

## PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

25 January 2026

### Sunday of the Word of God/3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Services during the Week

**Saggart: Mass:** Sunday 9am, Tue, Wed & Fri 11am. **Adoration:** Sat/Sun 2 - 5pm

**Rathcoole: Mass:** Sat 6pm, Sun 12pm. (Funeral Monday 11am), Tuesday & Thursday 10am. **Adoration:** Sun 4 – 6pm, Tue 10.30 – 1 & 3 – 5pm; Fri 9 – 12 & 3 – 7pm

**Newcastle: Mass:** Sun 10am. (Funeral Tue 12.30), Mon & Fri 10am. **Adoration:** Sat 3 – 5pm;

**Confession:** Available by request, generally after any Mass.

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

#### Please remember in your prayers: Recently deceased

Mary Morley (Rathcoole), Pamela Crooks Mon 11am Rathcoole, Liam Butler Tue 12.30 Newcastle.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Our local conference wrote to tell us that their Annual Christmas Collection amounted to €8,540 and they wish to thank everyone who contributed most generously. Their monthly collection takes place on the last/fourth weekend of each month and will take place this weekend. In line with general church practice this will take place after Mass rather than before as has been the custom in the past.

Thank you for your loyal support in the past and looking forward to working with you and on your behalf in the future.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Those who volunteered in Rathcoole last year and others who may be interested in joining Eucharistic Adoration are invited to a meeting on Thursday 5th Feb at 7pm. The plan is some time in prayer, a short input and a chance to review the times of adoration. All are welcome.

#### St. Brigid's Day – Sunday 1st February

To mark St Brigid's Day next Sunday there will be a special celebration in Rathcoole church at the 12 o'clock Mass and afterwards you are invited to gather at St. Brigid's Well on Tay Lane for 1pm.

#### Make your own St. Brigid's Cross Workshop

Saturday 31st January from 2 – 4pm in the Old Schoolhouse, Saggart. Complimentary tea/coffee and of course rushes will be provided for those who reserve their spot online at [info@schoolhouse.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:info@schoolhouse.onmicrosoft.com) This will be hosted by Mervyn & Margaret.

#### Church Unity week

To conclude Church Unity week, an inter-denominational service of prayer and music in Irish in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted by the TCD Ecumenical Chaplaincy, on the theme – provided this year by the churches of Armenia – *One Body, One Spirit*. Trinity College Chapel, Dublin – Sunday, January 25th, at 3pm

#### Catholic Schools Week

To conclude Catholic Schools Week the children from St. Finian's 2nd class will be enrolled today Sunday (25th) in Newcastle church at 10am in their preparation for the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2026

is **Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**. Catholic Schools Week Resources are available for download at [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie).

### **Laudate 2026**

Laudate celebrates our pupils and all who are part of our Catholic Schools. All are invited to the Laudate Festival Celebrations to join in song and reflection on Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road and Wednesday 28th January at 7pm in the Church of St Therese in Mount Merrion.

### **Baptised and Sent in Lent**

During Lent 2026 we are all being invited to action some of the different themes of our National Synodal Journey: Baptised and Sent by the Spirit; Personal Contact with Jesus transforms us; Who belongs? Healing in Christ; & New Life in Christ. There will be a training course for those who are willing to lead these sessions.

Join us on ZOOM to learn how to lead the programme in your parish ready for Lent. Wednesday 28th January 7.30pm-8.45pm. See the following link for more details.

<https://synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-in-lent/>

### **The Way**

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