

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2025

6th/7th September

## 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 Carmel Ennis Saggart & Gerry Hogan Rathcoole. We are also invited to pray for Fr Cathal Price known for his great promotion of Divine Mercy. His funeral Mass takes place on Monday 8th September at 10am in Kilbarrack church. May they Rest In Peace.

## Eucharistic Adoration

With the days shortening there will be a change in the times of adoration in Saggart church over the coming weeks. Details to be confirmed. We also need more volunteers to help with the adoration. This is a wonderful gift to the parish and we need to keep things going. We appeal to you in each of the three churches to keep up the effort and invite another person or two to commit to an hour each week. Perhaps a family could undertake to look after a particular week.

## Rathcoole Choir Appeal

The Saturday evening choir will resume next weekend. Practice begins on Thursday morning after 10 Mass. A special appeal for more male members to join. If you are interested simply turn up on Thursday morning or leave your name in the sacristy.

## Newcastle 'Highdown Hill' Tractor, Truck & Vintage Car Run

The annual tractor run takes place on Sunday, 14th September. Registering from 12 midday at Greenogue, travelling through Newcastle 1.10pm, Ardclough 1.30, Rathcoole 1.50pm and finishes back at Greenogue. This is to benefit the Irish Cancer Society. Do come along and support the great event.

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

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", 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?

Resources for this year's Season of Creation, which began 1st September, can be found at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>.

## Ecumenical Bible Week

Ecumenical Bible Week takes place this year from September 7th to 14th. The project is supported by the two Archbishops of Dublin and brings together people of different traditions around the Word of God.

Because this year is the anniversary of the Nicene Creed, we decided to explore the text of the Creed, looking in particular at the biblical background to what was agreed in Nicaea all those years ago. Our opening service (on the 7th @ 7pm) is in St Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road, and the closing service is in Christchurch Cathedral (on the 14th at 3.30pm). "Thinking Allowed" – our discussion forum – takes place on Wednesday, September 10, at 7.30pm in Donnybrook Pastoral Centre. Our Saturday Seminar (three speakers) takes place in St Brigid's Church of Ireland, Stillorgan, at Saturday the 13th, starting at 10.30 and ending at 14.00.

All events are free and you warmly encouraged to consider coming yourself to any or all of these events.

## Canonisation of Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati 7th Sept

On 7th September, from 10.15am to 11.45am, RTÉ One television will broadcast live from Saint Peter's Square, Rome, the Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV for the canonisations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, often called the "patron of the internet," used his deep faith and love of the Eucharist to inspire countless young people before his death at the age of 15.

His witness reminds us that holiness is possible in everyday life. Commentary and translation for the broadcast will be provided by Wendy Grace.

**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.

## **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – September 2025**

The diocesan pilgrimage concludes on Tuesday 9th September.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Cistercian Vocations**

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19–40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations Weekend, October 24 to 27. Contact our Vocation Director, Sister Mairéad, at [vocations@glencairnabbey.org](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org).

## **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](http://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](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.

## **Dominican Retreat – “Go down to the Potter's House” 20th Sept**

Working with clay as a different path to meditation. No previous experience of pottery or meditation required. (Optional Eucharist 4pm). Director: Fr Donagh O'Shea O.P. 20th September 10am – 4pm. Cost €70. Booking essential. 014048189 or email [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com)

## **Towards a Horizon of Hope with Martina Lehane Sheehan Fri 10th – Tue 14th Oct**

Through input, meditation, scripture, poetry, music, etc we will journey into the theme of rekindling hope and healing. Together we will find ways to 'rise again' from life's setbacks and challenges. Cost €255 residential; €140 non-residential. 014048189 or email [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com)

## **Manresa Retreats**

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

**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](http://www.manresa.ie) for more details.

## **Bethany Bereavement Support**

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>.

## **Aware – Support and Self care groups**

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).