

## Second Sunday after Christmas 4th/5th Jan 2025

### Epiphany

On this day through the visit of the wise men from the East, Jesus is made known to all people throughout the world. Jew or Greek, slave or free. May we on the feast day (also Holyday of obligation) continue to make Jesus known throughout our world and in this way the feast of Christmas is never forgotten. The King of kings, born in a stable. Let our gifts be not Gold, frankincense and myrrh but the gift of our faith, love and hope in the future

### Mass times during the week

**Monday 6th, Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day):**

**Newcastle 10am, Saggart 11am, Rathcoole 7pm.**

Masses return to normal from Tuesday

Saggart – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday @ 11am.

Rathcoole – Tuesday & Thursday @ 10am.

Newcastle – Monday & Friday @ 10am.

After next weekend we will return to ordinary time and once more we will see the return of Green vestments until Lent which begins in early March.

### Christmas Dues Envelopes

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Offering through the envelopes and 'Tap & Go' machine. Your support is greatly appreciated by not only the priests of the parish but also the priests throughout the diocese including sick and retired priests.

### Back to School

Schools reopen on Monday morning and we look forward to having some of the classes back with us during weekdays in our different churches.

### Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

#### Origin of a Jubilee Year

The Jubilee has its origins in an ancient biblical tradition (*Leviticus*).

Every 50th year was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest.

In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can celebrate it at least once in a lifetime.

#### In Ireland

During the Jubilee year in Ireland our bishops have designated the following three as special national pilgrimage sites:

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co Mayo**

**Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo**

**Saint Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg, Co Donegal**

During 2025, there will be a special commemoration to mark the birth, in 1625, of Saint Oliver Plunkett 400 years ago, and also to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Venerable Matt Talbot.

The 2025 Year of Hope also marks the eight hundredth anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Laurence O'Toole, one of the patron saints of the Archdiocese of Dublin. An ecumenical diocesan pilgrimage to Eu, Normady, will take place in May.

Bishops invite the faithful of all ages to participate in this Holy Year by browsing

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> , and to stay informed with the dedicated app

IUBILAEUM25.

To encourage engagement, Jubilee Year updates, log onto [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie) where many events will be featured as they arise.

