
Parish Newsletter

Sunday 04 January 2026



Feast of The Epiphany

Tuesday, January 6th

Mass Times

Rathcoole 10am
Saggart 11am
Newcastle 7pm

Parish Office

The parish office will re-open on Thursday 8th January.

Services this Week

Saggart

- Mass: Sun 9am; Wed and Fri 11am
- Adoration: Sat and Sun 2–5pm

Rathcoole

- Mass: Sat 6pm; Sun 12pm; Tue and Thu 10am
- Adoration: Sun 4–6pm; Tue 10.30–1 and 3–5pm; Fri 9–12 and 3–7pm

Newcastle

- Mass: Sun 10am; Mon 10am
- Adoration: Sat 3–6pm

Confession: Generally available after any Mass by request

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

Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship

God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

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Retreats

- **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.
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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.