

Thirty Third Sunday

15th/16th 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 Remembrance Mass

Well done to all who attended and organised the annual Mass in Newcastle church on Friday night. Despite the horrible weather there was a great turnout to remember and pray for those who died during the past year.

The annual mass for those who died during the past 12 months in Saggart & Rathcoole parish will take place this Friday in Rathcoole (21st November) at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and pray for them and others who may have died.

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.

Newcastle Folk Group Christmas invite

St. Finian's Folk Group invites you to join us singing at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass. If you would like to sing with us please come to our practices on Tuesday evenings, at 8pm – 9pm starting on Tuesday, November 25th. We hold our practices in St. Finian's school. For more information contact Emer on 0872733846.

Rathcoole Web Cam fund

A sincere thanks to those who have contributed towards the support of the web cam in Rathcoole. Envelopes are available for those who wish to contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Cathedral

This weekend, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral celebrates its bicentenary as well as the 800th anniversary of the canonisation of St Laurence O'Toole, our diocesan patron. Last Friday the Archbishop celebrated a mass of thanksgiving and announced that Pope Leo has designated it as the Cathedral Church for the Archdiocese. A first in 500 years since the time of the Reformation. On Sunday 16th at 11am Bishop Paul Dempsey will celebrate Mass to mark 200 years of the Pro-Cathedral. All are welcome. There are other events on over the weekend. See poster in the porch for more details or Dublin diocesan website.

Lismullin Conference Centre, Co Meath

Join us for a Hearts+Minds Overnight on November 22-23. An overnight is designed for busy women looking for inspiration who are both practising or journeying in their faith. It's a chance to step away from a hectic pace of life and explore thought-provoking real-life themes, providing practical insights you can incorporate into your daily routine. **This month's theme is:** What am I afraid of? Strong Roots, Brave Voice: Living with Virtue in a Complicated World?

For those reading this online you can see more details below. (Fr. Pat Gorevan, Alex Loewe & Máire Cassidy)
Full details of speakers and topics can be found [here](#). Book your place by clicking on the [link](#).

ACN Week of Witness

Aid to the Church in Need Ireland's Week of Witness takes place from November 15th to November 23rd with Red Wednesday falling on November 19. It is our earnest hope that as many parishes as possible will be able to mark this important week that is a concrete sign of our solidarity with the suffering Church. The Week of Witness is an invitation to Christians across the island of Ireland to stand in solidarity with and bear witness to the heroic example of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Faith across the world. **Resources for the Week of Witness can be found at** <https://www.acnireland.org/witness>

Season of Remembrance and hope

This service offers an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have died in music, scripture and reflection and is prepared by the Full-Time Chaplaincy students of DCU. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. Join us in person or online at www.rednuns.com. **Monday, November 17th, at 8 p.m. Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra.**

University Church

Our Annual Newman Lecture is on Wednesday, November 26, at 6pm in Newman University Church (St Stephen's Green.) The lecture is called "The Life of Wisdom: Mary, Doctrinal Development, and the Doctors of the Church." Admission is free and all are welcome.

Newcastle Christmas Lights 2025

30th of November @ 5pm in SuperValu Newcastle Carpark. Looking forward to seeing everyone there .

Primary School Survey (open until 16 Dec 2025)

The Department of Education & Youth has opened the largest survey of primary and pre-school parents to date — quick, confidential, and it genuinely shapes future school provision. This may be of interest to you or members of your family. For more details go to <https://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey>

What's it about?

- Co-education vs single-sex
- Patronage/ethos (denominational or multi-denominational)
- Language of instruction (English or Irish)

Who it's for

- Parents/guardians of children in primary or not yet started
- Primary school staff and Boards of Management

YouthCon 2025 – Encountering Christ Together

We are delighted to announce that our first ever **#YouthCon** to celebrate the annual World Youth Day is happening in Dublin this Christ the King weekend.

On Saturday, **November 22nd 2025 from 10am to 6pm** make your way to St Patrick's College - DCU, Drumcondra to join with other young adults looking to share and connect with each other. The morning features our keynote speech and workshop with **Fr Joe McGrath** on the theme of '**Encountering Christ Together**'.

After lunch, there are breakout sessions, opportunities to learn where you can live out your faith locally from speed inputs, along with space to spend some time together in prayer, and most important, network & make new connections. The day finishes with the celebration of Mass for the feast of Christ the King. It is set to be a fantastic day that you would be mad to miss. The day is open to all **young adults aged 18-35**. Tickets are limited, and include lunch and refreshments on the day. So head to Eventbrite and snap your ticket up today before it's too late! Tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1814418838589?aff=oddtcreator>

All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie and further information can be found on our Diocesan social media accounts.

Palestrina Choir

The **Palestrina Choir is travelling to Rome this month**. 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.

Upcoming Palestrina Events:

16th November – Concert at 3.30pm celebrating the Bicentenary of Pro-Cathedral at Pro Cathedral. Vivaldi *Gloria*, Mozart *Laudate Dominum*, *Ave Verum Corpus*, Handel *Hallelujah Chorus* and other choral favourites. Palestrina Choir and St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir, members of Marlborough Baroque Orchestra and soloists Eva Waters and Sarah Richmond.

18th to 23rd November – Rome trip to take part in the Jubilee of Choirs in the Vatican and celebrating Palestrina 500. This includes a prestigious joint concert alongside the Sistine Chapel Choir.

13th December – 'The Joy of Christmas with the Palestrina Choir' National Concert Hall.

21st December – Carol Service at 3.30pm at Pro-Cathedral

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: lectiominmission@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.

Manresa Retreats

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.

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>

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.

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.

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.

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/>.