

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

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2 ND FEBRUARY – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION		9 TH FEBRUARY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday 7.00pm	Lily Mulvaney, 2 nd Anniversary; Timothy Kerins	Saturday 7.00pm	Al Moroney, 13 th Anniversary
Sunday 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish	Sunday 9.00am	Olive Brennan, 4 th Anniversary
11.00am	Michael Eiffe, 13 th Anniversary; Catherine Williams	11.00am	Roisin Kennedy, 4 th Anniversary
12.15pm	Eugene Gleeson, 5 th Anniversary; Bill Mills, 4 th Anniv, & Dympna, 17 th Anniv	12.15pm	George McAuley; Lil, Emma & Ultan Nulty, Christina & Christy Nulty and Lily Cullen; Damian Corr, 10 th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Marie Quirke Fairbairn**, The Old Mill, whose funeral took place on Monday; **Angela Mc Mahon**, Baltrasna, laid to rest on Tuesday; and **Olive Manning**, Terenure.

Weekday Mass Intentions - Thursday: Tom Everard

This 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 this 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 on 1st February, the first day of spring in the Celtic calendar, 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, O Mary of Ireland, wherever I go.
O Brigid, be with me until the road's end,
O Help me to pass through that gate as God's friend.
From famine and drought, O Lord deliver us
from fear and failure, O Lord deliver us
from waste and want, O Lord deliver us
from poverty and riches, O Lord deliver us
from greed and gluttony, O Lord deliver us
from sin and shame, O Lord deliver us

By the powerful intercession of St Brigid, may God make fruitful our fields and flocks, our land and livestock, and the seed about to be sown. May we be faithful and our land fruitful until the end of time. Amen

St Blaise was an Armenian bishop and martyr of the 4th century. We say our health is our wealth, the foundation of so many other values and gifts in life. The First Eucharistic Prayer speaks of our *'hope of health and wellbeing for ourselves and those who are dear to us'*. When health fails, we need healing. Christ is the ultimate healer. But He shares that gift of healing with His holy ones and with medical practitioners. Down the ages saints were invoked for healing different parts of the body.

For some reason, the popular **blessing of throats** on the feast of St Blaise has survived. It is a blessing for the fullness of health and strength of mind and body. Two candles, blessed on the feast of Candlemas, are held in the shape of the cross and placed against the throat of the faithful with the words: *by the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God preserve you from all illness of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* The blessing will be given after 9.45am mass on Monday.

We welcome the boys and girls of 2nd class in our parish schools to mass this weekend as they come with their parents and families to prepare for their **First Confession and First Holy Communion**.

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish this Friday at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. Rehearsals take place this week for all schools.

'Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the young people and kindle in them the fire of Your love'

First Friday calls to the sick and housebound cannot be made this Friday as it is Confirmation Day for the parish. The calls will be made in the meantime whenever possible. No 9.45am mass on Friday. Mass for those on the Altar List of the Dead will be offered on Wednesday.

Gluten free hosts are always available for coeliacs wishing to receive Communion.

Pioneer Association meeting in Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre on Friday, 7th February, after 7pm Mass. All are invited. New members are very welcome. Call May Tuite on 087 133 4872

Blessing of Graves will take place this year on Sunday 25th May

Weekly collection: Offertory for 26th January €1,470.00

Envelopes for period ending 26th January: White Envelopes €2590.95; Blue Envelopes €235.00



JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28TH JULY – 3RD AUGUST 2025. Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese of Meath to join with young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis. As Pilgrims of Hope we will share in the week of events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! Cost €750 approx. including flights and accommodation. For more info see www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. "With Mary Pilgrims of Hope" 2025 Jubilee Year, under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan, starts 9th Sept. Pilgrims may choose a 4 or 5-night stay. All pilgrims will be in Hotels. Fares begin at €829 full board. Booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours. For inquiries: Tel: 01-2410800

Meath Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 22nd – 27th September 2025.

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: 044 9340587. Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

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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