

Baptism of Our Lord

10th/11th January 2026

Services during the Week

Saggart: Mass: Sunday 9am. , Tue, Wed & Fri 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 – 12.30 approx)

Please remember in your prayers: Recently deceased

Betty Houston, Declan Dowling, Kathleen Carton (Newcastle), Pat Murray, Fr. Harry Regan, Rita Bolger.

Christmas Season Ends today

There is a lot of confusion as to when the Christmas season ends. For some it is after the feast of the Epiphany, for others it finishes on St. Stephen's Day or even the last day of December. The Christmas season concludes after this weekend when we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord and from Monday we revert to the Green or Ordinary Time until Lent which begins this year with Ash Wednesday on 18th February.

Volunteers needed

As we revert to Ordinary Time, this is an ideal time to appeal for volunteers to minister in our churches. We are always open to help in our church creating a welcome to so many new parishioners. You may have the time and courage to assist in the life of the parish.

At the weekend Masses we need Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word (Readers), Ministers of Eucharist, Choirs, Stewards. Cleaners in the church and grounds/cemeteries are always welcome.

Tidy towns/districts groups, Legion of Mary, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary group, St. Vincent de Paul.

Other ministries involve Baptism Teams, Funeral Teams, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance committee, Fund-raising, Liturgy group, Children's liturgies.

The list is endless and you may feel that you have a particular gift that could be used to enhance the life of our parishes. Some of these are already in place, others are dependent on volunteers. Rather than leaving it to others perhaps this appeal could be for you an opportunity to respond to your baptismal calling. Happy New Year!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Sunday 18th – 25th January)

Inaugural service on Sunday, 18th January, at 8pm in St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Palmerstown, Dublin 20. The theme this year is "**There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling**" (Ephesians 4:4). Resources available on the link below:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/resources-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026>

CSPS Newsletter

The Child Safeguarding & Protection newsletter for January is now available at

www.dublindiocese.ie/csps/news/

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2026 begins on January 18. This is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contribution that our Primary Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. 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.

Live the Promise of Hope beyond the Jubilee

The Jubilee Year of Hope came to a close on the Feast of the Epiphany, after a year of spiritual renewal across the Church. Throughout the year, people were invited to rediscover hope through prayer, pilgrimage and acts of charity. To mark its end, Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass in St Peter's Basilica and closed the basilica's Holy Door. Archbishop Farrell said: "All of us baptised are asked to live the promise of hope beyond the Jubilee. While this Jubilee Year is now concluding, we might encourage each other so that the hope that this year of grace has celebrated, will continue to deepen in our hearts and in our communities. In Christ who is Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, we find our hope." Visit <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/close-of-jubilee-year/>.

Brittas Mass Centre – Rosary

Resumes this Monday, 8pm in Brittas. All are welcome.