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8 <sup>th</sup> September–23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		15 <sup>™</sup> September– 24 <sup>™</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 7.00pm	Jim and Lydia Everard;	Saturday 7.00pm	Patrick Tansey, 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Patrick Doody; Liam Woods, 29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Kathleen Gunn	Sunday 9.00am	<i>pro populo</i> - for the People of the Parish
11.00am	<i>pro populo</i> - for the People of the Parish	11.00am	
12.15pm	Joseph and Mary White; Rosaleen Hoare	12.15pm	

## Weekday Mass Intentions

**Tuesday** - Charlie Synnott, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Friday** - Patricia Mc Auley, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Rest in Peace: We** commend to God the soul of **Pat Hogan,** Mill Tree, whose Requiem Mass was offered on Saturday; and **Rita Murtagh**, nee Mc Cann, Ballynagcargy, sister of Michael Mc Cann, Mooretown.

## Sacramental Dates - First Holy Communion

Ratoath Junior School - 10<sup>th</sup> May; St Paul's NS - 17<sup>thy</sup> May; Rathbeggan NS – 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### First Confession will take place during Lent.

#### Confirmation 2025

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, for the nine 6<sup>th</sup> classes of our parish Primary Schools.

Welcome back to the parish Folk Group who will sing again at the Vigil Mass this weekend.

Congratulations to Lisa Redmond and John O'Connor who exchanged their weddings vows on Friday.

Welcome to Fr Stephen Ciubotaru from the diocese of lasi in Romania who will serve as curate in the neighbouring parishes of Curragha, Ardcath & Clonalvley, and will get to know our parish.

**Webcam**: unfortunately the live stream didn't broadcast last Sunday as the link from the church to the house went down and wasn't detected until later in the day. Apologies to those who were unable to follow the I I am Mass and thanks to Eamon Mc Gonigle for promptly resolving the problem.

**The Parish Altar Society Annual Collection** takes place next weekend to cover the ongoing cost of flowers, linens and other supplies needed to maintain the beauty of our liturgical celebrations. Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Altar Society and church-cleaning teams. New members always needed and welcome. It is hoped to have a **Harvest Mass** on one of the Sundays of October to acknowledge the farming families of the parish and to remember where our food comes from and the work and skill involved in farming.

A **Safeguarding** meeting was held in Navan on Tuesday, attended by 98 Safeguarding Reps and clergy from many parishes. A new **Policy Document** was presented which simplifies and streamlines safeguarding practice for all involved in Church life. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the diocesan website to see how accessible and comprehensive the document is. Of course, it must not remain a document but translate into best practise in our parishes and an incentive to children to be happily and safely involved in parish activities, life & liturgy.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis:** Navan parish is delighted to announce the upcoming visit of the relic of Blessed Carlo to St. Mary's, on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Mon 16<sup>th</sup> September. A parish novena starts this Sunday in preparation for this great event and for the intention that the young people of the Diocese will grow to love Christ in the Eucharist. **Schedule: Sun15<sup>th</sup> Sept**: 10:55am Procession with Reliquary to St Mary's;11am Solemn Mass followed by veneration of Relic; 1pm Mass followed by veneration of Relic until 7:20pm; 6pm Guided Prayer & Reflection led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal; 7:30pm-Evening Prayer & Benediction. **Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**: 8am Mass; 10am Mass with schools, followed by veneration of Relic; 2pm Farewell Ceremony.

**Website** – All **Booking Forms** for Sacraments are on the parish website under each Sacrament and under the heading '*FORMS*'. They can either be filled in online electronically, printed, and returned to the Parish Office or downloaded, filled in by hand and returned.

**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!

White Envelope Collection for July amounted to €3,459.31, and for August €2,195.00. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of parishioners in supporting the mission of our parish and the services it provides.

Parish Secretary - Recruiting will start shortly.

Many thanks to those who have already expressed an interest in the position.

**Meath Samuel Group:** is a guided spiritual formation programme for young adults (18-40) led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, based at St Mary's in Drogheda. The commitment is to attend each Samuel Group Sunday on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec; 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm-7.30pm, including Mass and Holy Hour at St Mary's, Navan. Also, to meet monthly with a spiritual director (the sisters will help find one!), and to pray daily. See www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes starts this Wednesday led by Bishop Deenihan, with the Diocesan Choir.

Meath Diocese Spirituality Afternoon for **Pioneers:** Franciscan Abbey, Multyfarnham, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2-5pm.

<u>Community Employment (CE)</u> Rehabcare Ratoath: a Part-time Healthcare work placement programme vacancy for 19.5 hours per week through a Community Employment (CE)Scheme. All Healthcare Support Level 5 training provided. For more information and eligibility criteria call Navan EDP Scheme office on 046- 9071938 or the mobile on 086 3470263 or by email on <u>navanedp@gmail.com</u>

**Conversational English Class in Ratoath.** Have you the time and interest to help people feel welcome in our community? Volunteer Tutors Needed. Are you available on Wednesday evenings for two hours? An interest in people and a willingness to chat are the main requirements. You will be supported in your role as a tutor. Contact Noel at 0872587658 or <u>outreach@cultur.ie</u>

**Navan Toastmasters is Back!** Master the art of speaking, listening, and thinking in a fun and welcoming environment! 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, September through June at 7:45pm for 8pm start Claremont Stadium, Navan. Everyone welcome — bring a friend!

#### Act Out Youth Theatre is now accepting New Registrations for Weekly Workshops for 2024/25: Dunshaughlin – Mondays 6pm – 7.30pm, starting 16<sup>th</sup> September @ St Seachnall's NS;

Navan – Tuesdays 6pm – 7.30pm, starting 17th September @ the Solstice Arts Centre.

Previous Performance Experience is useful but not essential. Places are limited. Registration open to new members in the Meath area of secondary school age. Email <a href="mailto:actoutmeath@gmail.com">actoutmeath@gmail.com</a> to express interest.

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<b>Vigil</b> – 7.00pm;			
<b>Sunday</b> – 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm ( <i>July &amp; August – no</i> 12.15pm Mass)			
Holy Days – 11.00am			
Weekdays – Monday to Friday at 9.45am			
Confessions: Before Vigil Mass			
<b>Baptisms:</b> on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 4.30pm			
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			
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