

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th/19th 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; Fri 9 – 12 & 3 – 7pm

Newcastle: **Mass:** Sun 10am. Mon & Fri 10am. **Adoration:** Sat 3 – 6pm; (Tue, Wed & Thur 6-7)

Confession: Available by request, generally after any Mass.

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

Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember Eileen Grace Rathcoole, and Bruno Ndongala Newcastle. May they Rest In Peace.

Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. This collection replaces the second collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples".

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

The needs of overseas dioceses vary greatly. Anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall to allow people to gather and celebrate in safety. Or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines to protect the vulnerable.

In essence, World Mission Sunday:

- Provides Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls, and churches
- Prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists
- Supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education, and hope for the future

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.

Irish Cancer Society Coffee Morning – Newcastle

Coffee morning in aid of the Irish Hospice, Harold's Cross takes place in 'The Den', church grounds, Newcastle after 10am Mass this Sunday 19th October.

Harvest Dues Envelopes

The Harvest Dues envelopes are available during the month of October 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. These can be left in at the office or sacristy, or on either Sunday collection plate.

November Altar Lists of the Dead

Envelopes for the November Altar lists of the dead are available at all exits to the church. These can be returned before November and those names will be included during November & monthly in each church.

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.

Scoil Chrónáin

Open night will take place on Tuesday 21st October from 7pm. Learn about the benefits of education through the Irish Language and take a tour of the school buildings.

Ministers of the Eucharist

A call out to those who may be willing to serve in our churches as Ministers of the Eucharist. We are setting up a training course for new ministers and you or someone you may know may be willing to share in this ministry. We will also be inviting volunteers in other ministries in the parish. This might be the time for you.

Newcastle Halloween Disco

Two children's discos take place in St. Finian's Community Centre, Friday 24th October. Children 1st, 2nd & 3rd at 6 – 7.15pm and for children 4th, 5th & 6th at 7.30 – 8.45pm. Advance booking required

Palestrina Choir (Pro-Cathedral)

The **Palestrina Choir is travelling to Rome in November**. The choir 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. As part of their fundraising initiatives they will perform a free concert at 8pm on **Friday 24th Oct** in St. Francis Xavier's church, Gardiner St. Admission is free but donations gratefully appreciated.

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

Manresa Retreats

Oasis Day. 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.

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>

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.

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 Chrónáin (Rathcoole) 14th May.

First Holy Communion Dates 2026

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

Combined Educate Together/Gaelscoil (Saggart & Rathcoole) 9th May; St Finnian's 9th May; Holy Family 16th May; St. Mary's 16th May; St. Martin's 23rd May; Scoil Chrónáin 23rd May.

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.