

17th/18th May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass times during the Week

Saggart: Sunday 9am: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am.

Rathcoole: Sat 6pm, Sun 12pm, Tuesday & Thursday 10am.

Newcastle: Sunday 10am. Monday & Friday 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration:

NEWCASTLE. Saturdays 3 – 6pm.

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

Please note that during May there will be no morning adoration. This will resume in June once practices for confirmations and Holy Communion will be over.

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

Lay Ministry Appeal Sunday (17/18 May)

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

National Volunteering Week

This week sees a focus on volunteering in all aspects of community life. This year's theme is 'Building Community Together'. Volunteering is a way of socialising, making friends, and learning about others. Volunteering keeps people connected to their communities and gives them an outlet for the deep care they have for others. We always can do with more volunteers in our church life. Talk to the priests, members of the PPC, sacristans about how you can become more active in your parish community.

Blessing of Graves

During June there is a wonderful tradition of families gathering for the annual blessing of the graves.

Newcastle church cemetery: Sunday 8th June (Mass & Blessing) 10.00.

Newcastle (Ballynakelly) cemetery Sunday 15th June (Mass & Blessing) 2pm.

Saggart 29th June (Mass) 9am with blessing of cemetery immediately afterwards. 9.45 approx.

Diocesan Pastoral Council

In March 2024 the Diocese began work on the establishment of the Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Council (DDPC). Since then began a period of discernment The final level of discernment has taken place. Those to be commissioned this weekend in the Pro-Cathedral as members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council are: Ms **Áine Nolan** (West Dublin), Ms **Bruna Frota Mourao** (City Centre), Ms **Catherine Hennessy** (North Dublin), Monsignor **Ciarán O'Carroll** (South Dublin), Archbishop **Dermot Farrell**, Bishop **Donal Roche**, Deacon **Eamonn Murray** (North Dublin), Father **Gareth Byrne** (North Dublin), Ms **Geraldine Tallon** (Wicklow), Mr **Kevin Mullally** (Southwest Dublin), Canon **Liam Rigney** (Kildare), Sister **Liz Byrne** (West Dublin), Ms **Maeve Davidson** (South Dublin), Ms **Orla McCarthy** (South Dublin), Ms **Orla O'Grady Walshe** (South Dublin), Ms **Patricia Carroll** (North Dublin), Father **Paul Thornton** (North Dublin), Bishop **Paul Dempsey**, Father **Richard Sheehy** (North & West Dublin), Mr **Seán Feeney** (North Dublin), Ms **Sheila Keegan Groome** (City Centre) & Ms **Thérèse O'Mahony** (West Dublin).

Pray for life Novena – Friday 23rd – Saturday 31 May 2025

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Friday, May 23rd, to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday, May 31st. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily Novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena/](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena/), @PrayforLife_ie on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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.

