



Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent – 13th/14th
December 2025

Services During the Week

Saggart

- Mass: Sun 9am; Tue, Wed & Fri 11am
- Adoration: Sat/Sun 2–5pm

Rathcoole

- Mass: Sat 6pm; Sun 12pm; Tue & Thu 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 after any Mass by request

Baptisms/Marriages: Contact Parish Office (0860108420, Tue–Thu 10–12.30)

Parish & Community Notices

- **St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection:** Thank you for your generous support last week.
- **Carol Service – Saggart Church:** Sun 14 Dec, 7.30pm. Family-friendly, free admission, festive jumpers welcome!
- **Primary School Carol Services:**
 - St Mary’s (Saggart): Tue 11am (no Mass that morning)
 - Scoil Chrónáin (Rathcoole): Thu 6.30pm – *Drama na Nollag*
 - St Finian’s (Newcastle): Thu 1pm

Note: Space may be limited, especially in Newcastle.

Education

Primary School Survey – Open until 16 Dec 2025

Parents are invited to “Have Your Say” on the future of parish schools. Participation is vital to ensure all voices are heard. Share views on patronage, language, and co-education. Complete online at gov.ie.

Special Events

- **Visionaries Concert – Gardiner St. Church:** Sun 14 Dec, 4–6pm. Choir of visually impaired singers. Tickets €10 at the door. Proceeds to Fight Blindness.
- **Rathcoole Webcam Fundraiser:** Thanks to *RAMS in Rhythm* for raising €834.96 to support the church webcam service.

Christmas Mass Times

Saggart: Christmas Eve 5 & 9pm;
Christmas Day 9am

Rathcoole: Christmas Eve 5.30 & 7.30pm;
Christmas Day 12 noon

Newcastle: Christmas Eve 9pm; Christmas Day 10am

Confession: After all Masses Sat/Sun 20–21 Dec & Christmas Eve in Saggart (11–12pm)

Appeals & Charities

- **Mary’s Meals:** Providing school meals to children in need. Donate at marysmeals.ie.
- **Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal:** Support families in need. Donate at crosscare.ie.

Advent & Retreats

- **Online Advent Calendar:** Daily prayers & reflections at catholicbishops.ie.
- **Manresa Retreats:** New Year Retreat, Dec 29–Jan 1. Book at manresa.ie.
- **Priory Institute Online Advent Retreat:** Free reflections by Fr John Harris OP. Register at prioryinstitute.com.

Support & Ministries

- **Young Adult Ministry Certificate:** Practical formation course. Register [here](#).
 - **Aware Support Groups:** Phone-in & Zoom support. Visit aware.ie.
 - **Bethany Bereavement Support:** Free, confidential help. Visit bethany.ie.
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