

First Sunday in Lent 8th/9th March 2025

Mass times during this Week

Saggart: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am. **Rathcoole:** Tuesday & Thursday 10am.

Newcastle: Monday & Friday 10am.

Recently Deceased: Cathy Dowling (nee Robinson), Rathcoole, Fr John Jacob, Saggart Removal Tue 5.30pm, funeral Mass Wednesday 11am.

Mass Intentions: Don Hall, Maura McGuire, Kevin Shiji.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thanks to those who responded to the appeal for Volunteers present in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our churches. As there is a tradition of Eucharistic Adoration in Rathcoole we are blessed to have Adoration continue and be extended from Tuesday.

Silent Adoration: Tuesday 11.30 – 1pm; 3 – 5pm with a led Holy Hour from 10.30 – 11.30.

Friday: 9am – 12 o'clock; 3 – 6pm with a led Holy Hour from 6 -7pm. **Sunday** 4 – 6pm.

Saggart is in the process of contacting volunteers to launch adoration in the parish. Unfortunately although there was a good response in Newcastle there were no volunteers to coordinate adoration for the moment. These will be contacted with strengthening adoration in Rathcoole and Saggart unless someone comes on board to coordinate the rota.

Safe Harbour (Supporting a child when the parent dies through Suicide)

Safe Harbour is an illustrated storybook for children who have been bereaved by suicide.

It has been developed by bereavement experts including professionals and people with lived experience – to help a child with their grief by encouraging conversation and developing their understanding of death and suicide.

Safe Harbour is a story told by a young child whose parent has died by suicide. It contains words and illustrations that a child can relate to, and that describe what that journey was like for them. There are two versions available of the Safe Harbour storybook – one in which the child's father dies (Book A) and one in which their mother dies (Book B).

See www.childhoodbereavement.ie/safeharbour/ for more details

Diocesan Lent Resource

The Diocesan Lent resource for 2025 focusses on the prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope. Each week there is a podcast reflection to guide individuals or groups in a time of prayer. The podcast is accompanied by a printable version and 'How to Use' guide, for those who might wish to use it. The resource will be available each Thursday in Lent from the Lent 2025 section of the Office of Mission and Ministry website: www.missionministry.ie.

Novena of Grace, Tallaght

The Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier continues in St Dominic's Church, Tallaght, until Wednesday, March 12. Director of the Novena is Fr John Harris OP. Novena Masses on weekdays at 10am and on Sunday a healing Mass takes place at 3pm. All are welcome.

Litmus Workshop

Each year the Liturgy offices in the diocese hosts workshops on different themes, often before Lent and Advent. This year the seminar will be in Blackrock College on Saturday 22 March from 10am – 1pm focusing on "Those Three Days" Covering Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday of the Easter Vigil as well as Easter Sunday. For booking use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/hn5KYGmWwU>

St. Patrick's Day Masses

St Patrick's Day takes place on Monday next (17th March). Mass for the Holy Day will be.

Newcastle 10am, Saggart 11am and Rathcoole 7pm Monday evening.

Recently Married:

Congrats to Ciaran Murphy & Aine Murtagh who were married last week in Newcastle church.