

Greetings from the new 'Parish Priest'

To introduce myself is difficult in written form but here goes. Fr. Joseph Ryan is the name, living in Saggart since July. I come from farming background near Golden, Co. Tipperary. (For those not in the know, that is between Cashel and Tipperary town). I was ordained in 1990 for Cashel diocese but, at that time with a surplus of priests, I was sent on loan to Dublin diocese to the parish of St. Matthew's, Ballyfermot. That loan finished 22 years later when I opted to stay on in Dublin. Since then I have been in Rathfarnham parish and came to Saggart after spending 10 years in the Glasnevin Grouping of parishes. There, I lived in Ballygall. The parishes of Saggart, Rathcoole, Brittas and Newcastle sounded very daunting when I was talking to Fr John Gilligan in the early days of last summer. However since arriving I have discovered it's not as daunting as it first seemed. Each community seems well organised and it is fantastic to see the different districts continue to thrive and grow. Having celebrated Christmas with you and other events

we can now look forward to Easter and seeing the end of storms and bad weather for another long time.

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Rathcoole Parish Webcam Request

Since COVID churches had to find new ways of connecting with the people of the parish. The introduction of the Webcam has been a great blessing for many that were no longer able to come to church or may be living in other parts of the country or world. In Rathcoole, through a generous donation the webcam was installed. However it needs to be maintained at a cost of 2,300 euro per year. Various sources of revenue have been contacted, businesses as well as regular parishioners and have been able to support the initiative until now. Margaret King, a familiar face to many of you, has been the main mover in fundraising for the upkeep of the webcam that is so vital in our community. She now needs your help. It may be through once-off or regular donations, it might be joining

her fundraising team, it might mean enabling sponsorship. If you have any ideas or spare cash let her know. Contact details through the sacristy in Rathcoole.

Through the webcam people can not only take part in the services provided in the church but can log in at any time for some quiet prayer.

Mass times in Rathcoole are:
Saturday: Vigil Mass 6pm, Sunday: 12pm, Tuesday 10am & Thursday 10am.

In Saggart church Mass is at 9am on Sundays and weekday masses Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 11am. In Newcastle church, Mass is at 10am on Sunday, Monday & Friday mornings.

Easter Ceremonies

You are welcome to join us celebrate the Easter Triduum which takes place from Holy Thursday and concludes with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The institution of the Eucharist (Holy Thursday), the passion & death

of Jesus (Good Friday) and concludes with the Resurrection of the Lord (Holy Saturday) is the central nugget of our christian Faith.

Rathcoole: Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm; Good Friday – The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3pm; Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil 8pm; Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 12 noon.

Saggart: Good Friday – Stations 12 noon, The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3pm; Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil 9pm. Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 9am.

Newcastle: Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm; The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3pm; Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 10am.

Brittas: There will be an Easter celebration in the Mass Centre closer to Easter and the residents will be notified with more details.

