the altar to be blessed and then taken home after mass. Please make sure to have your name on your candles!

**The Feast of St Brigid of Kildare**, Secondary Patron of Ireland is celebrated next Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, also the first day of spring, when we think of nature, agriculture and the fertility of the soil.

**A Prayer to St Brigid**

From all sin and all harm, from all danger and woe,  
guard me, Mary of Ireland, wherever I go.

○ Brigid, be with me until the road's end,

○ Help me to pass through that gate as God's friend.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. 6<sup>th</sup> class from Ratoath Senior School will come to Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

**First Friday calls** to the sick and housebound cannot be made on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February as this is Confirmation day for the parish. The calls will be made in the meantime whenever possible. No 9.45am mass on that Friday. Mass for those on List of the Dead will be on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**St Patrick's Day** – the parish was represented at the recent planning meeting at **the Venue** by Fergus O Riordan, a member of the Pastoral Assembly, and we look forward to participating as a parish in the planned festival in various ways.

**The Parish Finance Committee** met on Tuesday. All parish accounts and statements were presented to the members and all income and expenditure reviewed. Plans and projects for the year were also anticipated and discussed. Great satisfaction was expressed that the parish is in a strong and stable financial state at the end of Fr Gerry's tenure as PP thanks to his leadership and the generosity of parishioners in supporting their parish in every way.

The sincere thanks of the parish are extended to the Chairman **Michael Mc Cann** who has led and guided the PFC for the past twelve years and has now decided to step down. New, additional members will be invited to join the PFC to oversee the next phase of the activity of the committee.

**Gluten free hosts** are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion. If visiting the parish, they could come to the sacristy before mass to see the priest, or if regular parishioners, an arrangement can be made to leave the hosts on the altar, apart from the regular consecrated altar breads.

The new **speakers for the PA system**, ordered a few months ago, have not yet been installed. We are in contact with the engineer who will install them as soon as they arrive.

### **Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Alzheimers Social Club**, in Ratoath Community Centre, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 11.00am to 1.00pm

**The Venue - Bingo** every Sunday night at 8pm. Doors open 7pm. Free Admission.

**Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome:** 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie)

**Are you, or someone you know, living with a long term health condition?** You may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme' a **FREE**, 6 week self-management programme for adults with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke etc. Spaces available on Dunboyne, Navan & Online Programmes for Jan '25. Contact **Aine** 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 **Elaine** 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

**Weekly collection:** Offertory 19<sup>th</sup> January €1,610.00

**Bulletin:** – relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!

**Monthly sponsorship of the bulletin** is available to suitable local businesses and other interested parties. The cost is €100 per month which will cover the annual cost of the new A3 format pre-printed colour bulletin. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in agreed, appropriate wording each week for the month sponsored. Sponsorship has now been booked for February.