

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd/3rd August 2025

### 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*)

### 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](http://www.youth2000.ie).

### Pockets of Hope – Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage Season

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.

### Items for newsletter

Our newsletter is published on the parish website [www.srbnparishes.ie](http://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](mailto: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)

### Rathcoole Community Centre - Concert

Dominic McGorian will be in concert on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in the community centre. For more details see notice board in church.

### Intercession for Priests – Sr Briega McKenna

2025 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Intercession for priests. Originally begun by Fr. Kevin Scallon and Sr. Briega McKenna in All Hallow's college, this moved to St. Patrick's college, Maynooth in recent years. On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug there will be a special celebration in Knock. At 11.30 there will be a Eucharistic hour of prayer and praise (Open to all) and Mass at 3pm concluding with Eucharistic Healing Service with Sr. Briega. For the rest of the week there will be a retreat and intercession for priests in Maynooth. Please keep your priests in your prayers. We need them.

### Knock National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 13 - 21 August 2025

3pm & 8pm daily in the basilica. A number of guest speakers will take part with the overall theme being 'Pilgrims of Hope'. See notice boards for more details plus [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for comprehensive details of the novena.

### Bank Holiday weekend

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

## 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](http://www.missionministry.ie/pathways) or contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto: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 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](mailto: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/>.

## 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](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

## 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/>.**