

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd/24th 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*)

Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember Martina Hopkin's brother James Ball from Co. Clare, Also Pat Weldon Newcastle, Dolores Coughlan Newcastle & Winnie Morrison Rathcoole. Winnie's funeral Mass takes place on Tuesday at 10am. May they Rest In Peace.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – September 2025

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. This weekend will be the last weekend for donating and enrolling your name to be prayed in Lourdes.

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza – 24th August

This weekend we are being invited to pray for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal, which I am making in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all. May we all be a sign, by our prayer and action, that a different world is possible, and that a route to peace and reconciliation can and must be found through dialogue.

+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

Lough Derg, August & September

Between June and 15th August the 3 day pilgrimages to Lough Derg take place. Having done it in the past I reckon this is the type of pilgrimage to "sort the men from the boys". However there are a number of other options taking place during August and September.

One-Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st.

National Sacred Heart Crusade – a Sacred Heart Statue blessed by Pope Francis – will be present for the Day Retreats on 23rd, 24th & 25th August.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sun 7th September – special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential

Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage – In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries. Sunday 31st August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential

Quiet Day Retreat – Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while – Friday 12th September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential.

Contact info@loughderg.org or 0719861518. www.loughderg.org. Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60. There is still time to collect your Lough Derg Pilgrim Passport Stamp – www.pilgrimpassport.ie.

Canonisation of Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati 7th Sept (City Quay Church)

Join us for this special event as we celebrate the life and legacy of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. Witness the official recognition of their sainthood by the Catholic Church, *streamed* from the *Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Cityquay*. This in-person event will be a memorable experience for all attendees. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of history. Come and be inspired by the remarkable story of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. The event will consist of :

9 am - Canonisation event at *Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Cityquay Parish*, Dublin, including a livestream of Canonisation at 9:30 am - **TICKET EVENT ONLY - LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**

11.30 am Mass: *Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Cityquay Parish*, with Bishop Paul Dempsey

1.30 pm: Refreshments, Celebrations, and Eucharistic Miracles on display.

Veneration of Carlo Acutis' relics and time for quiet reflection and personal prayer in church until 6 pm.

Please email us at info@carloacutisireland.org with any questions or queries.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

For those attending non parish schools but wishing their children to celebrate First Penance/Eucharist and/or Confirmation a special course will be organised by the parish team. This runs in line with the school term. For more details contact the parish office or in any of the sacristies.

TheWay.ie

‘the Way’ is a digital multimedia platform set up by the Irish Bishops’ Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

In the very early Church, the first believers were known as followers of ‘the Way’ (e.g. Acts 9:2). In answer to the question ‘how can we know the way?’ (John 14:5) Jesus declared that ‘I am the Way, the Truth and Life.’ This platform is intended to help people to know the Way – to discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Together, we are led by Christ to be pilgrims of hope.

Daniel O Connell

On 6 August, Ireland’s Catholic and civic traditions marked a significant milestone with the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O’Connell, the internationally recognised statesman who successively worked for the removal of the sectarian Penal Laws, that largely affected Catholics, and which remained in place up to the beginning of the nineteenth century in Ireland. Catholic Emancipation was achieved through hard work in 1829 a legacy for which we have Daniel and his companions to thank.

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. First year programme 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 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/>.

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