

26th/27th July 2025 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services during the Week

Saggart: **Mass:** Sunday 9am. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am. **Adoration:** Sat/Sun 4 - 7pm

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

Adoration: Sun 4 – 6pm, Tue 10.30 – 1 & 3 – 5pm

Newcastle: **Mass:** Sunday 10am. Monday & Friday 10am. **Adoration:** Sat 3 – 6pm

Confession: Any time by request. (*Generally after Mass*)

Jubilee of Youth – Rome 2025

More than 600 young adults from across Ireland will travel to Rome from 28th July to 3rd August 2025, to take part in the Jubilee of Youth, a major international celebration held as part of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025. Taking place under the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, the week-long event is expected to bring together over 100,000 young Catholics from around the world for a transformative experience of prayer, pilgrimage, catechesis, and Eucharistic celebrations.

Pockets of Hope – Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage Season 2025

The Dublin diocesan Pilgrim season continues until August 15th. **“Pray, Reflect & Hope”**

Stamp your route across 4 churches. Journey yourself or bring a group.

Pilgrim Route: St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row,

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott St.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – September 2025

In Rathcoole/Saggart thanks to the Legion of Mary You can support the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in September by becoming an Associate Member. Your donations help to send sick pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes. Names of donors are placed at the Grotto and are included in all Masses and ceremonies celebrated during the pilgrimage which takes place from the 4th to 9th September. People can donate during July & August after any Mass.



Reek Sunday

This year's Reek Sunday falls on this Sunday 27th July, and thousands of pilgrims of all ages – from across the island and from abroad – are expected to scale the 765 metres (2,520ft) of Ireland's 'Holy Mountain', Croagh Patrick, just outside of Westport, Co Mayo. The theme of Reek Sunday 2025 is 'Christian Hope', and this annual pilgrimage will continue the 1,600 year-old tradition of people scaling Ireland's Holy Mountain to pray and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Mass) at the summit.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday, 27th July, has been designated **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. This is the fifth World Day, and the theme is 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2). Grandparents and the Elderly are central components of the life of every parish. Pope Leo XIV reminds us "embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment". He calls on every parish to become a "protagonist in a 'revolution' of gratitude and care".

First Friday

In each church on Friday (Rathcoole - Thursday) we remember in a special way those names included in our November Altar lists of the Dead. The sick & housebound are visited by the priests with an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick/confession & Holy Communion.

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our
loved ones

and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen

Items for newsletter

Our newsletter is published on the parish website www.srbnparishes.ie and copies are posted in the porches of the churches. If you have an item that you would like published please send details to the parish office saggartparish@gmail.com for attention of Fr. Joseph Ryan before Thursday mornings. We will endeavour to publish them as soon as possible. (Remember it is Summer season so there may be gaps in production)

Ordination of Two Deacons

On Saturday, July 19th, Archbishop Dermot Farrell ordained Arcadiusz Lenkiewicz and John Gormley to the diaconate in St Mary's Church, Lucan.

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 or Fr Bill, at vocations@dublindiocese.ie or bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join young people between 16 and 35 at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare, from Thursday, August 7th, to Sunday, August 10th. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. The event is donation only and we have free buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie.

Priory Institute (Tallaght)

Hope – for our Pilgrim Journey: The Priory Institute two-week online Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 11th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two online Zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2025-online-summer-school;-hope-for-our-pilgrim-journey>.

Pathways – Exploring Faith & Ministry

This two year course is aimed at adults of all ages looking to explore and grow in their faith through inputs and small group sharing. Especially suitable for members of PPC or willing members of Parish Pastoral Councils. Takes place in DCU/St. Pat's, Drumcondra Road Upper on Thursdays from 7.15 – 9.15pm beginning 21st September until 14th May 2026. For more details visit www.missionministry.ie/pathways or contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie. This course can be part funded by the parish.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Dublin Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from September 4 to September 9, led by Archbishop Farrell: We encourage you to bring to the attention of your parishioners details of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We are still accepting applications to travel with our Assisted Pilgrim Section. Please request an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form and/or further information from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 018087555 or info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie. To travel as a hotel pilgrim please contact Joe Walsh Tours at 012410800 for further information.

Associate Membership Appeal: Become an Associate Member of this year's Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It now costs approximately €1,200 to bring a sick or assisted pilgrim to Lourdes. We request a payment of €600 from each pilgrim but only if they can afford it. Nobody is ever refused for inability to pay. This is why the Associate Appeal is vital to ensure the continuation of the Dublin Pilgrimage's service to the sick. Please contribute through your parish collection/office or donate via our Payzone link, <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10016/product-list/details/4010/>.

Spring Synod Gatherings

In March 2025, synod gatherings took place across the 5 pastoral areas of the Archdiocese, along with a 6th youth synod gathering. Clergy, chairs of Pastoral Councils, Parish Synod Animators, and pastoral staff were invited, with around 300 people from the Diocese present at the gatherings. The National Synod Team provided 17 topics for discussion that had emerged from the first synod gatherings in 2022. The aim of the spring gatherings was to prioritise the topics that should be a focus from the Pre-National Synod gatherings, beginning in October 2025. The 'Conversations in the Spirit' method was used to discern on 3 aspects: what the 3 priorities are out of the list of 17 topics? where there were noticeable differences? and what are the priorities that the Holy Spirit is prompting us to recommend to the Pre-Synodal Assembly in October 2025?

The Dublin Diocesan Report and Top 10 Takeaways can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/synod2025/>.