

7th/8th June 2025 Pentecost Sunday (End of the Easter Season)



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 10.30 – 1pm & 3 – 5pm. Friday 9.00 – 12pm 3 – 7pm. Sunday 4 – 6pm.

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

Blessing of Graves

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

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

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

(Also: Palmerstown June 22nd 3pm, Newlands Cross, July 13th 3pm)

Pope's Intentions for June

Each month the Pope invites the church to pray for a specific intention. In June we are invited to pray that the world may grow in compassion. "Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

Diocesan Novena to the Holy Spirit

The annual diocesan **Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin** concludes on Monday, June 9, the Feast of St Columba (St Colmcille), one of the three patron saints of Ireland. The Novena Prayer cards are available at all exits of the church. The resources are accessible on the diocesan website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-2025/>

Dare to Hope – Youth gathering in Knock

On Saturday, June 14th, the Irish Bishops' Conference, in collaboration with Knock Shrine, will host **Dare to Hope – a dynamic and prayerful gathering for young adults aged 18 to 30**. The event will take place in the Youth Village at the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. A €20 attendance charge will enable participants to hear guest speakers, to attend workshops and related events. Dare to Hope will conclude with the celebration of Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady, with Bishop Fintan Gavin of Cork and Ross as the chief celebrant. For more information, visit www.catholicbishops.ie/.

Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood

Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus McEntee or Fr Bill, at vocations@dublindiocese.ie or bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.

Diocesan Safeguarding update

The **most recent newsletter from the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service** can be found at <https://csps.dublindiocese.ie/category/newsletter>

Peace in Gaza

The Irish Bishops, at a recent meeting in Maynooth, discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, stating: "From all over Ireland, parishioners are reporting their horror and helplessness on seeing images of death and communal destruction in Gaza. Exhausted mothers can no longer nourish their young, children are dying of malnutrition, while aid lorries full of supplies are being refused entry into the territory, or are not safely arriving at their destination.

"We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world and a renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs."

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration in each of our churches. Let us make a special effort to spend some time praying before the Blessed Sacrament for peace and that to echo Pope Leo's recent appeal for 'the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and an end to the hostilities, whose heartbreaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick.'