

10th/11th May 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

Habemus Papam

We heard the famous words last Thursday evening and were told that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected to become the 267th pope to succeed St. Peter. He chose Leo XIV as his title. May God bless him in his new role in guiding our church in the future.

Mass times & Intentions during the Week

Saggart: Sunday 9am: Joan Gordon, Charles Cullen and family, Brigid Reilly, Fran Reid, Elizabeth & William Reid. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (No Mass in Rathcoole) & Friday 11am.

Rathcoole: Sat 6pm: Tom & Peg Quinn and family. Sun 12pm: Niall Dowling (M.M.) Tom Dignam, Marie Fitzmaurice, Sean Hackett, Sean Keane & Mary Tracey. Tuesday 10am (Bernie Sherry). (No Mass Thursday – Confirmation Holy Family);

Newcastle: Sunday 10am: Sylvia Kavanagh (M.M), Mary & John Trant, Hannah Horgan, Eamon Hughes, Sadie & Peter Allen, Nancy Coogan, Raymond Condon. **Monday** 10am (Free) **Friday** (Aiden Moore) 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration:

NEWCASTLE. Saturdays 3 – 6pm.

RATHCOOLE: Tuesday 3 – 6pm. **Friday** 3 – 7pm. **Sunday** 4 – 6pm. (No morning adoration)

SAGGART. Saturday 4 – 7pm. **Sunday** 4 – 7pm.

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, 11th May 2025

“A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service.” – Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025

As we journey through the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are invited to reflect on how God continues to call each of us to bring light and hope to the world. As Pope Francis RIP tells us: “There is no vocation without mission.” There are three seminarians in Dublin diocese as well as a greater number discerning the priesthood. Their “yes” to God’s call is a sign of great hope for our Church and our communities.

Let us pray for them, and for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry that they may hear and respond to God’s call. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support for vocations to flourish among us. For the full message of Pope Francis please see this link: [Message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025](#).



Ethiopia – Church Gate Collection

Margaret O'Brien who volunteers with VLM (Vincentian Lay Missions) is fundraising to support a charity in Ambo, Ethiopia. The main focus this year is to ensure that 44 children from the poorest families in the village can receive the opportunity to attend the pre-school.

Food, basic health care and also a school for the deaf are the focus of her fundraising this year.

Lay Ministry Appeal Sunday (17/18 May)

Next weekend a special collection will take place to support different lay initiatives in the diocese. It will replace the usual SHARE collection.

Local Lives (Nairobi Fundraiser)

Savio, one of our Altar servers, writes to thank the parishioners in Saggart church for their support towards his church-gate collection last weekend in aid of young people in the Kibera slum in Nairobi.

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Glendalough – Tue, 29th April

Well done to all who travelled to Glendalough last week as part of our celebrations of the Jubilee year. Thanks to those who organised the event.

Pathways

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! Content: 1st year focus on basic theology of God – Jesus, Church, Worship, Word of God, Sacraments. 2nd year – focus on ministries
Information evening: St Paul's Church, Arran Quay on Monday 26th May 2025 at 7.30pm.