

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th/28th September 2025

Services during the Week

Saggart: **Mass:** Sunday 9am. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am. **Adoration:** Sat/Sun 2 - 5pm

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 Gerry O'Brien, Rathcoole. May he Rest In Peace.

Safeguarding Sunday

The annual Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday takes place this weekend Saturday/Sunday, 27/28th September. It's a time when we reflect on the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our parishes and communities. It is also an opportunity to inform the wider faith community of the important work that your parish does to ensure a safe place for all.

October Devotions – Newcastle

During October there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary on Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 7pm. Do come along and join us for some prayer and reflections.

Eucharistic Adoration – Saggart

From Sat, 4th Oct, for the winter months we have decided to bring back the hours of adoration. Eucharistic adoration will be at the earlier time of 2 – 5pm on both Saturdays and Sundays. For those using the carpark during these hours parking is free. (Clampers won't be clamping!) This time might suit others and we invite you to come along for a few minutes or even commit to an hour each week.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly church gate collection takes place after all masses this weekend. As always your support is appreciated.

First Friday

A reminder that on Thursday (Rathcoole) and Friday Newcastle & Saggart our Masses will be offered for those names included in our Altar Lists of the Dead. Those sick & housebound will be visited with an opportunity for confession/anointing of the sick and to receive Holy Communion.

Pub Quiz – Four Districts Community First Responders (CFR)

Pub Quiz on Friday, 3rd Oct starting at 9pm sharp in the Rathcoole Inn. Make sure to bring your mobile phone. This fundraiser helps support our local CFR group who provide fantastic first response to emergency calls. This can be a matter between life and death in the event of delays on ambulances coming to assist 999 or 112 calls. Bring a team of 4 to fill a table for a good night's entertainment and of course it's for a good cause.

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

Seeds of Peace & Hope

A service of prayer, music and reflection. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group and guests will lead this celebration. Takes place on this Monday, 29th September, 8pm, at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra. You can also join online at www.rednuns.com/webcam

Harvest Dues Envelopes

The Harvest Dues envelopes will be available from this weekend. This collection is a reminder of supporting the priests of the parish and throughout the diocese. Very apt that this collection takes place towards the end of the month of September at the conclusion of the Season of Creation.

New Irish

We are always called to welcome those who have come to live in our neighbourhood. We would like to remind those who join us at the weekend for Sunday Mass that only Catholics are permitted to receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholics who join us are welcome join us for prayer and at Holy Communion time to come forward and receive a blessing. We simply ask that you form a cross with your hands towards your shoulders and the minister of the Eucharist will give you a welcome blessing. We are delighted that some new parishioners have begun the formal preparations in a journey towards joining the Catholic church. Our thanks to those who have volunteered to accompany them on their faith journey towards. If there are others interested in becoming Catholic feel free to talk to any of the parish team after Mass or at any other time.

Palestrina Choir (Pro-Cathedral)

The **Palestrina Choir is travelling to Rome in November**. The choir will have the great honour of giving a joint concert with the Cappella Musicale Pontificia – the Sistine Chapel Choir. They will take part in the Jubilee of Choirs, give a concert hosted by the Ambassador to the Holy See Her Excellency Frances Collins, and give a concert in the town of Palestrina as part of Palestrina 500 celebrations. This is a very significant trip: one in which the Palestrina represents Ireland abroad in a special way and it will be extremely educational and inspiring for the boy choristers and everyone who is singing and travelling. We are working to make this affordable for families and are asking for your support in this fundraising concert. As part of their fundraising initiatives they will be performing 2 free concerts in October. 8pm on **Friday 3rd Oct** in Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion and 8pm on **Friday 24th Oct** in St. Francis Xavier's church, Gardiner St. Admission is free but donations gratefully appreciated.

Young Adult Ministry

You, or someone you know, may be interested in supporting the youth of the diocese and in our own area and wondering how to support them in their faith journey. Dublin diocese is providing some formation through the **Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry**. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences and key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice in their local context, while also being grounded in key church documents such as *Christus Vivit*. See poster. For more information and to send on any queries, please contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. An information session will be announced for November. Registration is open and can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Et8sXCxNtC>

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

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.

Manresa Retreats

Course: Working with Dreams. Tuesdays, 7 October - 2 December 2025 (8-week course; except Tue, 28 Oct). Would you like to be able to interpret your own dreams? Dream interpretation opens the path to healing, wholeness and creativity. Explore dreams in scripture, learn the symbolic language of dreams and discover the deeper meaning of your life with this eight-week course, led by Paddy Greene SJ and Anne Hession.

Oasis Day. Saturday, 18 October 2025; Saturday, 15 November 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.

November Masses

Advance notice regarding the annual masses for those who died during the past 12 months. Mass in Newcastle will take place on 14th November & in Rathcoole 21st November.

Confirmation Dates 2026

Great excitement in our schools these days as we have agreed upon the dates for confirmation next year.

St. Martins (Brittas) 17 April; St. Mary's (Saggart) 23rd April; St. Finian's (Newcastle) 24th April; Holy Family (Rathcoole) 8th May; The combined Educate Together schools (Saggart & Rathcoole) 9th May; Scoil Chronain (Rathcoole) 14th May.

First Holy Communion Dates 2026

The proposed dates have been set for next year. Looking forward to seeing families

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