

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th/5th October 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 (**Funeral**) & Friday 10am. **Adoration:** Sat 3 – 6pm

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office for details. (0860108420 Tue – Thur 10 – 12.30approx)

Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember Bridget Doody Newcastle, and also Teresa Lenihan Newcastle (Funeral Mass Monday 10am). May they Rest In Peace.

October Devotions – Newcastle

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

Eucharistic Adoration – Saggart

From this weekend 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.

Harvest Dues Envelopes

The Harvest Dues envelopes are available for those who don't contribute through the family offering box system. The Harvest Dues is a traditional way of supporting the priests of the parish and throughout the diocese. As our parishes are historically country based rather than city based we are invited to support our clergy in this way. In the city parishes a few years ago Archbishop Farrell launched the 'Summer Dues' collection. Here in our parish we have continued with the harvest dues. These can be left in at the office, sacristy, parochial house or on either Sunday collection.

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.

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

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. One took place last Friday in Mount Merrion church and the next one takes place at 8pm on **Friday 24th Oct** in St. Francis Xavier's church, Gardiner St. Admission is free but donations gratefully appreciated.

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.

Pre Synodal Assembly of the Irish Church

You are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on October 18, the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled *Baptised and Sent* – the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring – will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

In a world that is not as supportive to marriage as in the past, it is great news to hear that a weekend is being organised for couples to rediscover each other and deepen the bonds of marriage. This takes place in Focalare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare on the weekend Friday 7th to Sunday 9th November.

For more details check www.marriageencounter.ie

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>

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

2025 marks 25 years of commemorating 17th October in Dublin – the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Throughout the world and in local communities throughout Ireland, this day is marked through different events and initiatives highlighting the daily, lived reality of poverty.

A special commemoration to mark 25 years of this event in Ireland will take place at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone, Custom House Quays, Dublin 1, on 17th October this year. It will include testimonies from those with lived experience of poverty, speeches, songs and a creative common gesture. We will have refreshments and a moment to gather afterwards at Sheriff Street Youth Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Confirmation Dates 2026

These are the proposed 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

Educate Together 9th May; St Finnian's 9th May; Holy Family 16th May; St. Mary's 16th May; St. Martin's 23rd May; Scoil Chronain 23rd May.