

All Soul's Day

1st/2nd November 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;

Confession: Available by request, generally after any Mass.

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

November – The month of the Holy Souls

Traditionally during the month of November we are invited to pray in a special way for those who have died.

Indulgences at the commemoration of All Souls: During 1st – 8th November Plenary indulgences can be gained for the Holy Souls. See notice board for more details.

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.

First Friday

Friday is the first Friday of November. At Mass in Newcastle & Saggart (Rathcoole Thursday) we will pray for those names inscribed on our November Altar list of the Dead. It is also traditionally the day that the priests visit those housebound with Holy Communion and an opportunity for confession and the sacrament of the sick. If you know someone who is housebound and would like a visit, leave their name and contact details to any of the sacristies or parish office during the week.

November Remembrance Mass

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. Both will take place at 7.30pm.

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.

Advent Triduum Retreat. Monday-Friday, 1-5 December or 8-12 December 2025. A silent retreat guided by the Jesuit community, offering space for prayer, reflection, daily Mass, adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for Christmas.

New Year Retreat. Monday, 29 December 2025 - Thursday, 1 January 2026. Welcome the New Year in a spirit of peace and prayer. This silent retreat offers time to reflect on the year gone by, seek God's grace for the year ahead, and be guided by daily prayer and liturgy.

Visit www.manresa.ie for more details.

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

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.

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>

Annual Mass for those priests who have died during the year

Next Saturday in the Pro-Cathedral at 10.30 Bishop Paul Dempsey will be chief celebrant for the annual mass to remember and pray for those priests who have died during the past 12 months. All are welcome to attend.

Dominican Retreat Centre (Priory, Tallaght)

Retreat Day: "Give us today our daily bread". Meditating on the Sunday Gospel with Fr Joe Ralph O.P. Sunday 30th November 10am – 4pm. Booking Essential: Email: lectiominion@gmail.com or 014048189.

Taize Prayer around the Cross. Calling all young people (18-35) who seek to deepen their relationship with God and with one another. First Thursday of each month @ 7.30pm.

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.

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.

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.

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am to 4pm and Wednesday 9am to 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>

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/>.

Weekly Ezine

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. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing Good News* to info@catholicbishops.ie.