

The Exaltation of the Cross (24th Sunday) 13th/14th September 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 Jim Dwan Newcastle, Chrissie Reardon Rathcoole & Pat Browne Tallaght (Funeral Mass Saggart Wed @ 11am) also Margaret Murray, Mary Horrigan.
Month's Mind: Newcastle Pat & Kathleen Weldon; Brittas Peter Greaney. May they Rest In Peace.

Crosscare Collection (Weekend of 20/21 Sept)

This year's annual collection for Crosscare will take place on next weekend **Sunday, September 21**, in parishes across the Archdiocese. Your generosity directly supports vital Crosscare services that help those most in need at this challenging time for so many in our communities. It will replace the SHARE collection next weekend. Envelopes are available for those unable to be with us next weekend.

Rathcoole Choir Appeal

The Saturday evening choir resumes this weekend. Practice takes place on Thursday mornings 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.

Saggart Choir Appeal

Practice takes place on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. New members are especially welcome.

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

The annual tractor run takes place today 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.

R.A.M.S. in Rhythm

Newcastle is blessed to have a number of retired men who have made up a musical group that has supported many different charities over the past 10 years since its founding. They will be present in Greenogue as part of the Highdown Hill Tractor Run this weekend. They are putting out an invite to retired men to join them. **Retired Active Men's Social** also meet regularly in Newcastle community centre. Drop in any Thursday morning or any day to find out more about other activities that might suit men who are recently retired. Membership includes men from not only Newcastle but also Rathcoole, Saggart & also Lucan, Clondalkin and Tallaght.

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/>.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

As the evenings lengthen we are appealing for 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.

Vocations

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.

Knock – Raising hope for our common home

Raising Hope for Our Common Home. Saturday, September 20. Knock House Hotel. 10am to 3pm. €15 per person. This special day will focus on caring for our environment and promoting sustainability, with inspiring talks from Éanna Ní Lamhna, Jane Mellett, and Dr. Brendan O’Keeffe. It promises to be an enriching event, encouraging practical and hopeful action in response to today’s environmental challenges.

Sharing Good News

Sharing Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference. If you would like to receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too.

French Language Mass

Mass for the French-speaking Catholic community in Dublin resumes on **Sunday, September 14**, at 12.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Haddington Road and continues on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12.30pm from September to June.

Italian Mass & other activities

Italian Catholic Community Dublin. Masses in Aughrim Street Church every Saturday at 5.30pm (fourth Sunday of the month followed by community gathering). Other activities: Biblical Catechesis (online); Pre-marriage Catechesis: Rosary (online); Book Club (online).

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/italiani.cattolici.a.dublino/>. Contact: Fr Coriolan Muresan. cattolici.dublin@gmail.com / coryolan26@yahoo.it / 012447995.

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.

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](#).

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.

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

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

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 for more details.