

# 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 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

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



12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		19 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Pat Mc Hale, Month's Mind; Tom Murphy and deceased family members; Noel & Therese Scally, Baby Noel, Packy & Francis O'Brien, Jimmy & Mary Higgins, and Brian & Nina Madden	<b>Saturday</b> 7.00pm	Rosella Mc Dermot, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Tommy and Breda Dolan; Teresa Feehan; Willie & Peg Carey and daughter Evelyn Cullen
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Tom, Catherine and Tommy Mc Loughlin; Dermot Gallagher	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
<b>11.00am</b>	John O'Leary, Month's Mind, & his mother Helen's 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Declan Hoare; Brigid Brennan; Heather Dosunmu, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary; Cyril Brennan, his wife Una, and son Dermot; Alan Geary	<b>11.00am</b>	Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
<b>12.15pm</b>	Martin Cusack & Deirdre Cusack-Fairbrother; Kathleen and Johnny Staunton; Lorraine Herlihy, Month's Mind, also Barbara, Lesley and Malcolm Dyer; Florence O'Neill, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<b>12.15pm</b>	Angela Murphy, Months Mind; Winnie and Pud Mahon; Pat and Mary Reilly

### Weekday Mass Intentions

**Tues:** Sean Fitzpatrick and his wife Fran, formerly of Ratoath

**Wed:** Jack and Lucy Browne and their daughter Miriam

**Thursday:** Hugh Nally, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am, 12pm and 2pm.

The last of three Masses of preparation with the candidates from our schools takes place this weekend at the Vigil, 11am & 12.15pm Masses.

Two 6<sup>th</sup> classes from Ratoath Senior School will come to daily Mass each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from this week until Confirmation.

**St Patrick's Day Festival Planning Meeting** was deferred due to the bad weather and will now take place this **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**, in the Community Centre at 8pm for all interested parties.

**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)

**Samaritans**, supporting those in emotional distress 24/7. Freephone number **116 123**.

There is an Outreach team willing to meet with any community groups to talk about what Samaritans do and how they try to help people in emotional distress. Annual Collection, as per Garda permit, this weekend.

**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

### **Parish Pastoral Assembly**

A summary of the feedback received from the parish *'listening event'* held on 4<sup>th</sup> December based on the questions given in the bulletin beforehand and discussed at the listening event:

#### **Q1) Is it important for you to be active in the parish? If yes why?**

Gives purpose and gives space to follow in faith; Deepens spiritual belief;  
Formation of faith; Community / camaraderie / making friends;  
Praying rosary together gives sense of community; Stronger link to the parish; Sacraments.

#### **Q 2) What value do you get from being involved in the parish?**

Confidence; Being with other with similar values; Belonging; Sharing faith.  
Learning from others; Opportunity to give; Eucharistic Adoration is fulfilling

#### **Question 3) What services offered by the parish are you involved in or attend?**

Weekly masses; Legion of Mary; Altar society;  
Minister of Holy Communion; Daily mass; Rosary.

#### **Q 4) What further opportunities would you like to help deepen your own faith and spiritual life?**

Evening mass (possible options during Advent and Lent); Saturday morning mass;  
Early morning mass; Rosary in the evenings after 7pm; Adoration or other prayer services after 7pm;  
Conversations (Faith / Bible / Lectio Divina);  
Group/people to welcome congregation to Sunday mass; Cuppa after mass on Sundays (even once per month);  
Engaging young people

#### **Q5) What actions / services / programmes / do you think would help to deepen the faith of the parish and encourage others to re-start or start their faith journey?**

Welcoming to masses on Sundays; Post mass cuppa and chat;  
Further opportunities to receive Communion; Stations of the Cross;  
Enhanced liturgy / more uplifting / joyous; Music;  
Bereavement support; Baptism preparation;  
Adoration / liturgies for children; Bio-diversity project;  
Faith development programmes; opportunities;  
Children's liturgy (was done once per month in Family Room); Inclusion of children's pictures;  
Exploring scripture; Taizé music/liturgies; Different voices/speakers on faith & spiritual topics; Christmas bazaar

**Weekly collection:** Offertory, 5<sup>th</sup> January €1,833.00

Envelope collection for period ending 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024:

**White Envelopes** -€3,608.35; **Blue Envelopes** - €10,445.13

**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.