

# PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RATOATH, DIOCESE OF MEATH, 2024 AD

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24 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING		1 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	John King, Month's Mind; Joe and Teasie Gorman; Stephen Daly; Tommy and Rosemary Wallace	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Kenneth Mills, Months Mind; Alan Rafferty; Thomas, Kathleen & Martin Madden; Karen Monahan & gran Joan Monahan; Steve Lynch;
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Paddy Regan, 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Pro Populo - for the People of the Parish
<b>11.00am</b>	Olive Mc Cann, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Kathleen O'Brien, Birthday Remembrance; Michael Ryder, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Colm and Attracta Donnelly	<b>11.00am</b>	Brian Kelly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Richard King and Brigid Wall; Nicholas O'Connor, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
<b>12.15pm</b>	Tom Reeves, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Jack & Maggie Donnelly and Seamus Rooney; Nancy Ralph	<b>12.15pm</b>	Eamon Coyne; Ciaran Kilcline, Sean Glynn and deceased members of Glynn & Kavangah families

**Weekday Mass Intentions – Mon:** Phil Byrne & Annie Keenan;

**Thurs:** Deceased members of the parish Legion of Mary Praesidium; **Friday:** David Delaney, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**\*\*\*Wednesday - NO MASS, due to a diocesan two-day conference**

**Stage 2 of preparation for First Confession/Communion** at 7pm, 11am & 12.15pm Masses this weekend.

**Candlelit Choral Service** for all the dead and bereaved of the parish this Friday at 8pm. A particular invitation is extended to those bereaved since last November but, as there is no term to grief, everyone is welcome whether their loss is recent or of many years. A designated family member or friend will present a candle to the priest to be placed on the altar as the name of their loved one is called and then all present who wish to do so will be invited to do the same. Candles provided on the night. **Service will be on the parish livestream**

**A missionary group from Bethlehem, the Holy Land**, will visit our parish this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles ( Crucifixes , Rosary Beads , Plaques and Nativity Cribs ) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support poor Christians families.

A great opportunity to buy a Christmas gift! Any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

The **Bishops Conference** has issued a letter on the upcoming **General Election**, offering guidance from a faith perspective and highlighting some issues and offering questions to be put to the candidates.

**Key points** are: All eligible to vote should exercise their right for the common good; Homelessness is unacceptable. The inability to acquire a home affects social cohesion; Politicians should lead by welcoming all immigrants who come with a willingness to contribute to society; The deliberate taking of human life undermines civilised society; Political parties must urgently address pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity; The war in Gaza & the Middle East must stop now! Church-State structured dialogue is not functioning and in need of review. **Letter available at [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)**

**Advent** – as of next weekend, for a trial period, the bulletin will be an A3 **missalette** with Readings, responses etc pre-printed on one side and the usual parish newsletter on the other side. Feedback and views welcome!

**Update from Parish Pastoral Assembly:** the PPA is in the process of drafting an *action plan* for the coming year and welcomes input from parishioners. We plan a 'listening event on' Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the church at 7:30pm. All are welcome and we would like your thoughts on these questions:

Is it important for you to be active in the parish? If yes why?

What value do you get from being involved in the parish?

What services offered by the parish are you involved in or attend?

What further opportunities would you like to help deepen your own faith and spiritual life?

What actions / services / programmes do you think would help to deepen the faith of the parish and encourage others to start or re-start their faith journey?

**40 Hours Adoration at the Cathedral, Mullingar**, to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

**Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction** at 4 pm this Sunday, to which all are welcome.

Our Parish has been allocated the time of Sunday 1pm-2pm for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Offerings** for period ending 17<sup>th</sup> November: **White envelopes €1,828.51; Blue envelopes €1,205.00**

**\*\*Parish Offerings – the Envelopes** are now labelled and ready for distribution. The help of the usual kind volunteers would be most welcome and greatly appreciated. The envelopes can be collected from the Pastoral Centre from this Thursday or they can be delivered to volunteers where necessary.

This is a huge task undertaken every year and vital to the ongoing support of the mission, needs and running costs of every area and aspect of parish life. There is also the option of contributing by Standing Order, occasional or one-off donations and the Offertory collection at Mass. We will consider next year whether it would also be useful to provide a swipe card option as is now done in many churches!

The **Children's Choir** rehearses for Christmas every Monday at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

**Ratoath Choir Charity Christmas Concert**, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, in our parish church at 7.30pm. Adults €10, kids €5. Cash only, at the door. Proceeds to **Ratoath Cardiac First Responders**.

**St. Paul's Christmas Fair** next Sunday, 1st December, in the school hall from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Cake stall, book stall, white elephant stall, festive plants, Santa's grotto, face painting and more!

Expect a fun family day out. Any money raised is spent directly on the children. Everyone is welcome!

**Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025**, fully approved by the Vatican. 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7 days. Cost €845. €50 discount for booking & deposit before 1<sup>st</sup> February! Also, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Cost €855, early booking €50 discount before 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Contact Joan Ashbrook on 087 7987682

**Alzheimer's Social Club** monthly gathering Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at Ratoath Community Centre. All welcome!

**Compassionate and dedicated Care Assistant** sought to support a young adult in Ratoath. The position requires late evening shifts 4-6 nights a week, with a possibility of additional hours if desired (up to a max of 30 hrs a week). Most shifts typically occur during the mornings/lunchtime, with a pressing need for short evening shifts. Manual handling training provided if necessary. *Hours: Flexible, ranging from a minimum of 5 to 35 hours per week. Wages: Negotiable. If interested, email [personalcare357@gmail.com](mailto:personalcare357@gmail.com)*

**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!

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