

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th/31st 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 Winnie Morrison Rathcoole & Dessie McNally Newcastle. May they Rest In Peace.

Why Sunday Matters (Launched this weekend – www.catholicbishops.ie)

“As we journey together through this Jubilee Year of Hope, we, the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the profound gift of Sunday Mass. This special year offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and, for those who have been away, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.”

Some copies of the Irish Bishops’ new pastoral message, *Why Sunday Matters – An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass* are available in the church. See also the Irish Bishops website www.catholicbishops.ie, which includes an introductory video and a four-part video series titled *Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper*.

First Friday

This Friday is the first Friday of September. At Mass in Newcastle & Saggart on Friday (Rathcoole Thursday) we will pray for those names inscribed on our November Altar Lists of the dead. It is traditionally a day when the priests visit those housebound with holy communion and an opportunity for confession and the sacrament of the sick. If you know someone who is house-bound and would appreciate a visit leave their name and contact details to any of the sacristies or parish office during the week.

Season of Creation: Sept 1 – Oct 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since the late Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This year’s theme is “Peace with Creation”, and it is inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; “My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation? For more information and to explore the 2025 Season of Creation resources, visit CatholicBishops.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.

Also Whitefriar St informs us: A Eucharistic procession in honour of the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be held around the streets of central Dublin, starting at Whitefriar Street Church at 3pm and finishing with Mass in St Agatha’s Church, North Wall, at 5pm.

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.

St. Laurence O’Toole

Talk on St Laurence O’Toole on Monday, September 1, at 8pm in the headquarters of the Knights of Columbanus, Ely Place, Dublin 2. The talk will be given by Fr John Scroope O’Brien, Clontarf, who is a distant relative of St Laurence. All are welcome.

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza – 24th August

Our thanks to those who took part in the special day of prayer last weekend for peace in the Holy Land. It looks like that we need to continue the prayers and not lose hope in these trying times.

Pope's intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Manresa Retreats

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering the following retreat:

What Star Wars Teaches Us About Our Spiritual Journeys. Friday-Sunday, 5-7 September. Join Eric A. Clayton – author of *My Life with the Jedi: The Spirituality of Star Wars* – for a unique weekend retreat exploring how the beloved saga can illuminate our own spiritual path. Through guided talks, reflection, and prayer, discover how storytelling, imagination, and Ignatian spirituality invite us to recognise the light within and follow the path God has for us. Eric A. Clayton is the deputy director of communications at the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. He manages the award-winning *Now Discern This* column and creates digital content on Ignatian spirituality.

Oasis Days: Saturday, 27 September 2025; Saturday, 18 October 2025. Take time to pause with an Oasis Day – a gentle, one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, offering quiet space for prayer, rest, and renewal.

Visit www.manresa.ie for more details.

Priory Institute (Tallaght)

Study Theology Online – is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now to begin on September 20. Find out more at www.prioryinstitute.com or view a two-minute video [here](#).

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.

Lough Derg – September

Some options that might suit you or someone you know!

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

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

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.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – September 2025

Names & donations were left over to the Dublin Lourdes office during the week. Over €1500 was donated which will be used to part fund invalid pilgrims to take part in the pilgrimage which begins on Thursday 4th September.

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am to 4pm and Wednesday 9am to 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>.